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Hi Joe,

I am pleased to note the relocation of the development away from the veteran trees, within the tolerance previously specified. However, the footpath traversing the RPA of T20, a class A veteran tree is contrary to this, even with the provision of no dig surfacing. Would it be possible to relocate the footpath slightly so that it runs adjacent to the scout hut and avoids the RPA ?

I note the loss of the TPO pines, Cat B and G45, Cat B trees and, whilst this is regrettable, I recognise that it is more important to retain the veteran oaks. I note the reduction in dwelling numbers to accommodate this also. However, in accordance with our policy DP37 we require native tree replacements and I would expect that these be substantial trees, in recognition of the lost trees.

I note that there is some recognition of this following my previous comments, although there is still a predominance of *Betula pubescens* and *Sorbus aucuparia*, which I do not consider suitable on this type of soil, nor possessing sufficient longevity. There are opportunities for native hedgerows around some car parking areas, as indicated, even if this be single species, such as hornbeam. A landscape condition may be applied. I am not concerned with more internal landscaping proposals.

Landscape specification and maintenance details are satisfactory, however, could planting pits within hard surfacing areas be detailed please.

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