




Dear Tom

Please see below a selection of photographs taken from our property on the 9th and 19th August 2025.

Photograph 'A' 9 August 2025 , Photograph 'B' and Photograph 'C' both dated 19 August 2025 (below).

Show a large amount of earth spoil deposited beneath the canopy of the oak tree in Church Wood (protected by the TPO). This is located within the Root Protection Zone of the tree and it is contrary to BS: 5837: 2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction. Recommendations.

A mature oak like this tree will have at least a 15m Root Protection Zone (RPZ) and this will be increased to at least 20m if it's a veteran tree in an ancient woodland.

Photograph 'D' dated 9th August 2025.

Show the above oak tree plus a mature oak tree, possibly a veteran tree (located on our property, also within Church Wood).

Photograph 'E' dated 19 August 2025.

Shows how the two oak trees are approximately 8m apart. The earth spoil and tarmac waste therefore fall well within the RPZ of both mature trees.

Storing materials within the RPZ is contrary to the BS. Storing materials on the bare ground, without any ground protection, is also contrary to BS 5837: 2012. The top 150mm of the soil contains the dense area of fine tree roots that supply the tree with its nutrients. Damage to these roots (or the bark) by machinery, ground excavations/leaching of materials (from tarmac waste??) is an additional threat to the trees.

Photograph 'B' 19 August 2025 (below).

Shows how the bark at the base of the mature oak tree trunk has been damaged.

These photographs demonstrate that whatever may or may not have been stated in relation to this application and the previous application on the site nothing appears to have been learnt. The applicant intends to continue in the same manner going forward and the Church Wood and Crouchgreen ancient woodlands (located both within and outside the applicants site boundary) are at risk.

I therefore reiterate my request that this application is REFUSED.

Kind regards

PHOTOGRAPH 'A' 9 August 2025.



PHOTOGRAPH 'B' 19 August 2025.

Shows the same large spoil heap plus a heap of tarmac debris deposited beneath the canopy of the tree in Church Wood (protected by the TPO). The bark on the trunk of the tree has been damaged it appears in two places.



PHOTOGRAPH 'C' dated 19 August 2025

Shows the two heaps of spoil within the RPZ of the oak tree and nearby hornbeam trees.



PHOTOGRAPH 'D' dated 9 August 2025 (below)



PHOTOGRAPH 'E' dated 19 August 2025 (below)



