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Subject: DM/26/0833 Chownes Mead, Chownes Mead Lane, Cuckfield, Haywards Heath, RH16 4BS.

Dear Jo,

I have reviewed the Arboricultural Implications Assessment (AIA), including the Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS), Tree Constraints Plan (TCP), and Tree Protection Plan (TPP), for this proposal.

I am aware that there will be some essential tree works required for safety reasons, separate to this application and which would be required anyway.

The scheme has been designed so that the most important arboricultural features will be retained, and impacts of the proposal will be kept to a minimum. I note the loss of 9 trees, all of which are either category C or U, to facilitate the proposal. Whilst this is a loss, category C and U trees are not a constraint to development. Further, the loss of these trees will be adequately mitigated by the proposed replanting scheme which proposes to plant 71 new trees, many of which are native.

The retained trees appear to be suitably protected by the measures described in the AMS and TPP. However, before I can reach a definitive view on the acceptability of the access, I would like to see a cross-sectional drawing of the access route into the site, showing the build-up/ excavation referred to in section 11.2.1. of the AMS.

Whilst it appears that I am unlikely to object, I would like this information before I can give a formal view.

Kind regards

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