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Subject: RE: Barkby Road, Queniborough P/20/2380/2

Further to our telephone conversation I attach comment as follows:

I have read through the AIA, Method Statements, the Supporting Statement documents and the comments submitted by LCC Highways in respect of the legally protected trees (Borough of Charnwood Tree Preservation Order (Land at Rearsby Road/Queniborough Road, Queniborough) 2015, Group G1) which will be impacted by the road widening. I can concur with the comments of the LCC Highways officer (2nd September 2022) and find that the tree issues previously raised have been properly addressed by the FPCR Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Method Statement, August 2022. This document should be a named document in any consent given and therefore its contents made a condition of any consent.

In respect of the Conceptual Layout Plan QUEN CON SK RevE I note that it is the intention to re-enforce the south boundary hedge with further tree planting and a verge along the east boundary created and planted with individual trees. Areas of open space are to be created within the site with additional tree planting. In order to give the plants the best chance of establishment, before any work commences on site these areas must be fenced off and exclusion zones for all work activities including storage created to prevent compaction and contamination. My recommendation would be for native trees including oak, field maple, hornbeam, hawthorn, blackthorn, birch, etc with the inclusion of naturalised species such as sycamore. Tree planting in such extensive areas of car parking as shown on the above plan rarely survive in the medium to long term and in these locations emphasis on hardy shrubs may be better suited (pending the comments of the Landscape Officer).

Regards
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