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To: "Stefan Galyas" <Stefan.Galyas@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: DM/26/0499 - Sports Field. East Grinstead, Sports Club, Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead

Dear Stefan,

I have reviewed the Tree Survey, Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA), and Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) for this proposal and have some concerns.

The AIA shows that there are incursions into the root protection areas of some important (Category B) trees but doesn't state how much that incursion is. I would need that information to help me to fully assess this proposal. On the Tree Protection Plan, it appears that the incursion is more than what is recommended in BS5837:2012 Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction. Please could you request confirmation of incursion percentages? It should be noted that Category B trees are a constraint to development.

I note that the area will be used for parking, which raises concerns about future pressure. Parking vehicles under trees can cause issues for the vehicles. Shading is great but some trees can cause damage to paintwork, not to mention the debris, such as acorns falling. It might mean that the trees require excessive pruning which would be detrimental to the health of these trees and therefore would be contrary to DP37 of the Mid Sussex District Plan 2014-2031.

Further, I note from the site photos that some of the area looks as though it has already been used for parking and as such the ground appears compacted. Decompaction and aeration would need to be included in the AMS, prior to the installation of the no dig ground protection, should this application be approved.

Kind regards

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