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Subject: DM/24/2912 Equestrian Yard, London Road, Balcombe

Dear Anna,

I have reviewed the trees and drainage document and find that there is quite a bit of information lacking from the document.

Further I find that the drawing is unclear, and I cannot decipher where ground protection will be placed, and permeable surfacing will be installed. There seem to be too many layers on top of each other making it difficult to work out.

What I would expect usually would be a full Arboricultural Impact Assessment, which would include an Arboricultural Survey, detailing specifics of the trees, such as category, species, age etc. Also included should be a detailed Arboricultural Method Statement, which would tell me how much of an incursion into the Root Protection Areas (RPA) will take place for each tree. Further, a Tree Protection Plan is required, which is clear and easy to interpret.

The current document mentions that an air spade and that Arboricultural Supervision are preferable, but not essential, which I feel would be when working within the RPA of mature trees. It also refers to a document with regards to drainage, but that hasn't been provided, and I am unsure why that would be relevant on the east side of the proposal, when the drawing shows the drainage to the west side of the property.

The document describes special construction techniques to prevent damage to tree roots. Please could further information be provided?

Further, the document describes some stumps to be ground out, but I cannot find details of any proposed tree work, which would require stumps to be ground out. I will need details of any tree work proposed to facilitate the proposal, if any.

Please reconsult me when sufficient detail has been provided.

Kind regards

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