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I consider that this scheme has a more significant impact on the protected Oak trees than the previously approved scheme (HPK/2016/0010).

1 Section A-A shown on the proposed levels plan shows an increase in ground level of 1m immediately adjacent to 2 of the protected trees this would be severely detrimental to them

2 There is more hard standing and it is in closer proximity to the trees

3 The orientation of the buildings has been altered so that the main habitable rooms now face the trees rather than the trees being to the gable ends of the properties. Also as each property has one aspect with no windows the trees dominate the main outlook of the main rooms.

4 Each Unit has a smaller garden area so the trees tend to dominate the modest gardens

1 and 2 will be detrimental to the trees health and will undermine their future health and stability and will lead to their premature decline in particular the increase in soil level proposed could potentially kill the tree within a short time scale.

3 and 4 the layout has not considered the impact on the future occupants' of the dwellings the trees will dominate the modest garden areas and the main aspects of the building and as such there will be increased pressure for the trees to be inappropriately pruned or removed.

I consider that the proposals do not allow for the sustainable retention of the Oak trees and as such they will lead to the loss of three mature protected trees. An acceptable alternative scheme has previously been granted consent. Therefore I consider the proposed scheme is contrary to Local Plan Policy EQ9

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