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Subject: S23/1252

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Dear Debbie,

I hope you are well. I am pleased to submit my comments regarding the planning application S23/1252. I visited the site in July 2023.

There are a number of established trees growing inside the site that are recorded in the survey by A2 Tree Surveys. None of the trees are, in my view, of sufficient merit in terms of public amenity to warrant their retention at the expense of what might otherwise be acceptable development. The monkey puzzle, T3 in the tree survey, is an attractive specimen. It is of a size and age where it may be transplanted within the site or quickly replaced.

There are a number of trees growing outside the site boundary. They are recorded in the tree survey. I do not know if the trees outside the boundary shown in the context of the layout are accurately plotted. The tree symbols identified on the tree survey and layout plan are not typical of a topographical survey plan. I would recommend that you establish whether the trees are plotted properly. I would suggest that a layout plan is provided that accurately shows the trees outside the boundaries and their Root Protection Areas in the context of the layout to determine if there will be any conflict.

If planning permission is granted then I would suggest that a robust condition is applied that requires new tree and shrub planting which would be in the interests of public amenity and climate change mitigation. The new landscape plan should be in keeping with the rural nature of the sounding landscape and avoid the creation a monoculture. I would suggest that a new monkey puzzle be included in the landscape plan. A condition requiring the protection of the trees growing outside the site whose RPAs skirt into the site should also be applied.

I hope that this is helpful. I will be in the office on Wednesday/tomorrow if you would like to discuss this or any other apps.

Thanks Richard

Kind regards

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