

**RUNNYMEDE BOROUGH COUNCIL
INTERNAL MEMORANDUM
CONSULTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATION**

My Ref: RU.22/0776 Date: 07/12/2022
From: [REDACTED] To: RBC Arboricultural Officer

Proposal: Industrial redevelopment to provide x3 units within Classes E(g)ii (Research and development), E(g)iii (Industrial processes), B2 (General industrial) and B8 (storage and distribution) use, with ancillary office accommodation, new vehicular access, associated external yard areas, HGV and car parking, servicing, external lighting, hard and soft landscaping, infrastructure and all associated works following the demolition of existing buildings

Location: Weybridge Business Park, Addlestone Road, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 2UP.

Comments: (After submission of new information 02/11/2022)

The application is supported by tree reports including an arboricultural impact assessment (AIA), tree survey, arboricultural method statement (AMS) with tree protection plan (TPP). The application involves two areas on either side of the Addlestone Road.

The area to the north of the Addlestone Road will lose some poor-quality trees on the boundary and all the trees from within the car parking area (also poor quality). It is proposed to replace trees on the boundary and in the car park, and I would not expect the public view into the site to be greatly harmed in the long term. The introduction of some better-quality tree stock to enhance the poor neglected existing trees will have a long-term benefit.

In the area south of Addlestone Road it is proposed to remove most of the trees on the site. The existing trees are of similar age, and it is likely that they were planted at the time of the previous development. The tree cover is sparse in the middle of the site and on the road boundaries, the canal side trees have been planted more densely however all the trees have lacked management and though there are some good individuals generally the trees and underlying vegetation is not of great value other than forming a partial green screen. The landscape scheme included in this application proposes replanting along all the boundaries with trees and shrubs which will develop into better screening on the boundaries. The scheme will re-establish the canal side screening with a more formal scheme which includes a continuous line of trees of a better species selection.

The submitted AMS does give good detail of tree protection for both areas.

I would not object to the application if it was conditional on requiring the implementation of the tree protection measures described in the AMS by Ligna Consultancy dated 14/10/22 Ref P2062-AMS01 V3, and the implementation of the proposed landscaping scheme.

Name of responding officer: [REDACTED] Date:19/12/2022.....