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Subject: 25/0700 Open Hearth RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING THE
ERECTION OF 32NO UNITS, ACCESS, CAR PARKING, ENGINEERING, LANDSCAPING
AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

Hello Geraint,

Please see attached – the objections remain.

Cofion Cynnes / Kind Regards,

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Subject: FW: CONFIDENTIAL PRE APP ENQUIRY P/24/0055 - Former Open Hearh

Hello Francesca,
Objections to the boundary tree removal adjacent to the SDR .
I have re attached my original comments .
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Subject: FW: CONFIDENTIAL PRE APP ENQUIRY P/23/0111 - Open Hearth Hendre Farm Drive

Hello Francesca,

Please see previous comments in relation previous pre app P/23/0035 –comments remain the same .

Objections to any boundary tree loss SDR/ and side boundary .

THE SDR needs a strong green boundary between it and any housing .

NB/ the green buffer adj to the SDR runs the length of the SDR and was financed by European Development Funding (ERDF) and was integral to the SDR construction .

I know because I did the landscaping scheme and oversaw the planting .

Regards
shona

Hello Francesca ,

Asbri planning letter- photo as below .

The screening and adjacent to the Southern Distributor Road should be bolstered to form a strong boundary and continue to act as a significant green corridor .

The photo below shows that the green corridor has already been compromised and the green “buffer” should be strengthened not removed .

*The green corridor constitutes a woodland edge and in line with the **SPG Trees and Development** – no development should take place within 5m of the canopy edge(taking into account replanting will be required to re instate the green corridor)*

The aqua shading on the proposed layout plan shows where there are potential conflicts with existing or required replacement planting and this should be addressed as it is not acceptable .

All trees with ash die back disease should be felled and a complete schedule of tree works inc replacement planting is required.

Details of how the Suds feature (by the tree belt) is to constructed without detriment to the trees is required via an Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS)



Figure 1: Red line plan for entire site.

BS5837:2012 Root Protection Area (RPA)

The Root Protection Area (RPA) gives a mathematical and theoretical circular rooting area for each tree based on the diameter of the trunk of an individual tree. However, the above ground constraints as specified in BS:5837:2012 must also be evaluated when considering the proposed development layout in relation to trees. **NB the RPA is not the nearest point to a tree that “development” can take place.**

BS5837:2012 Constraints posed by existing trees (in relation to existing trees and woodlands)

It needs to be evidenced that this has been undertaken by the Tree Consultant

5.2 Eg the current and ultimate height and spread of the tree.
 Tree species, foliage density, aphid exudate, branch drop etc.
 Effect of shading from trees.

5.2.3 Working and access space needs consideration

“ the requirement to protect the overhanging canopies of trees where they could be damaged by machinery, vehicles, barriers or scaffolding where it will be necessary to increase the extent of the tree protection barriers to contain the canopy “ ie by increasing the RPAs

5.2.4 *“particular care is needed regarding the retention of large, mature, over mature or veteran treesadequate space should be allowed for their long term physical retention and future maintenance”*

To re iterate the trees should inform the design layout and not vice versa, all potential conflicts between the proposed buildings and the trees should be designed out. The health, safety and longevity of the trees should not be compromised by a development.

Relevant policies etc

Newport City Council's Climate Change Emergency declared

"in November (2021) Newport Council declared an ecological and climate emergency that recognised the need to protect Newport's local environments and reduce carbon emissions across the City. The motion would ensure that all future decisions and policies made by Newport Council would be integrated across all areas of Council activity and the Council would lead by example through partnership working."

SPG - Trees, woodland, hedgerow and Development Site Supplementary Planning Guidance – January 2017

is relevant and it states in the adopted SPG that there should be at least a 5m buffer from the woodland canopy edges and the rear of any plots

Planning Policy Wales

2.1 Planning Policy Wales (PPW) provides the national strategic guidance with regard to land use planning matters in Wales. Sustainable Development Principles are inherent to national planning policy which expects all those involved in the planning system to adhere to those SD Principles. Of particular relevance in this case is the need to ensure a long term perspective to safeguard the interest of future generations, to respect environmental limits so that the environment is not irreversibly damaged and to assist in tackling climate change. This can be achieved through good design of development which takes into account the relationship between the natural and built environment.

Technical Advice Note 12 Design (2016)

2.5 This advice note states the response to context should not be confined to architectural finishes. It is important to help integrate old and new development and reinforce hierarchy between spaces through the consideration of retaining existing landmarks, mature trees and hedgerows within housing areas as well as introducing new planting appropriate to the area. The guidance notes that opportunity should be taken when improving the public realm to protect and enhance biodiversity and assist pollution abatement through careful design, implementation and maintenance of planting. Planting, particularly large tree species can also be used to improve microclimate and reduce dust and the perception of noise through, shade, shelter and screening.

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

Long term: A greener city is a healthier city environmentally, and encourages investment and employment opportunities. Natural green space supports social resilience and community wellbeing, making the environment healthier for both people and wildlife. Planning decisions aim to build sustainable and cohesive communities in both the built and green environment.

Prevention: Sound decisions help promote a greener environment, via TPOs for trees and woodlands and hedgerows, and reduces the loss of trees and woodlands and hedgerows

on private land. Trees and woodlands and hedgerows are essential in the fight against climate change, as they sequester carbon, and assist with increased biodiversity.

Local Development Plan 2011-2026.

Policy GP5: General Development Principle, Natural Environment, Criterion vii):

[DEVELOPMENT WILL BE PERMITTED WHERE] THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES APPROPRIATE TREE PLANTING OR RETENTION WHERE APPROPRIATE AND DOES NOT RESULT IN THE UNACCEPTABLE LOSS OF OR HARM TO TREES, WOOLDAND OR HEDGEROWS THAT HAVE WILDLIFE OR AMENITY VALUE.

GP2 General Development Principles “ *there will not be an adverse effect on local amenity*” - is relevant

Contrary to CE3 Environmental Spaces and Corridors– -Matthew Harris Ecology Officer can comment on this .

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