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Hi Jonathan

The trees info submitted shows T1- Chestnut to be felled. While the tree survey data has identified points to monitor on this tree, the report's recommendations are to remove the tree 'to facilitate the development' and not for arboricultural reasons.

This tree is protected by a TPO 02/06, it is a prominent feature when viewed from the road, and makes a significant contribution to the aesthetics and character of the locality. For this reason I can not support its loss to facilitate the development.

I do not believe the retention of T1 will stop development on site, however I can not support the current proposal of three dwellings which will require the loss of this tree.

As it stands I consider that the current proposal does not meet UDP policy NE9 'mature trees should be retained' and BE2 'existing trees to be incorporated as an integral part of the proposal'

Thanks

Joe

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