ADVANCE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

26th May 2015

Agenda item 3

Application ref. 15/00235/FUL

The Huxley Building, Keele University

Since the preparation of the agenda a provisional Tree Preservation Order has been made on the tree referred to in the last paragraph of the Key Issues section of the agenda report. The University have advised that their wish to remove this tree is not due to the proposed realignment of the service road, as indicated in the officer report, but rather a consequence of underground services together with the final proximity of the tree to the proposed building (effectively touching on completion), and for this reason they had concluded that removal of this tree is a necessary consequence of this important development. The Landscape Development Section note that the Arboricultural Impact Assessment says that the tree does not need to be removed to fit the building in, and they suggest that servicing to the new extension can be designed to prevent damage to the tree and that there is scope for crown shaping of the tree to accommodate the development.

The period for public comments ends on the 5th June, not the 2nd June as indicated in the report, and the first line of recommendation A needs a minor adjustment to reflect this