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Dear Joanna

Following my evidence yesterday, it has been brought to my attention that an answer I gave to a question from Ms Clutten was incorrect. In particular, in answer to Ms Clutten's question whether the Council's landscape officer had objected to the proposal by reference to landscape character and visual impacts from the loss of trees, I answered that she had not. This was incorrect. In the landscape officer's formal consultation response to the application dated 13 July 2021 (which is attached and was made publicly available on the Council's planning portal dated 16 July 2021), the landscape officer raised the following issue:

Impact on existing vegetation - The detailed assessment of the impact on existing vegetation through various compounds and haul routes has not been provided. We note on drawing 158454-ARC-00-ZZ-DRG-EMF-200001 Rev. P02.1 that one of the haul routes will have an effect on the TPO tree belt to the north and south of Long Road. We also note that there will be removal of a mature tree and hedgeline shown on the Indicative Landscape Plans, Sheets 1 of 4 along the western boundary of the Long Road Sixth Form College. The removal of this mature vegetation will be extremely impactful on of the canopy cover quantum in the city as well as for ecology, biodiversity and landscape screening.

We require a detailed assessment, in the form of an Arboricultural Implications Assessment and Arboricultural Method Statement of vegetation to be removed on all sites temporary and permanent. The information must be shown on accurate scaled plans and include the temporary and permanent proposals overlaid onto accurate topographical survey information (including levels) of all areas of vegetation to be removed. All efforts must be made to retain the existing vegetation in an undamaged condition. The assessments will comply with BS 5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction.

Aside from correcting the factual error described above, I do not need to provide any further clarification of my answers. As I said in my answer to Ms Clutten, I have taken into account the visual impact of the loss of trees in my judgment that the proposals were in compliance with Local Plan Policy 71.

I have copied this email to the Applicant and I would be grateful if you could provide my email and the attachment to the Inspector.

Kind regards,

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