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Thanks

From: MacArthur, Fergus <Fergus.MacArthur@ambervalley.gov.uk>
Sent: 14 March 2023 09:55
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Subject: RE: AVA/2021/1240 South Lodge Windley

Hi Alan,

I have reviewed the arboricultural report provided with the application.

I have some concerns regarding future pressure for removal of trees due to perceived risk (T28 with unbalanced crown) and those likely to introduce shade (e.g. T27, T28, T29) . In terms of the landscape there is additional screening from the mature lime trees outside the plot to the west (T19, T26, T30 and T32). There is the also screening of the site from trees directly to the North and South of the site protected by a Derbyshire County Council TPO.

T31 is the large tree adjacent to the building. It has been surveyed as a high value (category A) Scots pine although I believe this is questionable given a lean and crown imbalance toward the proposed footprint. The tree also has codominant stems forming higher up within the tree. I cannot properly assess the codominant branch fork from the report photographs, but I would question the choice to incorporate this tree within the proposal due to the features identified. I believe the tree will likely be removed prematurely following the development due to perceived risk or following inspection.

With the exception of the above concerns, I am happy with the arboricultural report, tree protection plan and arboricultural method statement information. I do not consider the above concerns to justify a recommendation for refusal, but they may be an important consideration.

I'm happy to discuss this further if it would be helpful.

Kind regards,
Fergus

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