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Subject: DM/25/3070 Nether Walstead, East Mascalls Lane, Lindfield

Dear Andy,

I have reviewed the Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS), Tree Constraints Plan (TCP) and Tree Protection Plan (TPP), and have some concerns.

I note the loss of G5, a group of category B yew trees. These would be a constraint to development. Should these trees be removed, adequate mitigation planting would be required. My concern is whether there is sufficient space for replanting. Is there nowhere else that the parking spaces could be sited to avoid the removal of these valuable trees?

Further, I note the location of the conservatory and its proximity to the trees. I note a category A oak tree (T21), which will be casting some shade onto the conservatory, but also a group of category B English yew trees as well as a group of category B *Catalpa bignonioides*. All of these trees may be under future pressure to be pruned to prevent debris on the roof of the conservatory, as well as for casting shade.

I note the siting of the pool house, well within the RPA of T32, a category B grey poplar, and am concerned that the concrete raft won't adequately allow for gaseous exchange and adequate water to be carried down to the rooting area of this tree. I may have missed how much the incursion into the RPA amounts to, but it seems rather close to the main stem. Could this building be rotated sideways on to minimise the RPA incursion?

I am happy to manage this over email, going forwards.

Kind regards

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