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Subject: DM/26/1080 Former Catholic Church of St. Stephen, Horsted Keynes

Dear Caroline,

I have reviewed the Tree Survey for this proposal and will need some further information to be able to comment more fully. I can see from the survey information that trees will be impacted by the proposed development and need to be reassured that the impacts will not be detrimental to the health of these trees.

Whilst I do not object in principle to the proposed layout, I would need more information about how the trees along the eastern border of the former church will be protected. Details of appropriate surfacing will be required, ideally a cellular confinement system should be used to prevent compaction, which may result in damage to the tree roots and potential tree failure. I will also need more information about how the trees will be protected in terms of restricting access to the stems, whether the trees are staying, including the hedge and if any trees need to be removed to facilitate the proposal. This information could all be provided in the form of an Arboricultural Impact Assessment, Arboricultural Method Statement, and a Tree Protection Plan.

Please could you request these documents and then reconsult me so that I can make a more informed assessment?

Kind regards

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