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Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to Technical Note 2A by Ashley Helme Associates, in particular 6.2 Proposed Footway Improvements along Sun Hill.

6.2.5 AHA Drg No 1517/23/A shows how footway could be improved along Sun Hill. The HCC Consultation Response highlights that it may not be practical to implement all of the identified works on Drg No 1517/23/A due to impact on tree roots. This point is accepted by the applicant and a note on the drawing acknowledges that an arboricultural survey is required to determine the full extent of footway widening scheme.

6.2.6 While it is acknowledged that trees coincident with Property Nos 24-38 may affect the ability to widen the footway it may still be possible to secure some small-scale improvement, eg 300mm. Therefore, footway improvement along Sun Hill

Comment: 300mm is significant. See below an extract from SHA 1175 Ind Arb report 20 00744 OP Gladmans May 2020.

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These trees have not been surveyed as part of the Arboricultural Impact Assessment. Widening the footpath as shown on Figure 3 results in severing the main buttress roots. Not only would the ground need to be leveled with the pavement, but it would need to be dug down to enable Highway standard construction (for a footway, typically 450mm). This would lead to a total excavation of at least 800mm. This would certainly lead to major root severance on the road side, leading to loss of stability and the loss of the trees' ability to carry out normal physiological functions. They would need to be felled.



Photo 16 showing area to be widened (approximately) down to c.600- 800mm

Yours sincerely

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