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Subject: Fwd: Re: P/2010/0012 Five Fords Arboricultural Method Statement
Attachments: Re: P/2010/0012 Five Fords Arboricultural Method Statement

Hi Gerry

Please find forwarded the latest correspondence and attached Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) and associated drawings from the arboriculturist. I make the following comments in response to the information received:

Item 1. The submitted Tree Constraints Plan and Tree Protection Plan are too small and not to scale. With them not being at a useable scale it is impossible to verify the accuracy of the tree protection fencing, which means that it will be difficult for the contractor to erect them at the correct location and impossible for the LPA to enforce.

I asked for the trees RPA measurements as the Tree Protection Plan (TPP) couldn't be scaled from, thus we required these details to ensure that the TPP fencing is erected at the correct locations. The arboriculturist has not included these details, however has included a scale for the TPP. There is a problem with this though, as it does not say at what paper size the TPP should be printed out at. Without a scale bar or this detail it is still impossible to scale from this drawing.

Action Required: Include a scale bar or the paper size i.e 1:500 @ A1 on the Tree Protection Plan.

Item 2. A diagram showing the tree protection fencing should be included.

This has been submitted as a separate bitmap image. It has not been included in the AMS, thus unless it is included in the AMS document it is not acceptable.

Action Required: Include diagram as an appendix to the AMS and referred to in section 9.2.1 or insert directly into section 9.2.1.

Item 3 . Amendment not required now.

Item 4. Amended as requested. No further action required.

Item 5. No details have been provided of the notices which should be affixed to tree protection fencing. I have attached an example of best practice to give guidance on this matter. Tree and hedgerow protection fencing will have to have suitable notices affixed to them and this detail will have to be provided in the submitted arboricultural method statement.

As with item two, this has been submitted, but as a separate document. This is not acceptable. Details for displaying the notices and where in the document these can be found should be included in the AMS (I suggest in section 9.2.1) and the actual notices should be included as an appendix to the AMS.

Action Required: Include details for the displaying the notices in the AMS. For example the following was included in another AMS I received a couple of days ago "Clearly legible weatherproof signage, stating "Protected Trees - Exclusion Zone" shall be attached to the fencing 1.5 m from the ground, facing out of the Tree Protection Zone located at regular intervals along the fence line. The notice will be A3 in size as per Appendix 1". Also include the notices, which incidentally are of good quality, in an appendix of the AMS.

As you can see there are still issues to be resolved before the AMS condition can be discharged. I have not cc'd in the arboricultural consultant into this e-mail as he requested that any further comments/ requests be passed directly to the agent.

Regards

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