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RE: 10342 La Pointe additional information

Hi Jim/Chris

I have reviewed the plans as submitted together with the arboricultural report which details the Tree Protection Plan. The amendments to the Root Protection Areas (RPAs) are noted as are the details relating to the methodology of tree protection and the application of arboricultural oversight both before and during construction.

I am satisfied that the amendments and additions made will be sufficient to minimise the risk of construction injury to the minimum practicable for this development; namely the shifting inward, into the field, of the buildings to reflect the amended RPAs. This takes into account the fact that there will be a higher proportion of roots in the field soil compared to the compacted soil material under the lane. It is also noted that the footpath to unit 1 is removed to ensure that there is soft landscape adjacent to the RPAs.

As well as details of the physical protection systems, which mark the boundaries of the RPAs within the development site, the tree protection plan outlines a system of arboricultural oversight which will help ensure that all contractors on site are aware of the protection measures and how they can be followed with minimum disruption to the process of development.

The additional drawing 10342 –S1-28 detailing the location of the realigned wall at the junction with les Mares Pellees and Braye road is noted. Whilst the footprint of the realigned wall is closer to the trees the impact is likely to be negligible due to the relatively small size of the trees at this particular location.

It is noted that the landscaping scheme specifies the use of “organic mulch” for new plantings. This is supported but I would suggest that the use of mulching be extended to include the existing trees (where such mulch has not already been applied for new plantings), particularly along the northern boundary where some incursion into RPAs has been identified. Mulch used in this way can help mitigate the impact of development and compensate, to some extent, the constraint to future root growth which result from the installation of foundations.

If further information is required please let me know.

Kind regards

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