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Arboricultural Implications Report
Proposed re-development at
Crouchlands Farm
Rickman's Lane
Plaistow
RH14 0LE



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SUMMARY

S1. On the basis of our assessment, we conclude that the arboricultural impact of this scheme is of negligible magnitude, as defined according to the categories set out in **Table 1** of this report.

S2. There are no incursions into the adjacent ancient woodlands, whilst the incursions into the associated 15m buffer zones are minor and do not represent any significant change to the current situation beyond that already posed by existing infrastructure historically permitted to encroach into these areas; consequently, the proposals will not result in any loss of ancient woodland, will avoid any potentially harmful effects on the woodland, and will comply with current UK Planning and development guidance.

S3. Our assessment of the impacts of the proposals on the existing trees concludes that no mature, veteran or ancient trees, no category 'A' / 'B' trees, and no trees of high landscape or biodiversity value are to be removed. None of the main arboricultural features of the site or the veteran tree (no. 310) are to be removed. The proposed removal of individuals and partial removal of groups of trees will represent no alteration to the main arboricultural features of the site, only a minor alteration to the overall arboricultural character of the site and will not have a significant adverse impact on the arboricultural character and appearance of the local landscape

S4. The proposed pruning, if required, will be limited to trees nos. 407 and 409, will be minor in extent, will not detract from the health or appearance of these trees, and will comply with current British Standards.

S5. The incursions into the Root Protection Areas of trees to be retained are minor, and subject to implementation of the measures recommended on the Tree Protection Plan and set out at Appendix 1, no significant or long-term damage to their root systems or rooting environments will occur.

S6. As the proposed development will not result in the removal of trees that maintain the green infrastructure of the local area and which contribute to the distinctive local landscape character, it complies with Policies 48 and 52 of the Chichester District Council Local Plan: Key Policies 2014-2029.

S7. The proposed development will retain all arboricultural landscape features that contribute to the landscape character and will not result in the loss of individual trees, hedgerows, groups of trees or woodlands, including ancient woodland, of good arboricultural value, significant landscape value, conservation, historic or amenity value. The proposals removals are mitigated through replacement planting and the retained trees are protected by mitigation measures to ensure their health and longevity. As such, the development complies with Policy EH3 of the emerging Plaidstow and Ifold Neighbourhood Plan 2014-2029.