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Subject: DM/24/2999 1A Lodgelands, Ardingly

Dear Anna,

I have reviewed the tree report for this proposal and find that it lacks some detail.

Firstly, the tree in question is protected by TPO (TP/14/0019), which is not mentioned in the report. Further, the proposal will be constructed within the RPA of the protected, category B tree and I have very little detail of the percentage of Root Protection Area (RPA) will be compromised. I am not convinced that this development can be constructed without causing damage to the protected tree.

I have reviewed previous applications and reports on this tree and find that this tree would not be a constraint to development, due to its condition and disease (Ash Dieback). Felling this tree would be a better option, long term, for safety reasons as it is in a high target area. This should be replaced with an oak or field maple, provided that there is adequate space on the site for it to develop.

Should this application be approved, a replacement tree would be required. Details of this would need to be agreed and secured prior to felling it.

Kind regards

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