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**To:** "Hamish Evans" <Hamish.Evans@midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** DM/25/2046 Evergreen, London road, Hassocks, BN6 9NA

Dear Hamish,

I have had a look at the information provided with this outline application and have some concerns and require some further information.

I note the Tree Constraints Plan, which shows a group of trees along the roadside edge of the field, shown in blue, presumably category B. However, I don't have adequate information to be sure of this without a Tree Survey. Category B trees are a constraint to development. However, there is potential for mitigation planting, elsewhere on the site. Presumably the access would be required to cut through this group of trees, but I would need further information as to where exactly, which trees would be removed to facilitate this and where mitigation planting could take place.

I see from the proposed layout plan, that there are two standalone garages, which border the western boundary of the plot and are very close to this band of trees. Is it necessary for these to be standalone or could they not be incorporated into the main design of the properties, to prevent future pressure on these trees and potential harm caused to them during construction.

Further, I note the two mature trees on the southern boundary of the plot. I would need more information as to how these trees would be impacted and what protection measures would be put in place to prevent them from being harmed.

Should this application proceed, I would need a full Arboricultural Impact Assessment, including a Tree Survey, an Arboricultural Method Statement, and a Tree Protection Plan. Should there be trees to be removed to facilitate the proposal, I would also need details of mitigation planting in the form of a Landscaping Plan.

Kind regards

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