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Subject: RE: Planning Consultation Request for case ref: 26/0444

I will be grateful if you will please add this to my previous comment as part of the consultation on this application.

My initial response to this application was to be guided by the judgement of the tree officer, on the assumption that the felling of trees within the application was unavoidable. However, now having had the opportunity to read the associated documentation, it not clear that such a situation exists. The felling of trees in a conservation should be a last resort, justified by compelling reasons. The Heritage Officer's comments emphasise the value of trees within a conservation area and clearly assume that any felling will be to protect the other trees from disease. The felling of trees in this instance is given no such justification by the Tree Officer. The justification within the application relates to the applicant's opinion as to the aesthetic value of trees to be felled, which is highly subjective.

The Ffwrwm is a particularly important feature within the Caerleon Conservation Area. The sensitivity of the area should require that any felling of trees is done as an absolute last resort. I cannot see any such justification in this instance.

Regards

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