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To: "Anna Tidey" <anna.tidey@midsussex.gov.uk>
Cc: "Janet Long" <janet@planitconsulting.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Tree Officer response - DM/24/2263 Lake House, Old Hollow, Copthorne

Dear Anna,

Thank you for your message. However, having we are concerned that the retention of the tree is not possible as avoidance of this and its root zone would mean that vehicles adversely affect the RPZ of the existing healthy oak trees to the west of it. This would also be the case if left as a monolith and would mean re-routing the drive which we are trying hard not to do for the same reasons.

I am really surprised by the comments, as this is a category C tree in poor health. The tree in question is set out below.



I do note however that whilst your tree officer has indicated that it would 'be disappointing to lose' the tree, she nevertheless states '**I could not object to the application**'. We therefore, would like the application to be determined as submitted as to retain it would involve a rerouting of the existing driveway.

Best regards

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Sent: 20 June 2025 14:21

To: Jo Dawes <Jo@planitconsulting.co.uk>; Janet Long <janet@planitconsulting.co.uk>

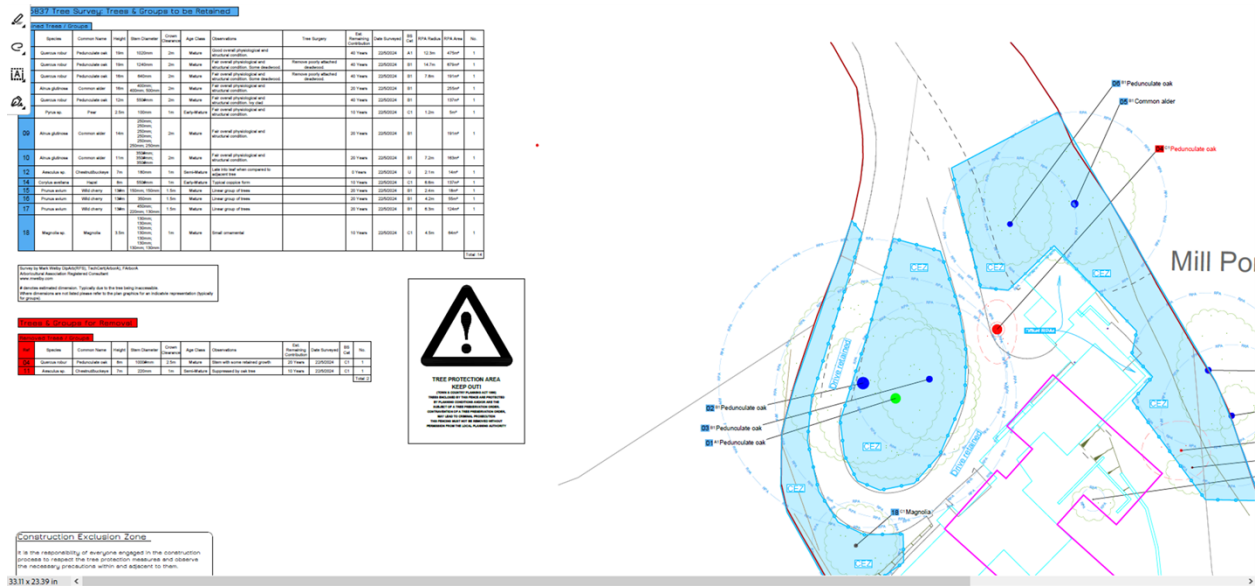
Cc: Emma Rivett <Emma.Rivett@midsussex.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Tree Officer response - DM/24/2263 Lake House, Old Hollow, Copthorne

Dear Jo and Janet

Further to my earlier email I have discovered that the attached comments were made by the Council's Tree Officer on Wednesday this week.

Emma refers to proposed felling of T4 on the TPP, see extract below:



Given the advice that Emma has provided regarding the high ecological value of the tree, please can I request that the proposal to fell this tree is reconsidered? I look forward to hearing from you on this aspect of the amended proposal.

Thank you.
Regards
Anna

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Sent 14:06 on 20.06.2025

Dear Jo

Please accept my apologies for my delay in replying to your email from earlier this week. I have just returned from leave today.

I can confirm that the expiry date for comments, as detailed on the site notice for the amended application, ran until yesterday. The Special Advert expiry date runs to 27.06.2025. I await the final consultation responses. As such I intend to draft my recommendation report ahead of the agreed Extension of time date of 04.07.2025.

All of the representations and consultee responses that have been received to date are available to view on the public register, [View and Comment on Planning Applications - Mid Sussex District Council](#), via the MSDC website. I will be in contact if there are any other issues.

Regards
Anna

From: Emma Rivett <Emma.Rivett@midsussex.gov.uk>
Sent: 18 June 2025 12:31
To: Anna Tidey <anna.tidey@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: DM/24/2263 Lake House, Old Hollow, Copthorne

Dear Anna,

I have reviewed the Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Arboricultural Method Statement, including Tree Protection Plan for this proposal.

I note the category C oak (T4) is to be removed and it is stated that the removal of this tree could be mitigated through new planting elsewhere on the site. I disagree with this, as a mature (potentially veteran tree) would have a high ecological value that would take years for a newly planted tree to reach that level of ecological value. Is it necessary to remove this mature oak tree? Could it not be left as a monolith, to retain the ecological value? As this tree has been categorised as a category C, I could not object to the application but would like to see it retained in some form. It would be disappointing to lose it.

Kind regards

Emma

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