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Subject: DM/25/2626 - 42 Hurst Road, Hassocks

Dear Rachel,

I have reviewed the Addendum and cover letter submitted on 20th January. I still have some concerns.

I don't feel that the addendum has addressed my concerns regarding T1 and T5, in terms of future pressure. I understand that the proposed development will be within the tolerances stated in BS5837:2012, but it doesn't address the future pressure this proposal will have on these trees.

It mentions the other trees along the boundary, stating that they are Category C and that they are of limited arboricultural value. However, these trees do not belong to the applicant and therefore need to be considered and to remain unaffected by the proposal, regardless of category. It states that temporary fencing will be installed to prevent materials being stored within the RPAs of these trees.

As for the ash, it mentions cellular confinement system will be used to protect the RPA of the ash but doesn't give me a calculation of the RPA. Further it states that fencing will be put up against the boundary fenceline but doesn't convince me that materials will not be stored within the RPA, as with the other boundary trees. This doesn't tell me how much of the RPA will be affected by the proposal. I also find that there is insufficient detail regarding construction methodology. The report does not denote an area away from tree RPAs for material storage, nor does it state what will be used to install the cellular confinement system to ensure that heavy plant is not to be used prior to the installation. The fencing along the boundary fenceline does not fully protect the RPA of this and other trees.

Causing damage to trees is contrary to DP37 of the Mid Sussex District Plan 2014-203, and with the information provided I cannot be confident that damage to trees would not occur as a result of this proposal.

Kind regards

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