

**Jane Tucker**

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**Subject:** FW: Consultation on planning application 3/2010/0421 School Lane Car Park, Gisburn Forest, Slaidburn

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**Subject:** RE: Consultation on planning application 3/2010/0421 School Lane Car Park, Gisburn Forest, Slaidburn

Hi Jane

The existing car park has a number of trees within and adjacent to it which may be affected by the car park works. Consequently I recommend that an Arboricultural Implications Assessment is undertaken to determine whether there would be any adverse impacts. This study should be undertaken following the guidance provided in *BS5837 Trees in relation to construction - Recommendations*.

The applicant's School Lane Car Park Proposal drawing does not show the existing trees so it is not possible to confirm with certainty what likely impacts there would be on existing trees.

The applicant proposes a substantial increase in the number of car parking spaces: from 5 to 48. This could, if not adequately mitigated, result in significant landscape and visual impacts which would be unacceptable given the location within an AONB. I strongly recommend that the scheme be revised so that belts of native shrub mitigation planting are provided along the south west and south eastern boundaries.

Regards

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