

To: Trees  
From: Southern Team

Date: 26th January 2024  
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**PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION**

Please complete and return to the case officer by **16 February 2024**

If no response is received by this date it will be taken that you have no comments to make.

**Case Officer:** Sarah Barter  
**Application No:** 24/00174/OUTS  
**Proposal:** Outline planning application for demolition of existing buildings and erection of up to 270 dwellings, including affordable housing, with land for the potential future expansion of Halterworth Primary School, public open space, structural planting and landscaping, sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and vehicular access points. All matters reserved except for means of access  
**Location:** Land At Halterworth Lane, Halterworth Lane, Romsey, ROMSEY TOWN  
**TPO:** Yes  
**Conservation Area:** No **Listed Building** Yes/No  
**Development Type:** Largescale Major Dwellings

**Case Officer Comments:**

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**Response on application as submitted**

**No Objection**  **Comment**  **Objection**   
(subject to conditions) (specify planning reasons for refusal)

**Conditions/Reasons for refusal:**

**Other comments:**

Situated within and adjacent to site are linear groups of large, mature trees that are important landscape features, positively contribute to the area’s character and are protected by TPO.

Many of these trees bear the characteristics of veteran trees by their size and/or condition. The submitted tree report identifies an Oak T25 as a veteran and as per NPPF recommendations has calculated an shown a buffer zone for this tree. However, its companion Oak T27 which is very similar in size, but does not exhibit the structural defects of T25, has not been identified as a veteran. This needs to be reconsidered and a veteran tree buffer zone calculated and used to inform the positioning of the site’s access to the North of The Cottage, Halterworth Lane.

A Beech and Thorn on the northern boundary of The Cottage have not been identified on

the submitted tree protection plan this needs to be corrected.

Consideration of Oaks T23 and T29 as being veteran trees needs to be undertaken.

The removal of two modest sized trees from the eastern end of G9 to facilitate construction of an access through site is considered to be reasonable. However, in order to assess the impact on retained trees within G9 and T14 a drawing to show the relationship between the RPA of retained trees and the proposed road is required.

The part removal of G16 to facilitate a southern access off Halterworth road will require the removal of predominantly dead or dying Elm and is considered to be reasonable.

**Consultee Name:** Liz Beckett

**Date of reply:** 08/02/2024