

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

**Application reference number:** WSCC/039/23

**Location:** Manor Green Primary School, Lady Margaret Road, Ifield, West Sussex, RH11 ODX

**Proposal:** Installation of temporary Portakabin modular building to be used as additional classroom facility. Proposal includes landscaping around the buildings to allow for fire tender access (Variation of Condition 1 of planning permission WSCC/026/21 to allow the continued siting and use of temporary classroom for an additional two years)

**District:** Crawley

**Date:** 23/10/2023

**Summary response:** Further information required.

### **Response:**

It is understood that the temporary modular building is present onsite and to be relocated to the position shown on Location Plan. This comes in close proximity with trees and their potential roots on the southern border. Whilst the relocation is unlikely to be of adverse impact to trees, there is potential for adverse damage to tree roots through compaction where machinery is required to access from the south of the site. It is unclear if vehicular access is required within the root protection area of trees and if protection measures are required (such as ground protection and barriers).

The proposed tree and hedge planting is welcomed and is considered to be suitable for the proposed location. Landscape methodology and aftercare for tree planting is provided and adequate.

Recommendations:

- Request the applicant provides a response with regard to potential protection measures requires for existing trees to the southern border.

### **Informative advice:**

Independent arboricultural advice may be required to demonstrate that all working methodologies can be employed out without adverse damage to trees.

The following British Standard should be referred to: BS: 3998:2010 Tree work – Recommendations.

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