

From: Irene Fletcher <Irene.Fletcher@midsussex.gov.uk>
Sent: 04 March 2026 14:34:14 UTC+00:00
To: "Katherine Williams" <Katherine.Williams@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: DM/25/3146

Hi Katherine,

Whilst the current scheme is a small improvement on the original in terms of the encroachment within the AW buffer zone, previous concerns apply in relation to the proximity of the development to the buffer in terms of increase in traffic etc. Government guidance advises that the 15m buffer should be more in cases like this. However, this is primarily a matter for ecology.

Also, while the path now runs adjacent to the buffer zone, there will be considerable pressure on protected adjacent trees. Will lighting be required ? This will impact further on tree roots and increase the pressure for pruning.

I object to the loss of the Cat B, TPO Scots pine. There is little room to seriously mitigate the loss of this important tree, and the site appears cramped with limited space for landscaping and parking spaces are still constructed within the RPA of a protected Wellingtonia.

Kind Regards,

Irene Fletcher
Tree Officer
Development Management
Mid Sussex District Council
(Mon – Thurs)
www.midsussex.gov.uk