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Subject: DM/26/1315 - Land West Of Gatesmead, Wickham Way, Haywards Heath

Dear Caroline,

I have reviewed the Arboricultural Implications Report, Tree Protection Plans and Planting Proposals for this proposed development.

I note the loss of 2 no. of category B oak trees, which are a constraint to development. Also, the loss of 17 Tree in total, as well as 3 groups and partial removal of 3 groups of trees. However, the main arboricultural features of the site have been retained, and the scheme has been designed around them. As many of these trees are category C, they are not a constraint to development.

However, if plot 2 and plot 14 were removed as housing, then the two category B oaks could be retained. Is this not possible?

There are incursions within the root protection areas (RPA's) of 22 trees, but the method suggested within the Outline Arboricultural Method Statement should ensure that there is minimal damage to these trees. However, should this application be approved, a Full Arboricultural Method Statement would be required.

From the species selection for the Planting Proposals, I note that most trees selected are native and include 4 no. of oaks. However, most of the formal hedging in comprised of non-native species. It would be preferable if the native were in the majority. I also question the use of *Pyrus calleryana* 'Chanticleer' as the fruit that drops from these trees has a particularly unpleasant odour. Could these be replaced for something else, perhaps a native tree?

Kind regards

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