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Hi John

I've taken a look over the submitted AMS and would like to see some amendments before we can discharge this condition. As I see it the tree and its root protection area will not be directly affected by the construction of the extension however the access and all materials will need to pass through the tree's RPA. It is the harm this access through the RPA that needs to be addressed by the AMS. At present the submitted AMS does not satisfactorily address the potential for harm by machinery through the RPA.

The submitted AMS appears to include a lot of generic and irrelevant text such as the demolition of buildings, construction of special surfaces and post construction landscaping but doesn't address how the machinery required to excavate foundations etc would pass through the RPA without causing compaction.

Section 3.3 refers to potentially using machinery to remove the existing hardstanding however this seems excessive given it is paving slabs which can easily be removed by hand before installing temporary ground protection.

I would also ask that section 3.6 be amended to specify where changes to ground level, if at all, will be necessary and to what extent this is proposed.

The Tree Protection Plan included with the AMS refers to new services and other features to be dug by hand but there is no detail of this in the AMS as to the location or depth of these services. The existing run on the plan is almost entirely outside of the RPA of the tree and therefore it is not clear what new services or other features will be within the RPA.

There are a few things here that need addressing before we can be satisfied that the protected tree can be retained without suffering undue damage. All of it should be easy enough for the applicant to address with some small modifications.

Kind regards

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