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To: "Katherine Williams" <Katherine.Williams@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: DM/26/1377 - Land at Mill Lane, Sayers Common, West Sussex

Dear Katherine,

I have reviewed the Arboricultural Impact Assessment, Arboricultural Impact Assessment Plan, Arboricultural Method Statement, Tree Protection Plan, Tree Constraints Plan and Tree Survey Schedule for this proposed development and I have some concerns.

In the first instance, the proposal requires pruning works to facilitate the construction, which suggests that there may be future pressure on these trees to be pruned more regularly to keep them clear from the buildings once they have been constructed. These trees are an important feature of the site and need to be retained as part of a sound barrier and visual screening from the road noise from the adjacent A23. The pruning of these trees to facilitate the proposed construction of the car ports is excessive, meaning that reactive growth will be inevitable. These trees would have to be constantly pruned, more regularly than would be advisable, which would ultimately lead to their decline.

I have further concerns for the future pressure on the trees along the western barrier of the site. These trees are important for maintaining the divide between the proposed dwellings, with the existing dwellings. They will undoubtedly cast shade on the back gardens of the proposed dwellings, which will put pressure on these trees to be pruned to allow more natural light through to the gardens.

Further, there are incursions into the RPAs of 7 category A and 15 Category B trees, some of which are by more than the acceptable tolerances set out in BS5837 Trees in relation to design, demolition, and construction-Recommendations.

My view is that the constraints on site are such that the quantum of development should be reduced due to minimise pressure to prune/fell trees causing shading to gardens.

As it stands, I object as this scheme will cause damage to trees which is contrary to DP37 of the Mid Sussex District Plan 2014-2031.

Kind regards

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