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Subject: DM/25/1705 Sunte House, Birchen Lane, Haywards Heath

Dear Hamish,

I have reviewed the Arboricultural Impact Assessment for this proposal and have some concerns.

Category B trees are a constraint to development, yet this proposal wants to fell several category B trees. This is contrary to DP37 of the Mid Sussex District Plan 2014-2033.

Further, I note that the new access route and pool house are to be constructed within the RPA of the veteran tree, which, as is mentioned in the AIA, is considered "irreplaceable habitat" and that "any development will result in the loss or deterioration of ancient woodland, ancient trees and veteran trees" unless there are "wholly exceptional reasons". I find that the new route to be constructed within the RPA of this veteran tree is unnecessary, as there is an existing access. Further, the construction of the pool house, which I assume will have to have deeper foundations than the current greenhouse, will undoubtedly have an impact on this tree. I don't believe that the methods mentioned in the AMS section of the AIA will adequately protect this tree.

For the above reasons, I object to this application.

Kind regards

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