Discharge of Condition 10

Arboricultural Method Statement

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1. Introduction

Planning consent was granted on 17 July 2024 for the erection of polytunnels at the tree nursery.

The Planning Consent there includes one Condition relating to trees. Condition 8 states:

Condition 10: No development shall take place until an Arboricultural Method Statement has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. No development or other operations shall take place except in strict accordance with Method Statement as is approved. The Method Statement shall include the following: 1) A specification for tree protection fencing and ground protection measures that comply with British Standard 5837:2012;

2) A Tree Protection Plan showing the location of the trees to be removed and retained with their crown spreads, Root Protection Areas, Construction Exclusion Zones, and location of protective fencing and ground protection measures accurately plotted;

3) A full specification for any access, driveway, path, underground services or wall foundations within retained tree Root Protection Areas or Construction Exclusion Zone, including any related sections and method for avoiding damage to retained trees;

4) Details of general arboricultural matters including proposed practices with regards to cement mixing, material storage and fires;

5) Details of the frequency of supervisory visits and procedures for notifying the findings of such visits to the Local Planning Authority;

6) Method for protecting retained trees during demolition works;

7) Details of all proposed tree works, including felling and pruning.

2. Existing tree presence on the site

The attached aerial photograph (see Appendix) confirms that there are no existing trees within the area to be occupied by poly tunnels. As a result, there is no requirement for am Arboricultural Method Statement since no trees will be impacted or affected.

A former hedgerow which was once present across the centre of the site has been removed and replaced with a new hedgerow to the north of the site.

3. Arboricultural safeguards

A number of mature oaks exist in hedgerows on the perimeters of the site. These currently lie outside any areas likely to be disturbed by the proposed works. The root protection zones (RPZ) of these trees will be protected from disturbance. No additional vehicle movements will be allowed within these RPZs and no materials will be stored in these areas.

4. Operational controls

The following issues are discussed below:

- Demarcation of tree protection areas: should any additional works be needed outside the work area and which might impinge on RPZs, these areas will be marked by HERAS fencing or timber posts with hazard tape (where this is a temporary, short-lived requirement).
- Training of contractors: all construction staff will be made aware of the need to respect protected zones around trees.

5. Monitoring

Trees will be monitored on a monthly basis by an arboriculturalist during the construction period and any problems relating to damage will be reported to the site manager.

APPENDIX: AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH

