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Application Reference No. : SMD/2026/0211 Site Address: Alton Towers Farley Lane Farley Staffordshire ST10 4DB
Comments by: Gregory Coppenhall Staffordshire Moorlands District Council
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Submission: Not Object

Comments: A site visit was carried out by Gregory Coppenhall on 05/06/2026.

From the initial review of the arboricultural method statement, there were concerns over the encroachment to the RPA of a retained redwood.

Though the encroachment is relatively minor and would indeed fall below 20% of the trees total RPA, redwoods can produced significant surface roots far away from their stems.

However from the site visit undertaken, the area is existing hard standing and therefore the impact to the tree is considered to minor, assuming the arboricultural method statement is implemented and followed throughout construction. Overall, the development does not present a concern in arboricultural terms and the impact to trees is considered to be minor and likely insignificant. It is also noted that, for the species, the tree is not very mature and will tolerate the changing of conditions within its vicinity.

Should the application be approved the following condition should be observed:

To ensure the protection and retention of trees on site in the interest of the visual amenity, landscape and ecological value of the area, The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in full accordance with the approved Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) reference: THL-R26-47.

All tree protection measures shall be installed prior to the commencement of development, including any site clearance, demolition or ground works. Tree protection measures shall remain in place as detailed by the AMS for the duration of the development process.

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