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**To:** "Katherine Williams" <Katherine.Williams@midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** DM/25/1593 Woodlands Close and Land to the North of Burleigh Lane, Crawley  
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Dear Katherine,

I have reviewed the Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA), Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS), and Tree Protection Plan (TPP) for this proposal and understand that this is an allocated site. I note that the detailed survey information is missing from the application but have adequate information on the TPP to make an assessment.

I note that there are several category B trees, including at least 2 oaks to be lost to facilitate the proposed development. Category B trees are a constraint to development and felling mature, category B oak trees is contrary to DP37 of the Mid Sussex District Plan 2014-2033. The potential to replace this tree with new planting would take years to achieve the ecological value currently on the site, should this tree be retained.

I note that most of the high-quality trees are to be retained, particularly around the perimeter, and see that the black poplars have been retained, which is important.

Whilst the loss of the category B trees is regrettable, I have no objection.

Mitigation planting should be secured through condition, as well as adherence to the AIA, AMS, and TPP.

Kind regards

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