

Unit 3, Panattoni Park Burgess Hill, Gothard Green Way, Goddards Green BN6 9ZJ
Introduction of new perimeter security fencing, security gatehouse and cantilever gate.
Statement concerning impact on trees

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This statement concerning impact on trees has been prepared to support a planning application for the introduction of new perimeter security fencing, a security gatehouse and cantilever gate at Unit 3, Panattoni Park Burgess Hill, Gothard Green Way, Goddards Green BN6 9ZJ. It has been prepared in response to a letter dated 5th August 2026 from Mid Sussex District Council's Planning Service Support Team requesting a Tree Report because there are trees within 15 metres of the proposal.

2.0 The Current Arrangement

- 2.1 Panattoni Park Burgess Hill is a relatively new development with construction of Unit 3 only taking place from late 2023 to early 2025. Any landscaping associated with the proposal would have understandably been introduced towards the end of that construction period. New trees introduced as part of the proposals are therefore immature.
- 2.2 No trees have been planted on the western boundary of the development as this adjoins another plot within the wider development. On the eastern boundary, a section towards the southern boundary has been recently planted with whips. Trees on the southern boundary of the development are solely newly planted immature varieties and whips introduced in the last 18 months or so. On the northern boundary whips have been planted on the grass bank separating the building from the public footpath to the north. Beyond that there is a slightly more mature recently planted hedgerow that separates the public footpath from the A2300 beyond.

3.0 Assessment of the Impact of the Proposed Development

- 3.1 A tree report would only survey those trees in proximity to the proposed works that are of 75mm stem diameter and above at 1.5m height. This would exclude the whips and recently planted hedgerow located to the north of the building and the whips planted to the east and south of the building.
- 3.2 The proposals are for the installation of 2.4m high weldmesh fencing that will, in places, replace existing weldmesh fencing on the same boundary. The proposals also include the introduction of a gatehouse adjacent to the southern access to the plot and an associated cantilever gate.
- 3.3 The proposed Weldmesh panel fence will be laid out on delivery utilising the existing hardstanding areas of car parking adjacent to the building. This will avoid any root compaction.
- 3.4 The Weldmesh panel fencing only requires support posts every 2.5-3m spacing, depending on the specific product. The post holes will be either hand tool excavated or motor manual augered to the minimum dimensions necessary for contractors to save on effort and concrete costs. Postcrete is typically utilised which requires no mixing or risks of wet concrete spills. The small dimensions of the post holes and their spacing means that there are minimal risks of causing any significant root damage to any one tree.

- 3.5 The gate and its supporting posts will be positioned across the existing tarmacked access ensuring there would be no risk to existing trees. The proposed gatehouse would mostly be positioned on existing hardstanding at the site access. There would be a small encroachment onto a planted area adjacent to the access on its eastern side. This area contains shrubs and whips only. None of the whips would need to be removed to facilitate the introduction of the gatehouse.
- 3.6 In conclusion, the risks of removal or damage to trees are minimal and the proposed development should not represent a constraint to the approval of the application.



Figure 1 : Recently introduced soft landscaping on the southern boundary of Plot 3 and east of the vehicle access.



Figure 2 : Recently introduced soft landscaping on the southern boundary of the plot.



Figure 3 : Whips on the eastern boundary of the plot.



Figure 4 : The eastern boundary of the plot.



Figure 5 : The northern boundary of the plot.



Figure 6 : The western boundary of the plot.