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Subject: FW: HPK/2024/0134 - Victory Hall, Whitehough Head Lane, Whitehough
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Hi

Please see Tree Officer comments in connection with HPK/2024/0134

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From: Steve Massey <>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 3:01 PM
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Hi James

I understand you're the case officer for this one.

I've had contact today (they were after Craig, but he's off sick for the next few weeks) from the owner of Spring Meadow, Whitehough Head Lane. They have concerns as their TPO-protected trees along the boundary extend over/under the application site, they say, and they think development would encroach within the Root Protection Areas. (See attached TPO plan – not necessarily needing to be accurate to the millimetre for TPO purposes, but it suggests that the stem position of tree T6 is perhaps within c.4m of the application site boundary, therefore with definite potential for its RPA to extend into the site). There are also trees on the application site itself. Application site within the Conservation Area too.

There appears to be no tree survey/arboricultural impact assessment report submitted. There appears to have been no automatic internal consultation to Trees (but quite likely you will/already have picked up on this when you do your site visit).

Not sure what your timescale target for determination is, and whether that will allow you to wait until (hopefully) Craig returns for him to comment although no doubt he'll have an even bigger backlog than usual after being off for a while.

In the meantime, I'd advise that we should request that the applicant submits a tree survey/arboricultural impact assessment in accordance with BS 5837:012 *Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations*, and this should fully take into account off-site trees which may be affected, as well as those within the application site boundary. They may need to arrange access onto the neighbouring property to accurately measure tree position, stem diameter etc (critical to establishing RPA position and size), but presumably neighbours would be amenable to this as they're concerned that their trees are properly taken into account.

You'll have to let me know if you need arb officer input/comment, and if needed before Craig returns.

Steve

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