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To: "Joanne Fisher" <Joanne.Fisher@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: DM/25/0445 - Land at Colwell Farm, Lewes Road, Haywards Heath

Dear Jo,

I have reviewed the Arboriculture Report for this proposal and have concerns about the loss of Category B trees, which would be a constraint to development. I note that 43 Category B trees will be lost to facilitate the proposal and that some of these are not only to facilitate the access to the site. I feel that the loss of these mature trees (some of which are oak trees) could not be compensated by replanting, as the ecological value of mature oak trees would take years to develop from newly planted specimens. The loss of these trees would be contrary to DP37 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.

I note a further 92 Category C trees will be lost to facilitate the proposal.

Would it not be possible to retain more of the category B trees from within the development or access from another location to prevent the felling of these mature trees?

I can't support the felling of mature trees and for the reasons stated above, I object to this proposal.

Kind regards

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