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Hi Jo,

I note this application is in outline, except for the proposed access.

The access will result in the loss of a Cat B oak (T29) and some partial Cat B groups, which are a constraint to development, however, there is adequate space within the development to provide mitigation. It is also accepted that this may be the least damaging point of access, in terms of trees, from Copthorne Common.

Illustrative plans indicate the existing tree lined ditch through the site will be retained and this should be pursued at the RM stage.

These also appear to indicate that some street trees would be in private gardens. Trees should be clearly defined as street trees and not located within private gardens/spaces.

I note the intention to retain as many trees as possible, and this should be pursued. There are 23 Cat A and B trees on the site.

Any future application should include a full AIA, tree survey, and method statement, particularly in relation to construction within RPAs.

Indicative plans also indicate appropriate native trees, and this should be a feature of future applications, in accordance with Policy DP37.

Thanks,

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