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To: "Stefan Galyas" <Stefan.Galyas@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: DM/25/1114 - Hambrook School, Marle Place, 171 Leylands Road, Burgess Hill

Dear Stefan,

I have reviewed the Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan for this proposal and have some issues with it.

I note that a category 'B' tree will be removed to facilitate the proposal. A category 'B' tree is a constraint to development and removal of a category 'B' tree would be contrary to DP37 of the Mid Sussex District Plan 2014-2031. Whilst I appreciate that there will be some mitigation planting, I would like to see more detailed, up-to-date planting plans for this.

Further, I have concerns for the remaining trees, particularly T8 and T9, the category 'A' Wellingtonias. I am not comfortable with the suggestion of root pruning these trees, which contribute to the Conservation Area, nor am I convinced that the proposed work within the Root Protection Area of these trees will leave the trees unharmed. I also question the future pressure that this proposal will have on these trees. There should be no storage of materials within the RPA of these trees, I question the requirement for root pruning as well as the necessity to excavate the top level of soil from around these trees. All such activities have the potential; to damage these protected and important trees.

Is it not possible to orientate this MUGA, so that it doesn't incur the RPA of these trees?

Kind regards

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