

**South Downs National Park - Ecosystem Services and Householder Planning Application**

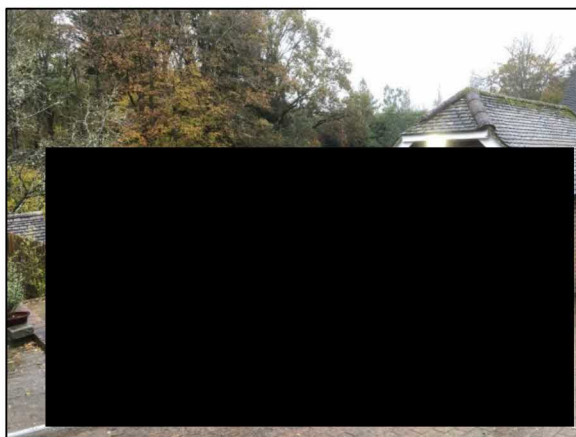
**ARBORICULTURE STATEMENT**

It was noted that there is only one mature tree within 15m of the existing property – to the right side of the site entrance. There are no other mature trees located adjacent to the proposed works or neighbours front gardens – neighbours Garage is adjacent, but ground levels are approx 2.5m difference – Neighbour is lower. There are some existing ornamental trees within the garden of the property – Refer photos below. There are no mature trees visible in or outside the boundary of the neighbouring gardens – both sides. There is a poor hedge adjacent to the road along the site boundary.

Photographs below are consistent with the above ;



Front Garden View from street – Right Side



Front Drive & Existing Garage - View from the Entrance



Neighbours Drive & Garage Adjacent



Neighbours Garage –from ground Level



Garden Adjacent to Existing Garage

Property Address: 60 Vann Road, Fernhurst, West Sussex. GU27 3NS

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Entrance View from Street – Looking East



Entrance View from Street – Looking West

The items discussed during the site visit are given below ;

1. The proximity and size of the ornamental trees are of sufficient distance that the works are unlikely to impact on the root ball of these trees and therefore do not pose an immediate threat for the excavation of a proposed Garage foundation slab.
2. Site Management of the works MUST ensure that the lawn area is NOT used for storage of material or mixing of cement based products. There is a patio area of approx 3m to segregate the working area from the trees and hedges. The lawn area must be kept clear of all Builders works and materials.
3. There is also an existing garage at the edge of the existing block paved drive –which suffers from the torrent of surface water cascading down the drive –hence relocation of the propose garage. The existing garage is to be removed including the slab and retaining walls.
4. It is proposed to remove the existing front boundary hedge and replace with a different hedge type, more consistent with the surroundings. An open post and rail fence will also be provided with a dwarf wall below to retain soil inside the plot. Refer to the Design & Access Statement for further details.

It was our understanding after discussing this on site that the proposed works are unlikely to present a threat to the existing root structures within the garden.