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**Subject:** DM/24/2214 Lingworth, 17 Oathall Road, Haywards Heath

Dear Andy,

I have reviewed the Arboricultural Impact Assessment, Tree Protection Plan and Arboricultural Method Statement for this application.

I note that two trees will be removed to facilitate the development and that there are several trees which will require pruning to enable construction. The trees to remove are category C and therefore of low quality.

The trees to the northwest of the proposed development are category B trees, although these only require crown raising, this is preferable to them being damaged by the construction vehicles. I had concerns that the roof lights and the need for light would put future pressure on these trees, but as the roof lights are existing, then this is not considered to be an issue.

The holm oak (T15) is a concern, as it will require arboricultural supervision to install the cellular confinement system as well as the resurfacing. A considerable proportion of the root protection area will be affected, and I also have concerns for the future pressure on this tree. The parking area is right underneath it and it will not really have adequate given space to grow. The pressure to prune this tree very regularly to keep it clear from the parking area will not be good for the tree. As a category C tree isn't a constraint to development, perhaps this tree should be removed and replaced with a more suitable native tree. I would suggest something like an Acer campestre 'Elsrijk' or perhaps a section of native hedge that can be kept pruned away from the parking area.

Would the applicant consider these options?

Kind regards

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