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Hi Steve,

The AIA relates to both of the above applications, therefore, I have considered the site as a whole, although it should be noted that the TPP covers part of the site only, in relation to the adjacent Front Wood, which is designated AW and AW buffer.

If reserved matters are submitted, this should include a full and detailed AIA of the both sites, including detailed method statements for encroachment into the AW and buffer and full TPP.

A total of 59 trees are to be removed, including a cat B cherry. The AIA identifies that, over both sites, a total of 9.5% of the surveyed trees will be removed, most cat C or U.

There are proposed incursions into RPAs and AW and AW buffer by swales, surface water drainage and footpaths, including a veteran tree. Some of these incursions are greater than the usual British Standard tolerances and are contrary to government advice contained in Ancient Woodland, Ancient Trees and Veteran Trees, Jan 22. However, it is accepted that this is an outline application and details may change.

The report recognises the need for replacement planting and Policy DP37 applies in terms of tree selection. I would concur with the views of the Landscape Consultant regarding the need to provide additional planting along a number of public viewpoints. This will contribute to screening, aesthetic value and biodiversity .

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