AWDM/1162/22 Variation of condition

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Dear Hannah

Thank you for the notification of this application.

We do think it is important for the architect to take account of the Old Shoreham Conservation Area Report development policy (and the proposed Article 4 directive for the area). The Report says (section 5.5) that new development should "[avoid damage and] wherever possible increase the stock of trees. The trees should be of species which predominate in a downland village such as Sycamore, Elm, Ash, Whitebeam and Birch." Perhaps native species like Common Beech or Yew would be a better substitute than Copper Beech if the Poplars need to be removed?

We understand and support the wish to improve the hedge along the frontage, but the proposal to replace what was mixed hedge before development began (including Holly, Common Beech and Snowberry) with a single species may have an impact on the character and biodiversity or the conservation area and the property. The architect himself had said in his Design and Access statement that "the mature boundary **mixed** hedge should remain so that the character it gives to The Street is unaffected." (emphasis added)

Can we suggest that the Trees Officer is consulted, as requested by the Architect? We've found him to be very knowledgeable and helpful (and free for advice in the Conservation Area!)

On a more general point, we note that the new 2021 Conservation Area Appraisal proposes a design guide and public awareness exercise. Will the new guidance include landscaping? I'm sure this would be helpful for all of us in the Conservation Area.

With best regards

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