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Comments: The Shepherds hut generates significant concern regarding the trees on site which are protected by SM004 within area 002. Because the area is accessible by vehicle and the proposed use of the hut will inherently generate increased footfall within the root protection areas of protected, retained trees. It is therefore likely that the hut will be accessed by vehicles which are likely to parked in proximity to the hut, thereby aiding in compacting the soils within the root protection areas of these trees. The compaction of these soils will result in the asphyxiation of significant tree roots, it will also alter and reduce the hydraulic capacity of the soil thereby impacting and reducing the trees access to available water.

It is not clear from the information provided where the users of the shepherd's hut would park, nor has sufficient detail been provided to properly access the damage caused to the trees on site.

Furthermore there is concern that should this development be approved, that a precedent will be set and therefore more huts will be developed on the land, creating yet more pressure and negative impacts to the protected trees.

An arboricultural impact assessment should be provided to support this application, along with an arboricultural method statement to detail how the ground will be properly protected to ensure the long term vitality of the protected trees on site.

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