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PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION RESPONSE

For the attention of Eilish Gardner

PLANNING APPLICATION: ERE/0520/0001

LOCATION: 111, Longmoor Lane, Sandiacre, Derbyshire NG10 5LT

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

Works to protected trees.

Reduction in height of row of lime trees and work to various trees around perimeter of woodland within site.

Please note: The tree report includes the removal of 2 Lime trees which are considered to be dangerous due to recent wind throw and an Ash tree which is not protected by the Tree Preservation Order. Those works do not require consent.

I am writing on behalf of Sandiacre Parish Council regarding the above tree application.

Councillors have taken into account the recommendations contained within the tree report and know the site well.

The Parish Council wishes to make the following comments:

SOUTH BORDER - Works to the tree line

Councillors consider it is essential for trees on the site to be protected as much as possible in order to maintain the character and amenity of the area. Work should be carefully planned by the developer and guidelines set by EBC should be adhered to without deviation.

It is noted that tree work on the site began in 2019 when the area was cleared of numerous mature trees in readiness for a proposed development being approved, resulting in the remaining trees being open to the elements and some losing stability through wind flow.

Whilst it is understood that necessary work must be undertaken, it is considered that only essential work for the trees health should be carried out and in a sympathetic manner.

A planning condition should also be imposed that stipulates there must be regard for the bird nesting season in order to reduce disturbance to wildlife and which follows normal practices for work only being undertaken in the Autumn/Winter months.

The tree report indicates that certain trees require crowning to reduce them in height to match similar trees on the west side of the property, but it is considered that more information should be provided in order to clarify the exact height proposed.

Otherwise, this could lead to interpretation and it is felt important that more detailed information should be presented by the independent EBC Tree Officer. This would avoid any issues of doubt and the developer would be required to meet the report's findings and not further reduce the trees at a later date.

A6 Woodland Area – ‘Dead broken stem with ivy, reasonable wildlife habitat’

It is considered this mature tree has survived remedial work to remove it (2019) and it is important that the tree be preserved and protected by a TPO.

A16

It is considered important that this tree be preserved to be protected by a TPO.

C7 and C11

If it is considered that removal of these trees should not create a detrimental impact upon surrounding trees or nearby properties. It is considered that a second opinion would prove useful to ascertain if they could be safeguarded for the future.

Woodland Area

This area has been retained for many years as a haven for wildlife and should be preserved in good condition to retain an area of character and one that adds value to the amenity of the proposed new site and properties.

It should be maintained for the future as naturally as possible to be sympathetic to the needs of wildlife and their habitat and remain an area for nature conservation.

Councillors have regard for A6 and that it should be considered for a TPO.

The area should be identified for future ownership and regulations imposed for regular and on-going maintenance to be carried out.

Road access

Two trees are noted for removal if a through road is approved on the planning application for a new development. Should this not be approved, the trees should be safeguarded.

A through road should have no impact upon any protected trees.

Conclusion

Councillors consider this site to be of great value to the community and any tree work should be dealt with sympathetically and with care in order to retain the character of the area that has taken many decades to create and establish.

Any work carried out to remaining trees should be kept to a minimum and restrictions imposed by the Borough Council or recommendations made by the Tree Officer should be adhered to in the strictest sense.

Councillors consider that initial tree work has created a negative impact on the amenity of the area and that residents do have cause for concern of how matters have been dealt with in the past by the developer.

Yours sincerely,

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