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To the Planning Officer

Questions for the veteran trees at Ducks Nest Farm.

Thank you for your comments, please see the response to your question below;

I can confirm that I have reviewed the updated parameter plans showing the proposed stand-off/buffer areas surrounding the suspected veteran trees within the residential parcel.

At this stage, based on the information currently available and in principle, the proposed buffers appear broadly suitable should the trees ultimately be classified as veteran specimens. The proposed offsets are considered sufficient to provide an appropriate level of protection at parameter-plan stage, subject to the final layout design and detailed arboricultural assessment.

It should be noted that the trees are currently identified as suspected veteran trees, and any final recommendations regarding protection measures, buffer extents, construction exclusions, and long-term management would need to be confirmed through a detailed arboricultural assessment once the layout is fully resolved.

As acknowledged, a full updated Arboricultural Impact Assessment / Arboricultural Method Statement can be secured via condition at the detailed design stage. However, based on the current parameter plan proposals including the data and information that I have to hand, I am satisfied that suitable buffer zones can be achieved in principle in relation to the retained trees.

I trust this clarifies the arboricultural position for the questions asked.

I hope this is acceptable and for the planning officer's requirements. Please do contact me if there are any further questions in relation to the trees onsite, within this proposed development and we will be happy to assist.

Yours sincerely

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