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I have reviewed the plans, most recently revised report, and response to prior comments. Enclosed are the most recent responses and history of comments. At this time I have no further comments on the report provided.

MEMORANDUM



 To:
 Richard Gessner
 Date:
 10/20/2025

 From:
 HMH
 Job No.:
 4185.10

Response to 4th round Surrey
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Review Letter

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Please see HMH Landscape October responses in GREEN below.





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HMH Response: Trees mentioned in comment are located within project boundary and called out in report and tagged for removal under numbers 566 and 569.

MCA: This item is currently unresolved. Ground observations of the tree locations do not appear to match was is indicated on the plans versus what is observed on site.

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HMH October Response: Please see the updated Landscape T-Sheets for lot 3 and the "Overall" for updated tree 566 and 569 tree locations. The 2 trees are now listed to remain and protect. This information is reflected in the updated Arborist report as well.

McClintock Landscape Horticultural Services used GPS to obtain the original tree locations as well as 3 specific known bench markers/monuments. All tree data for the Los Gatos project were gathered with iPads and iPhones running the ArborPro Software suite, enabling efficient real-time data entry and mapping. Each tree location was plotted directly onto the project's base map using integrated GPS functionality accurate within 1 meter. The location accuracy can change dramatically based on which base map is used, GPS location accuracy, and the quality of the base map image.

HMH's licensed Survey team directed Michael's team to use the 3 known benchmarks based on existing data per HMH's survey work located adjacent to the site, specifically at the cul-de-sac of Longmeadow Drive close to the project. The coordinates provided by Michael's team were inputted by the HMH survey team based on the 3 known benchmarks.

In some cases under heavy canopy coverage GPS coordinates can be offset by approximately 3 to 6 meters, which may explain any perceived discrepancies in this particular location. While such variance is a known limitation of GPS data collection, it has not previously presented an issue in past inventories to Michael Gladden's knowledge. Ariel views and data do reflect localized heavy canopy coverage in this portion of the site. We do believe that the discrepancy in the location of trees #566 and #569 are anomalies. Checks were performed, shifting the trees globally to observe alignment, which yielded results supporting the anomaly related to trees #566 and #569.





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- 3. Comment: Dead Trees marked for retention: Trees #393, #303, #353, #356, #358, #361, #370, #373, #376, #378, #379, #645, #640, #641, and #647 are labeled as to be in "Dead" condition but are listed as "Save" trees. It is possible to retain these dead trees for various reasons including wildlife habitat, if they don't pose an unreasonable risk to life or property.
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HMH October Response: Please see the updated Arborist report on page 9 with the requested information, including the categories listed in item 4 above.

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MCA: How many trees are indicated for removal and how many calculated replacements are required? How many replacements are shown on the plans?

HMH October Response: Listed on the "Overall" Landscape Plan T-Sheets ("Tree Mitigation Summary Table") and the updated Arborist report: 224 Trees are to be removed. 85 trees are proposed (40-24" box, 45-36" box). Required Trees: 439-24" box, 161-36" box.

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Completed: The plan set now contains the required Tree Preservation Instructions (Sheet T-1) sheet Sec. 29.10.1000. New property development. (c) (1) or a Landscape Plan indicating replanting information consistent with the Town of Los Gatos Tree Canopy Replacement Standard section Sec. 29.10.0985. Determination and conditions of permit. (1)(2) Table 3-1.

Observations to be Resolved, and Recommendations

Tree Data Sheets: The overall plan set needs to include the overall data sheets with all the trees, however for each individual lot only the trees on that lot and those directly adjacent that could be affected should be included. At this point each lot plan sheet includes the overall data sheet with all the trees.

Tree Tables on sheets 2.2 and T-1 need to be consistent with the same information, preferably as they appear on sheet 2.2. The T-1 sheet does not include critical information such as species, trunk diameter and other information as included in 2.2.

All plans require the tree numbers to be placed on those plans whether trees are to be removed or retained.

Appraisals: The appraisals need to be performed according to the 10th edition the Guide for Plant Appraisal Trunk Formula Technique. This has not been done correctly to date and trees are significantly under values with incorrect "Replacement Tree Sizes", "Replacement Cost" and unjustified "Functional" and "External Limitations". There is no consistency between the tree condition ratings within the report that use a 1-4 scale and the actual percentages required to perform the appraisal calculations.

Final Arborist Report: The arborist report from December of 2024 provided by McClintock has not been updated and only untethered supplements have been supplied. The final arborist report needs to be updated and housed in one document including the tree inventory, assessment, protection guidelines and specifications, appraisal data and results, expected impacts, and disposition of the trees.



Lot 1: Trees #1, #8, #11 and #41 are all four to six feet from a proposed newly constructed road, it does not appear these trees have any chance to survive construction of that infrastructure and al the other trees in the same trajectory are labeled as removals. Please explain how and why these trees will survive construction

There is nothing affecting Large protected tree #60 yet it is proposed for removal. Please indicate how this tree meets Town findings for removal since there are no construction or arboricultural reasons for removal

Lot 2: There does not appear to be anything affect trees #585 and #578. Please indicate how this tree meets Town findings for removal since there are no construction or arboricultural reasons for removal.

Tree #36 is not likely to survive construction impacts, please indicate how this tree will be protected throughout construction or label it for removal.

- **Lot 3:** Tree #569 does not appear to have any construction impacts around it causing its removal. Please indicate how this tree meets Town findings for removal since there are no construction or arboricultural reasons for removal.
- Lot 4: Both save trees on this site, #106 and #133, are atop retaining walls and will not survive construction. Please indicate how these trees will be protected throughout construction or label them for removal.
- **Lot 5:** There appears to be a tree adjacent to the driveway with no I.D. number. On the T-1 sheet it looks like it could be a replacement tree, however it also shows up on the grading plans. Please confirm this tree is present or not and if not it should not be on the grading plan.
- **Lot 6:** Tree #170 does not appear to have any construction impacts around it causing its removal. Please indicate how this tree meets Town findings for removal since there are no construction or arboricultural reasons for removal
- **Lot 7:** No remarks.
- **Lot 8:** No tree table on sheet 2.2, keep plan sets consistent with tree tables on the same sheets with the same data.

Trees #610, #622, and #616 do not appear to have any construction impacts around them causing removal. Please indicate how these trees meets Town findings for removal since there are no construction or arboricultural reasons for removal.



Lot 9: Trees #509, #510, #513, #514, #515, #517, #518, #521, #523, #524, #525, #528, #529, #530, #531, #534, #617, #620, #621, and #627 do not appear to have any construction impacts around them causing removal. Please indicate how these trees meets Town findings for removal since there are no construction or arboricultural reasons for removal.

Lot 10: No tree table on sheet 2.2, keep plan sets consistent with tree tables on the same sheets with the same data.

Trees #182, #183, #186, #188, #190, #192, #195, and #199 do not appear to have any construction impacts around them causing removal. Please indicate how these trees meets Town findings for removal since there are no construction or arboricultural reasons for removal.

Lots 11 and 12: No remarks.

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Re: Twin Oaks | Surrey Farms Arborist Review and Responses

HMH Response to Comments provided by Richard J. Gessner and Erin Walters.

Dear Team:

This letter is in response to plan check comments made on the document titled, "Arborists review" dated May 13, 2025. The HMH responses are in **Green** font below.

Sincerely,

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HMH Response: The following note has been added to page 3 of the updated Arborist report:

*Note: Grading and Planting Plans were reviewed as of June I, 2025. All reviewed plans appear typical and appropriate. However, the Project Arborist should be present during excavation activities within tree protection zones to ensure proper procedures are followed.

All detailed tree protection information, notes and details are on the "T" sheets within the Landscape Plans. Additionally, the following is stated for future prescriptive measures needed during the construction phase of the project:

(6) RETAIN THE SERVICES OF A CERTIFIED OR CONSULTING ARBORIST WHO SHALL SERVE AS THE PROJECT ARBORIST FOR PERIODIC MONITORING OF THE PROJECT SITE AND THE HEALTH OF THOSE TREES TO BE PRESERVED. THE PROJECT ARBORIST SHALL BE PRESENT WHENEVER ACTIVITIES OCCUR WHICH MAY POSE A POTENTIAL THREAT TO THE HEALTH OF THE TREES TO BE PRESERVED AND SHALL DOCUMENT ALL SITE VISITS.



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Completed: The plan set now contains the required Tree Preservation Instructions (Sheet T-1) sheet Sec. 29.10.1000. New property development. (c) (1) or a Landscape Plan indicating replanting information consistent with the Town of Los Gatos Tree Canopy Replacement Standard section Sec. 29.10.0985. Determination and conditions of permit. (1)(2) Table 3-1.

Observations to be Resolved, and Recommendations

Tree Data Sheets: The overall plan set needs to include the overall data sheets with all the trees, however for each individual lot only the trees on that lot and those directly adjacent that could be affected should be included. At this point each lot plan sheet includes the overall data sheet with all the trees.

HMH Response: The Landscape "T" sheets for each lot are updated to list the specific associated lot information extracted from the overall tree data.

Tree Tables on sheets 2.2 and T-1 need to be consistent with the same information, preferably as they appear on sheet 2.2. The T-1 sheet does not include critical information such as species, trunk diameter and other information as included in 2.2.

HMH Response: The Landscape "T" sheets for each lot are updated to list the specific associated lot critical information as listed/recommended above.

All plans require the tree numbers to be placed on those plans whether trees are to be removed or retained.

Appraisals: The appraisals need to be performed according to the 10th edition the Guide for Plant Appraisal Trunk Formula Technique. This has not been done correctly to date and trees are significantly under values with incorrect "Replacement Tree Sizes", "Replacement Cost" and unjustified "Functional" and "External Limitations". There is no consistency between the tree condition ratings within the report that use a 1-4 scale and the actual percentages required to perform the appraisal calculations.

HMH Response: The tree appraisals have been corrected. The formula has been updated to match the 10th edition Guide for Plant Appraisal. SelecTree was used for the approximate cross-sectional area for the LCANT. A methodology explanation was added to the end of the appraisals explaining what criteria was used in converting the ratings from the report to the appraisals.



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Final Arborist Report: The arborist report from December of 2024 provided by McClintock has not been updated and only untethered supplements have been supplied. The final arborist report needs to be updated and housed in one document including the tree inventory, assessment, protection guidelines and specifications, appraisal data and results, expected impacts, and disposition of the trees.

HMH Response: The Arborist report has been updated to contain the specific information as listed/recommended above.

Lot 1: Trees #1, #8, #11 and #41 are all four to six feet from a proposed newly constructed road, it does not appear these trees have any chance to survive construction of that infrastructure and al the other trees in the same trajectory are labeled as removals. Please explain how and why these trees will survive construction.

There is nothing affecting Large protected tree #60 yet it is proposed for removal. Please indicate how this tree meets Town findings for removal since there are no construction or arboricultural reasons for removal.

HMH Response: The listed trees have been re-evaluated for retention and disposition. Certain tree removals or associated thinning/pruning are associated with Hillside Development Guidelines for Fire Prevention. The disposition updates shown are:

Removed 1,8,11 Saved 60

Lot 2: There does not appear to be anything affect trees #585 and #578. Please indicate how this tree meets Town findings for removal since there are no construction or arboricultural reasons for removal.

Tree #36 is not likely to survive construction impacts, please indicate how this tree will be protected throughout construction or label it for removal.

HMH Response: The listed trees have been re-evaluated for retention and disposition. Certain tree removals or associated thinning/pruning are associated with Hillside Development Guidelines for Fire Prevention. The disposition updates shown are:

Saved 585, 578 Removed 36



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Lot 3: Tree #569 does not appear to have any construction impacts around it causing its removal. Please indicate how this tree meets Town findings for removal since there are no construction or arboricultural reasons for removal.

HMH Response: The listed trees have been re-evaluated for retention and disposition. Some trees are removed as related to utility easement conflicts with canopy and additional agency comments. The disposition updates shown are:

Removed 566

Lot 4: Both save trees on this site, #106 and #133, are atop retaining walls and will not survive construction. Please indicate how these trees will be protected throughout construction or label them for removal.

HMH Response: The listed trees have been re-evaluated for retention and disposition. Certain tree removals or associated thinning/pruning are associated with Hillside Development Guidelines for Fire Prevention. Additionally, some trees are removed as related to utility easement conflicts with canopy. The disposition updates shown are:

Removed 106, 133, 163

Lot 5: There appears to be a tree adjacent to the driveway with no I.D. number. On the T-1 sheet it looks like it could be a replacement tree, however it also shows up on the grading plans. Please confirm this tree is present or not and if not it should not be on the grading plan.

HMH Response: This tree is a proposed replacement tree and counted toward mitigation. It shall be removed from the grading plan. Tree 167 now shown for removal based on canopy conflicts with proposed utility easements and additional agency comments.

Lot 6: Tree #170 does not appear to have any construction impacts around it causing its removal. Please indicate how this tree meets Town findings for removal since there are no construction or arboricultural reasons for removal.

HMH Response: The listed trees have been re-evaluated for retention and disposition. Certain tree removals or associated thinning/pruning are associated with Hillside Development Guidelines for Fire Prevention. Additionally, some trees are removed as related to utility easement conflicts with canopy. The disposition updates shown are:

Removed 170, 171, 172

Lot 7: No remarks.



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Lot 8: No tree table on sheet 2.2, keep plan sets consistent with tree tables on the same sheets with the same data.

Trees #610, #622, and #616 do not appear to have any construction impacts around them causing removal. Please indicate how these trees meets Town findings for removal since there are no construction or arboricultural reasons for removal.

HMH Response: Sheet 2.2 data had to continue to 2.3 due to number of trees and site size. The listed trees have been re-evaluated for retention and disposition. Certain tree removals or associated thinning/pruning are associated with Hillside Development Guidelines for Fire Prevention. The disposition updates shown are:

Saved: 610, 622, 616, 624

Lot 9: Trees #509, #510, #513, #514, #515, #517, #518, #521, #523, #524, #525, #528, #529, #530, #531, #534, #617, #620, #621, and #627 do not appear to have any construction impacts around them causing removal. Please indicate how these trees meets Town findings for removal since there are no construction or arboricultural reasons for removal.

HMH Response: The listed trees have been re-evaluated for retention and disposition. Certain tree removals or associated thinning/pruning are associated with Hillside Development Guidelines for Fire Prevention. Additionally, some trees are removed as related to utility easement conflicts with canopy. The disposition updates shown are:

Saved 617, 620, 621, 627

Saved 500, 647 Removed 531, 530

Lot 10: No tree table on sheet 2.2, keep plan sets consistent with tree tables on the same sheets with the same data.

Trees #182, #183, #186, #188, #190, #192, #195, and #199 do not appear to have any construction impacts around them causing removal. Please indicate how these trees meets Town findings for removal since there are no construction or arboricultural reasons for removal.

HMH Response: The listed trees have been re-evaluated for retention and disposition. Certain tree removals or associated thinning/pruning are associated with Hillside Development Guidelines for Fire Prevention. The disposition updates shown are:

Saved 182, 184, 186, 186, 188 192

Saved 195, 199, 202

Removed 191



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Lots 11 and 12: No remarks.

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