

From:Francis Amekor
Sent:Wed, 28 Feb 2018 15:24:11 +0000
To:Planning Comments
Subject:FW: 17/505670/FULL- Bletchingley Oast and Bletchingley Farm Industrial Estate

Please upload the following comments to 17/505670/FULL- Bletchingley Oast and Bletchingley Farm Industrial Estate.

Kind regards

Francis

From: Deanne Cunningham
Sent: 28 February 2018 15:22
To: Francis Amekor
Subject: 17/505670/FULL- Bletchingley Oast and Bletchingley Farm Industrial Estate

Hi Francis,

The proposed scheme appears to show the loss of 21 trees and 9 groups of trees. Whilst, in the main, I have no objection to raise because of their current condition/grading, I am concerned about the loss of the B grade Oak to the east of the site entrance. There appears to be no justification for this as there is sufficient space for it to be retained.

The submitted landscape scheme is currently inadequate and therefore landscape conditions are required should you be minded to permit the application. The details should comply with the Maidstone Landscape Guidelines and include additional native hedge planting in the 'mitigation strip' to help mitigate the loss of mature trees and enhance biodiversity. Additionally, I would like reassurance that the above mentioned Oak tree can be retained, with a condition added requiring an Arboricultural Method Statement in accordance with BS5837:2012, including a plan showing protection details for this tree and new areas of planting. In terms of implementation details, I would want to include the method of remediation for existing areas of hard surfacing which are proposed to be returned to cultivation.

Regards

Deanne

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