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Adam,

Thanks for copying me into this application.

Unfortunately, the Planning Portal (Application Search site) was down this evening but based upon the details that you sent through I can confirm that I am not unduly concerned about the trees that would be affected by this proposed development that lie along the Military Road. I take it that one of the reasons for proposing this development is that it moves the Fell End Farm driveway away from the corner on the Military Road to the east and therefore would aid road traffic safety? I would however request that Policy requirement DM12 (4) be conditioned. i.e. replacement broadleaved planting that secures a biodiversity net-gain should be undertaken in an appropriate location elsewhere on the applicant's holding.

However, of more concern to me is the potential implication of this proposed development on the mature tree nearer to the farmhouse. I have circled the tree in question in blue on the attached plan and identified where the proposed development is likely to have a detrimental effect upon the root zone (red) of this tree and consequently its health. Unfortunately, I have not been able to attend site and it is not clear from the documents that I have access to but it would appear that this tree is a mature oak? If this is the case, I would recommend that we stipulate that the requirements of [BS5837](#) (trees in relation to design, demolition and construction) should come into play here. (Local Plan para. 6.12.7).

(As a rule of thumb, the extent of the tree's root system is likely to spread underground to the same extent as the canopy stretches out above the ground).

- a. Is there a possibility that this section of the track could be realigned to the west, so as to avoid disturbance to the root zone of this tree?
- b. If not, I would certainly advocate that a root protection zone be established prior to the development commencing in order to prevent any other elements of this tree's root system from being damaged or affected by the construction vehicles used to construct the track/driveway.

I do not propose that we object to the application on this ground but merely ask whether it is possible to minimise the impact of this development on the health of this tree by following good practice and guidance when undertaking the proposed works.

I hope that makes sense but if you have any further questions do come back to me.

Kind regards

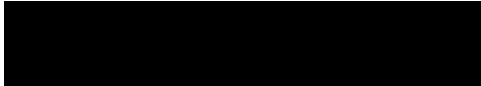
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