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Subject: DM24/2505 - 50 Hurst Road, Hassocks

Dear Anna,

Please see some comments below in **green**:

Apologies that they're not that detailed but I have answered what I can.

Thanks.

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Dear Anna

I hope that you are well?

I refer to the Arboricultural Implications Assessment for Proposed Tennis Court prepared by Broad Oak Tree Consultants Ltd - 16/12/2024.

Appendix 3 indicates the scope of works and ground protection area for the root plates of my row of 7 hornbeam and privet trees that run along my boundary adjacent to the proposed tennis court. (Indicated in red on attached)

The proposed application suggests the scope of works includes approximately 3 metres of ground excavation works at the southern end of the proposed tennis court. Significant load bearing retaining walls will be needed to ensure elimination of ground movement onto the court. These load bearing retaining walls will likely require significant footings with reed bar / block construction or similar and ordinarily 215mm in thickness. **This is not a tree matter.**

As can be seen on Appendix 3 the root plates of my trees actually encroach onto where the retaining walls will need to be situated. The plan on Appendix 3 of the report does not indicate the location of these significant retaining walls and encroachment to the root plates. **The retaining walls will be constructed outside of the RPA of these trees.**

To construct and install such load bearing retaining 2.75m walls will require probably at least 1.5 metre further access into where the tree root plates are shown on Appendix 3. Imposing a significant impact to the root plates of my 7 trees bordering my boundary, severely damaging the root plates and potentially killing the trees. **I am not a builder so cannot comment on the construction of the tennis court.**

Please can you advise.

Kind regards

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