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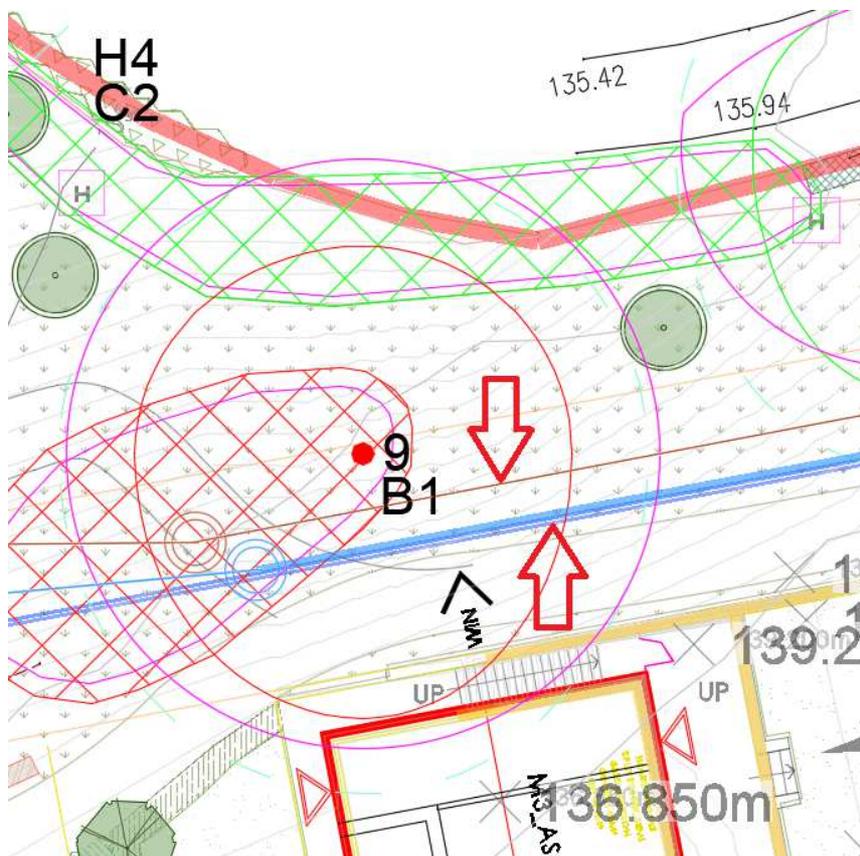
27th of June 2024

Dear Sir or Madam

RE: Removal of Tree 9 - 2023/62/92966/E, Land to the rear of 271 Cliffe Lane, Gomersal

I write regarding the specified removal of a tree referenced as no. 9 within our report (Cliffe Lane, Gomersal – Arboricultural Impact Assessment – May 2024) which was provided as part of the abovementioned planning application.

Tree 9, detailed as an early-mature, Category B, oak is noted for removal due to the proximity of the proposed drainage infrastructure. The image below, taken from the Arboricultural Impact Plan provided within the report as Appendix, 3 indicates the proposed drainage routes (red arrows).



Installation of the drainage would severely compromise the root protection area of Tree 9, which is why it was indicated for removal. The loss of Tree 9 was carefully considered by the design team. The drainage position is determined by the housing layout and that could ultimately only be moved away from Tree 9 by encroaching upon Tree 34, which is a Category A oak, and like Tree 9 covered by a TPO. Given its quality and central position, the necessity to retain Tree 34 was seen as paramount from the outset. Something which was a challenge given the required infrastructure and the sloping nature of the site.

I trust that the additional information provides adequate explanation as to why Tree 9 is noted for removal within the Arboricultural Impact Assessment. We also acknowledge the requirement for an Arboricultural Method Statement. Given the complexities of the site with the need for ground level changes and retaining structures close to trees it was considered sensible for this to be provided as a planning condition to ensure that it aligned with the final engineering requirements.

Yours sincerely

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