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Subject: RE: Nether Walstead, East Mascalls Lane, Lindfield DM/25/3071

Dear Andrew and Emma

The arboricultural consultant, Bernie Haverson, has reviewed the comments relating to trees, and I have integrated his advice into our response below.

G5 – Irish Yews

The proposed garage is located here to reinforce the historic layout of the building group. While transplantation may be technically possible, it would be a labour-intensive and costly exercise with only a 50/50 chance of success. In his view, it would be more appropriate to focus on mitigation planting, which can be secured by condition.

Billiard Room

This is not a lightweight glazed structure but a solidly constructed building with a substantial roof, designed to sit discreetly within its vegetated setting. Its proximity to trees should not give rise to pressure for undue pruning.

The Catalpas would, in any event, have required cutting back due to their heavy weighting to one side and suspect root hold, and despite their large leaves they do not cast dense shade. The mature Oak has significant ground clearance, allowing light to percolate beneath the crown. The Yews are suppressed by the Oak, have not grown well, and are limited in both canopy spread and height. Overall, these trees are unlikely to cast shade of a degree that would create future pressure for pruning, particularly as they are fully mature and no significant increase in height or spread is anticipated.

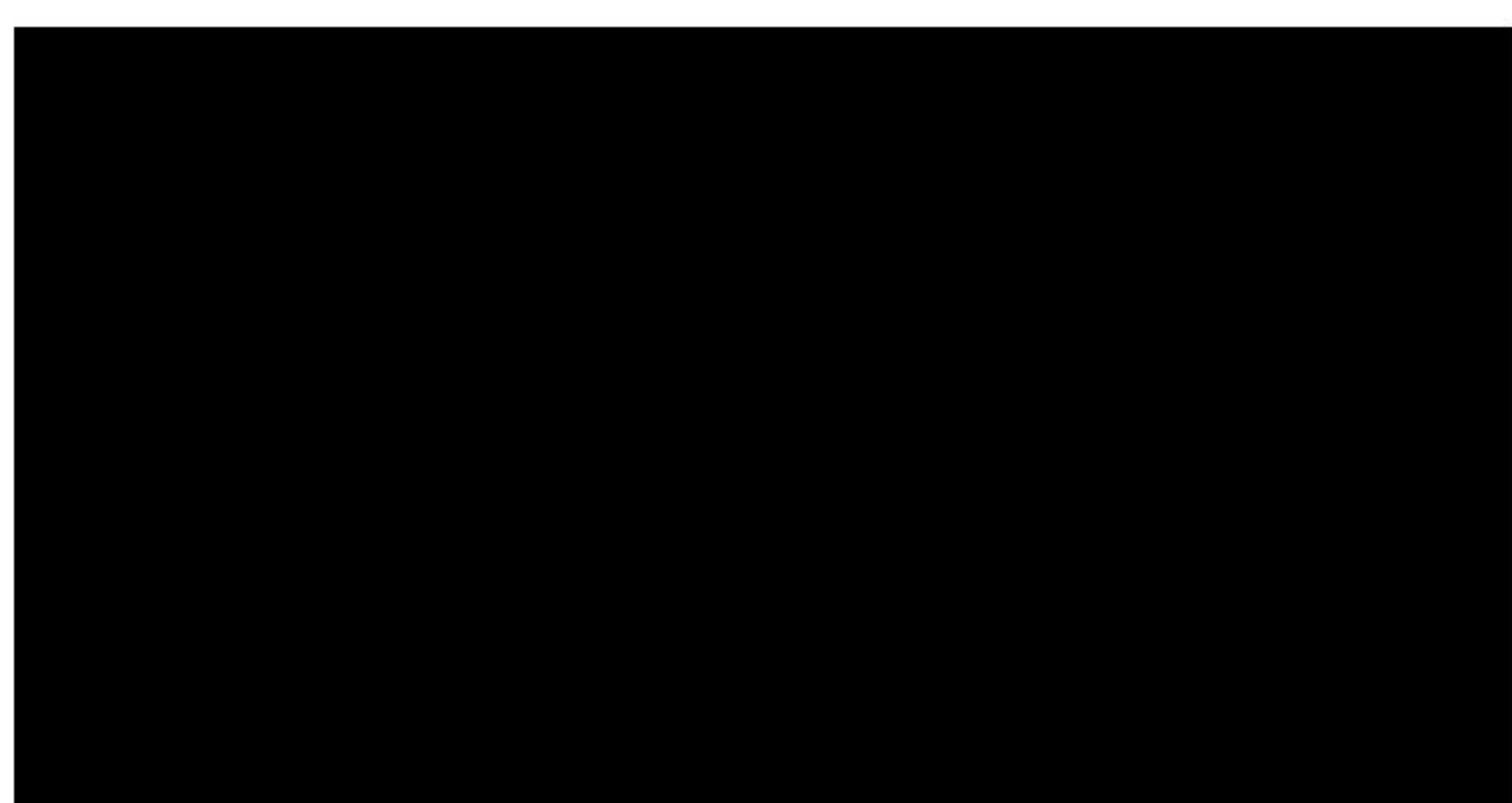
Pool House

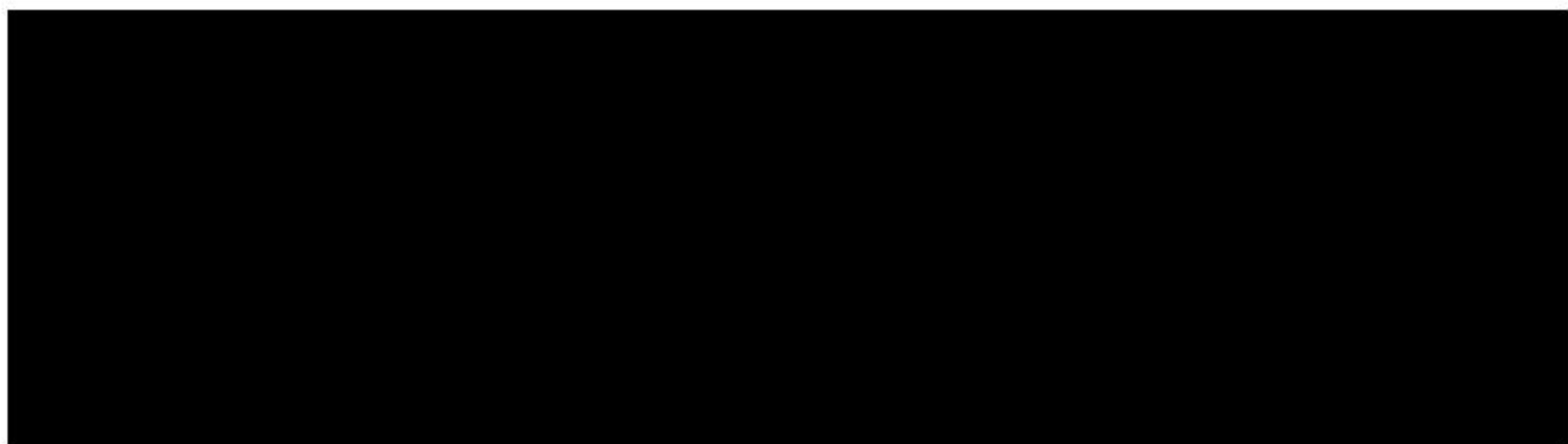
The construction methodology for the swimming pool pavilion within the RPA of T32 has been carefully developed by the arboricultural consultant. This includes the use of screw piles and a controlled shuttering process. As the pool is existing, the pavilion's siting is constrained; this location represents the least harmful option, with methodology specifically designed to avoid adverse impacts on the tree.

The pavilion has been designed so that the lighter-loaded end is closest to the tree (approximately 3m at the closest point), with heavier pool machinery positioned at the far end and outside the RPZ. The footprint is approximately 25sqm, equating to around 12% of the total recommended RPZ area available for rooting, which is not excessive.

We trust that this addresses the tree issues to your satisfaction.

Best wishes



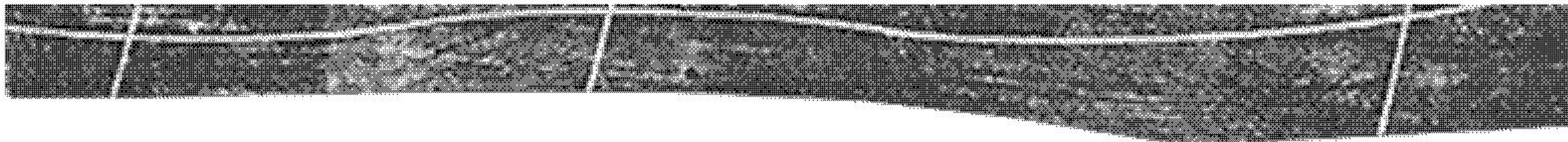


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