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Attachments: Chris Calvey Response to complainant.pdf

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Hi

Could you please attach to civica as “applicant response to objections re trees.”

Thanks

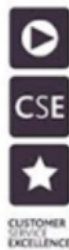
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Sandra,

Our arboriculturist Chris Calvey has responded to the objection that has been duplicated many hundred times and uploaded in batches to the Portal over the past few days.

I believe BS5837:2012 is dealt with comprehensively by condition in the ROH, but Chris has also responded to criticism of his tree survey.

Please would you bring this to the attention of the Councillors.

He will be available for any questions at the hearing tomorrow.

Many thanks,

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Sandra Davis,

Response to objections based on the letter by Rory Hobbs

Firstly, I would point out that my experience is very substantial and significantly more than that of the critic. My professional qualifications include being a Royal Forestry Society Certified Arborist and the Arboricultural Associations professional qualification (Arbor. A Tech Cert). My professional work experience of woodland management is continuous since 1986 (35 years), and all of it on the west coast of Scotland. I have held a variety of senior posts in the Conservation sector including Senior Operations Manager for the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. I have been a practicing woodland and tree consultant for 14 years. During all these years my work has involved woodland protection and managing for biodiversity.

The complaint questions adherence to the British Standard and i would make the following comments:

1. The detailed tree report (30th Jan 2019) consisting of 32 pages assesses 188 trees and includes all the trees within the development area. The topographic survey covered a wider area than necessary and those trees were not recorded.
2. The tree survey guides design proposals and predates any fixed design such that an Arboricultural Implications Assessment (AIA) would be unknown at that point. Similarly the Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) which is highly specific to proposals would not be relevant and a draft would be confusing and unnecessary. These documents are points for conditioning contained within the Report of Handling. It is agreed that 'No development shall commence until a scheme for the retention and safeguarding of trees during construction has been submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority'.
3. The Root Protection Areas for all trees have been recorded and are available. They are not shown in the tree report for the sake of visual clarity. They will be shown in the AIA report and protected by the AMS.
4. Tree categorization is accurate and in accordance with the British Standard. The majority of trees are 'B & C' moderate and low quality, and the potential accusation of downgrading trees is utterly rejected.
5. In addition to the Tree Survey Report a Woodland Management Plan (22nd May 2020) which sets out a strong basis for woodland conservation. It seems that complainants have missed the real issue here that the woodland is threatened by neglect and not by small scale development.

I would be happy to answer any questions honestly and with integrity that the hearing committee wish to present me.

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