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Michael

Having revisited the site and reviewed the supporting Arboricultural report, the proposed pedestrian footpath located within the south western corner of the site, will have minimal impact on the surrounding trees subject to adequate precautions being undertaken.

The boundary edge is predominately a field boundary with small trees mostly Ash, so a suitable location could be found to create an access, considering the potential impact to the Ash population with the onset of Ash die back over the coming years, the future longevity of these trees will be in question.

Although, any future development of the footpath, will need to take the existing constraints on board, the use of APN12 and a suitable no dig solution, would be acceptable, the area slopes away significant so it's likely that the use of machinery would be prohibited, so hand tools would be a viable solution.

The location of the SUDs ponds may have a greater impact, as it might change the flow of water to the woodland, depending on the level of water capture the ponds are located outside of the 15m buffer zone and the boundary edge to the woodland is predominately Ash, so again the long term prospect of the trees is unknown, this part of the site and woodland beyond have always been very wet areas, so the control of the flow, might benefit the site and improve the species of tree that will grow.

The construction of the SUDs ponds, would be subject to a supporting Arb method statement, which could ensure all the works, were undertaken from the north side only, so as not to encroach onto the woodland edge, and cause compaction, it might also be prudent to incorporate some low level planting to the south of the ponds to create a better link to the woodland with the boundary planting, which could soften the woodland edge.

I have no objection to the application subject to the conditions from my previous comments being attached to any formal consent.

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