



Memo.

Date: 21 June 2013

To: Sarah Smith

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From: Oliver Waring

Subject: N6/2013/1062/EM – Formation of hard standing to front garden, works to include removal of hedge

I have been on site to assess the above application and its possible impact upon trees or vegetation on or adjacent to the site.

The proposal will require the removal of a small section of hedge to the front; however this is minimal and will have minimal effect on the landscape in this area.

There are no trees within the site itself however the proposal requires access across the highway verge. Within this verge is semi-mature hornbeam. The plan provided show the tree is a significant distance from the proposed crossover.

When looking at the proposal on site the location of the tree is much closer to the hornbeam than would appear on the plan. The crossover would come very close to the base of the tree and will require the severing of roots which will have detrimental effect on the tree. There will also be issues with canopy clearance for vehicles on and off the drive.

The tree in question is part of group on the highway verges which are an important feature and contribute to the landscape in this area. The proposal will have a detrimental effect in the tree and would likely lead to its decline or at least a request for its removal. Given the importance of this tree within the landscape it is recommend that this proposal be refused on the grounds that it will have a detrimental effect upon the landscape in this area.

I trust the above is clear. If you have any further queries let me know.