

## **WSCC COUNTY ARBORICULTURIST response to planning consultation**

**Application reference number:** WSCC/021/23

**Location:** Recycle Southern Ltd, Elbridge Farm Chichester Road, Bognor Regis, PO21 5EF

**Proposal:** Regularisation, consolidation and extension to the existing waste transfer facility including an increase in throughput of waste.

**District:** Arun

**Date:** 11/10/2023

**Summary response update:** No objection subject to submission of a revised plan and subject to conditions.

### **Response:**

#### **Preservation of trees:**

No arboricultural assessment has been supplied in support of the application; however, no trees are proposed for removal nor will likely require removal providing the below consideration is addressed through revised plans and/or construction methodology.

The revised site layout plan (ref: GPP/RS/BR/EXT/22/02, v.17) provides a suitable stand-off from the existing trees to the rear of Elbridge Farm Cottages, previously identified as a concern. Adverse impacts to trees are now unlikely providing a condition is applied requiring construction methodology (such as a Construction Environmental Management Plan CEMP). This shall need to identify and specify temporary protection barriers adjacent the perimeter soil bund, as well as identifying construction exclusion zones throughout the site. This must prevent construction activity within proximity to trees and their rooting areas (including those external to the application boundary).

The plan shows the area of permeable hardstanding extending towards and within the indicative root protection area of these trees. A revised plan which removes the hardstanding from between the trees and the perimeter soil bund is required.

#### **Planting (provision) of new trees:**

New tree planting is proposed and welcomed as an enhancement to the site. This includes the planting of standard trees to enhance existing treelined screening (which has potential for impact as stated above), as well as the planting of native trees on a soil bund on the eastern perimeter.

Adequate specification for the above planting is stated on the landscape proposal (ref 2414-TFC-00-00-DR-L-1001). Further details for the aftercare/management of new tree planting is required.

### **Recommendations:**

- a) A revised plan site layout plan is submitted addressing the removal of hard standing where this would impact trees.
- b) A condition is applied requiring construction methodology for temporary tree protection measures including barriers and construction exclusion zones.
- c) A condition is applied requiring an aftercare management plan (for a minimum of five-years) for all new tree planting to include: maintenance specifications to ensure tree establishment; bio-security measures; and, defect periods with compensation strategies for dead, dying, severely damaged or diseased trees.

(Reason: To ensure the preservation and planting of trees in line with S197 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; to ensure new tree planting establishes in the landscape; and, for the protection and management of trees or areas of woodland when undertaking development in adherence with policy ENV DM4 of Arun's local plan).

**Informative advice:**

The following British Standards should be referred to

- BS: 5837 (2012) Trees in relation to demolition, design and construction – Recommendations.
- BS: 8545:2014 Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape – Recommendations.

The submission of construction environmental management plan (or similar) shall need to consider tree protection measures in line with BS: 5837 (2012) for any operations in proximity to trees, specialist arboricultural advice is recommended. Construction methodologies and associated plans may utilise existing fence lines which provide suitable tree protection barriers, as well as existing vehicle access points.

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