



6 January 2026

FULL COUNCIL
Wednesday 7 January 2026

SUPPLEMENTARY PAPERS

5. Written representations from the public – *see attached correspondence received*
7. Planning Applications: – *see attached supplementary report from the tree warden*
 - A. EHDC-25-1395-FUL - The Queens Head, 20 London Road, Holybourne, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 4EG

5. Written representations from the public

Chris Chappell of Cycle Alton wishes to supplement their written representation on item 7C with the following three photographs. Chris Chappell requests to speak on this item.



Footway alongside A339



Basingstoke Road embankment



Narrow pavement B3349



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4th January 2026

Ms Hayley Carter
Deputy Clerk
Alton Town Council
Market Square
ALTON GU34 1HD

Dear Ms Carter,

Conservation Area Application

EHDC-25-1395-TCA

The Queens Head, Holybourne

As requested, I looked at the trees at the former Queens Head, Holybourne, which appears to be within the Anstey Conservation Area. The application is to develop the rear garden of The Queens Head and part of the car-park (on the left of the pub building as you look at it), for 8 dwellings.

BS 5837 ((British Standard for trees in relation to construction, updated 2012) outlines the information to be included in a full tree survey.. The application includes *Tree protection-24077-TPP-03. Location of trees, categorisation & protection/management proposals* from Barrell Tree Consultancy, itemising the trees on site.

The following will be felled "for development" - 4 groups of young trees (Ash, Holly, Sycamore, Laurel, Leyland cypress) mostly near the SW corner of the site, bordered by London Road; an Ash/Holly hedge on the the western boundary, with a footpath beyond; 4 trees, 2 x Ash, 2 x Sycamore. 2 x Ash will be felled "for management". The trees for felling are mainly near the SW corner, where the plan shows that 2 dwellings will be located. All the trees are graded C/low quality.

The only trees graded higher than C are T4 sycamore (B), T24 Holm Oak (A) and T26 & T27 Tree of Heaven (B). There grow outside the application boundary, but BS5837 stipulates a root protection area for category A & B, and the root protection areas extend onto the site.

There is no access to the long narrow garden behind the pub building (which is the subject of a separate application) as the back of the car-park and access to the garden is fenced off with metal mesh panels. I could see the trees near the SW corner, mostly young and mostly likely to be self-seeded, the tallest being a multi-stemmed Ash (T10) at 8.1m, at the relatively narrow access point to the rear garden,

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funnelled between the boundary and the pub building. T10 and nearby T9, also an Ash, are the trees to be felled “for management”.

While it is always a pity to lose healthy trees, particularly when they are softening the edges of the built environment, it appears that the plan with regard to on-site trees, abides by BS 5837. I could not find a mention of what replacement planting is planned, when the building work finishes.

Best regards,

Fiona Lapraik
Volunteer Tree Warden for The Alton Society & Alton Town Council

cc. Brian Good, The Alton Society