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Subject: DM/25/0934 East Grinstead Sports Club, Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead

Dear Stefan,

I have reviewed the Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Survey for this proposal, and I have some concerns.

The removal of 7 trees, including 3 mature oaks, without mitigation planting is unacceptable, despite these being categorised as category C. I have visited the site, and although there is some deadwood in the crown of some of these oaks, I would question whether they should be categorised as 'C' grade trees. Oaks can withstand a lot of faults and issues and can survive many years with defects. Also, I would also question the categorisation of T10, the category 'U' oak. There is a small amount of dieback in the crown but only on a small section of this mature tree and this is quite possibly the trees reaction to the surfacing within the RPA of this tree. These are also quite important trees within the setting as this is the only green belt within the site. I understand that the site is surrounded by trees and Ancient Woodland, by feel that this belt of trees is an important feature.

The ash trees, proposed to be removed, have Ash Dieback and will inevitably fail, so, I not so concerned about these.

As for the trees that are to remain, I am further concerned for the future pressure on these trees. To construct a car park under trees would put pressure on these trees, particularly the oaks, to be pruned/ reduced to prevent parts of the trees falling on the cars.

I find that this proposal is contrary to DP37 of the Mid Sussex District Plan 2014-2031, and for that and the reasons set out above, I object to this application.

Kind regards

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