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Dear Briony

**20/00928/FULL Holly Cottage Whitmore Lane Ascot SL5 0NA**

**Replacement dwelling, following demolition of the existing dwelling and outbuildings.**

The Parish Council welcome the design of the dwelling and that it is in keeping with the locality.

This application follows the approval at Appeal of 18/02861 when the use of Holly Cottage as a separate independent dwelling from the adjacent Holly Dell was approved. Hence, whilst this is a separate plot there are strong historical ties to the original adjacent dwelling and plot. Both Holly Cottage and Holly Dell are situated within the Green Belt.

With that in mind the Parish Council seek clarification of the wording in the arboricultural report from GHA Trees Company, dated 14th April 2020.

There are a number of trees on this site and also on the adjoining Holly Dell site mentioned above. Under Section 6.1 of the arboricultural report it states that ‘**The proposed site layout allows for retention of all the trees on the site itself’.**The Parish Council were unsure why there was need to draw attention to the trees on the site in such a way and to differentiate them from trees off site?Further explanation and more unusual was what was written under Section 6.7 : ‘***The removal of the off site trees will in fact likely benefit the trees on this section of the boundary’.***

One conclusion therefore from the arboricultural report is that this replacement dwelling at Holly Cottage is conditional or enhanced by the removal of **off site** trees.

Appendix B of the arboricultural report then lists 10 off site trees that includes an A1 category lime tree and two A1 category cedar trees.

**The Parish Council therefore ask for clarification of the above and confirmation that no off site felling of any trees is required.**

Regards

Yvonne Jacklin and Michael Burn

Co-Chairs of Planning