

MEMORANDUM

From:	Catherine Brimble Senior Landscape Officer		
Service	SDL Landscape and Trees	App No:	242887
Address:	Hogwood Farm, Sheerlands Road, Arborfield, Wokingham, RG40 4QY.		
Proposal:	Full planning application for a permanent access from Sheerlands Road to serve the Hogwood Farm development.		
Type of Development:	Minor All other developments		
Site Visit Made:	Yes/No		

Summary Of Recommendations

- ☐ No comment
- ☐ No objection
- ☐ No objection subject to conditions (and reasons) **stated below**
- ☒ Request further information before determination as **stated below**
- ☐ Objection due to the reason(s) **stated below**

Comments On Proposal

It is confirmed in the Transport Technical Note (para 3.1) that the location of the secondary access related to this application will be in the same location as the existing temporary construction access. It is therefore unclear why in the Arboricultural Impact Assessment accompanying this application there is a need to remove trees T852 (category A Beech) and T855 (category C Holly). Both trees are protected by TPO's and have been retained during the construction of the temporary access and as such both trees can and should be retained unless there are over-riding health and safety reasons why these need to be removed, which is not implied within the AIA.

Part of tree group G135 (Leyland Cypress) is also indicated to be removed at the road entrance adjacent to Sheerlands Road as several in the group are of poor quality, however we will need to understand the quantum of their removal.

I note that the two tables in the AIA under paragraphs 5.12 & 5.13 do not accurately indicate the level of trees to be removed. The first table indicates that 2 category A trees will be removed, when it should only be one. The second table indicates the total number of individual trees to be removed is 4 when it is actually 2. This will need to be amended to relate to the actual number of trees to be removed, possibly reassessed to take account of my comments above.

A number of trees were removed originally to accommodate the temporary access, and a landscape condition was included in the temporary permission (210084) to provide additional and replacement planting. These landscape details were submitted through a conditions application (211892) and approved; however it still appears this is yet to be implemented even though the condition expressly states:

Planting shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details in the first planting and seeding seasons following commencement of the construction access use.

We will therefore need to see a comprehensive landscape scheme to be submitted as part of this application to ensure that the landscape scheme will be implemented in the next planting season.

I note that any proposed planting will be in an area outside the red line site boundary which is tightly drawn around the road. Will this be a problem related to this application? Or could the red line be amended to include the area in question.

Conditions & Reasons (if required)

Conditions to follow once we have received the revised information.

Date:

5th December 2024

Signed:

C. Brimble