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To: "Caroline Grist" <Caroline.Grist@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: DM/25/2011 Chideok, Valebridge Road, Burgess Hill

Dear Caroline,

I have reviewed the Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA), Tree Protection Plan (TPP), and Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS), for this proposal and have some concerns.

I note that the application is partially retrospective, which is regrettable, considering that the type 1 has been laid and presumably compacted, which has probably already caused damage to the trees. The AMS seems to be mainly concerned with removing the compacted material and soil amelioration, replacement with above ground engineered solution such as cellweb TM, to prevent further compaction.

There is no mention of solutions to ensure that the construction of the new garage and bike store will not have an impact on the trees, or what will be done should roots be encountered during construction or excavation for the foundations.

I note that the AMS states that no materials will be stored within the fenced of area, as per the TPP. However, it does not state that no materials will be stored within the RPA of the trees, as the fencing does not cover the whole RPA of these trees. Please could this be revised to ensure that the trees are fully protected and that materials are not stored within the root protection areas?

I also have concerns for the future pressure on the oak (category B), but also on the Lawson's cypress (Category B). The proposed development will be closer to these trees and there may be more of an impact on light availability, which might mean that the trees need to be pruned regularly, which may be detrimental to the health of the trees.

Further, I note the installation of the fence, and the footings may well have had an impact on the trees already and whilst I wouldn't want the fence removed, as the damage has already been done, it raises more concerns for the future of these trees.

In summary, I would need more information specific to ALL the proposed developments. Without complete information, I cannot comment more fully and would have to object, as the proposals could damage category B trees, which are a constraint to development. This would be contrary to DP37 of the Mid Sussex District Plan 2014-2031.

Kind regards

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