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I'm writing to comment on the above application for approval of hard & soft landscaping - Condition 7 of planning permission 2017/6969/P.

The landscaping proposals include retention of the rear garden coastal redwood (sequoia sempervirens) tree T4, and removal of the front garden pear tree T7.

T4 is the same species as the giant redwoods in California. It is already a very large tree at 15m height and 6m diameter - and could grow to twice or possibly three times this size. This needs to be managed to avoid structural damage and severe loss of daylight, and the master plan should include this.

T7 is to be removed to facilitate drain repairs, but the case for this isn't convincing - this is a great pity as it's a nice decorative tree in good condition and an important part of the street scene. The master plan should include for its retention.

Kind regards -