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Subject: DM/25/1705 Sunte House, Birchen Lane, Haywards Heath

Dear Hamish,

I have reviewed the Arboricultural Consultant's comments for this proposal and the updated plans and still have some concerns, although should planning permission.

I note that the new access route has been removed from the RPA of the tree, which is better. I further note that the construction of the pool house could still impact the RPA of the veteran tree T85. As the retaining wall and greenhouse have been constructed within the RPA of this tree, it would be unlikely that roots should be found. However, more information is required to ensure that should roots be encountered, they are dealt with appropriately to minimise the damage to the tree. The excavations would need to be carried out under Arboricultural Supervision, at the very least. A full site-specific Arboricultural Method Statement should be secured by pre-commencement condition.

With regards to the loss of the category B trees, replacement planting would need to be carried out as mitigation. Details of tree replanting should also be conditioned.

Notwithstanding my concerns, if you are minded to approve the application, I would request that the following conditions are imposed:

- No works or development shall take place until full details of all proposed tree planting, and the proposed times of planting, have been approved in writing by the local planning authority, and all tree planting shall be carried out in accordance with those details and at those times.
- If within a period of five years from the date of the planting of any tree that tree, or any tree planted in replacement for it, is removed, uprooted or destroyed or dies, [or becomes, in the opinion of the local planning authority, seriously damaged or defective,] another tree of the same species and size as that originally planted shall be planted at the same place, unless the local planning authority gives its written consent to any variation.
- Prior to the commencement of development, a Tree Protection Plan and Arboricultural Method Statement shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. These shall include tree protection measures which will minimise harm to the retained trees. The construction works shall thereafter be carried out, at all times, in accordance with these approved details.

Kind regards

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