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Dear Susan,

**Additional Tree Impact Appraisal, project at Greenbottom Farm,
Hoylandswaine.**

Recap:

I have already written an impact appraisal regarding the elderly Ash tree on this site. This letter is to address the project's impact on the roadside trees. I understand that the route of the driveway has now been altered slightly and I have been sent a copy of a "Landscape Master Plan" prepared by PWP Design (ref PWP.256.001 rev 1), which shows some roadside trees removed.

My comments on the removed trees follow:

Impact Appraisal.

The landscape plan shows trees 5, 6, 7, & 8 removed. These are all Ash trees and My report noted nothing of any particular merit about them. It seems they will simply be cut down to allow a better view of approaching traffic from the south for vehicles leaving the site. I note that the landscape plan shows new trees planted further into the site to leave the "visibility splay" clear.

I consider the removal of the trees to be insignificant; none are particularly noteworthy specimens and growing in the position they do, they cannot be said to be likely to have a long future life. Trees like this frequently get damaged by roadside grass and hedge cutting and I noted instances of lackadaisical pruning and treatment when I inspected the site back in April, which is almost certainly due to the people dealing with highway verge maintenance.

I'm not entirely sure why the landscape designer hasn't seen fit to remove tree 4 (Norway Maple) but if it is to be retained I imagine it will need some lower branches removing so the view along the highway to the south is not obstructed. This is really no different to what is likely to be required whether or not the site is redeveloped, as the tree has a large lower branch (really a secondary stem) that will soon be obstructing the footpath at the side of the road. (This should have been removed when the tree was a sapling.

Conclusion.

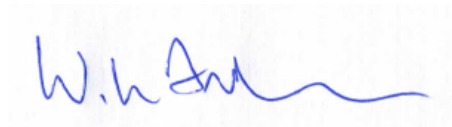
1. I consider the removal of the Ash trees (5 to 8 in my original tree survey) to be insignificant.



2. I consider that replacing the lost trees with new ones planted further away from the road, where the verge managers are not obliged to undertake tree pruning for which they are not trained, to be an improvement over the existing state-of-affairs.
3. The pruning of the Norway Maple closest to the proposed driveway is likely to be necessary whether this development takes place or not.
4. The impact of this proposal on the roadside trees is negligible and the impact on the neighbourhood's landscape and biodiversity is similarly small.

I trust you will find this helpful.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. L. Anderson', with a long, flowing horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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