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Sally Bentz  
Atherton Town Arborist  
80 Fair Oaks Ln.  
Atherton, CA 94027

RE: Building Permit BP24-00491, Planning Commission Tree Protection Zone  
Exemption request

Dear Sally,

Thank you for your responses. In support of the Town's objectives, The Davey Tree Expert Company is providing you with this letter regarding your requests for 60 Middlefield Rd. in Atherton to help make informed decisions regarding the trees within the limits of disturbance.

I completed a site visit on May 20, 2024, and have reviewed the attached Tree Protection Plan. I approve with these additional notes:

- The pickleball court encroaches on the Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) of the Oak. Impact is expected to be low, as less than 25% of the roots are expected to be disturbed.
- No work within the TPZ shall occur without the on-site supervision and approval of an ISA Certified Arborist. Roots greater than 2in. shall be retained and protected unless approved for pruning by the on-site ISA Certified Arborist.
- Any exposed roots shall be covered with a burlap sack and dampened regularly (dependent on local weather conditions).
- Fence posts should use pier block. Avoid post or stakes which may damage the root zone.
- TPZ fencing should be in place before any equipment is on-site.
- No construction chemicals or paint should be released into landscaped areas, as these can be toxic to trees and contaminate the soil.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like more information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

Katelyn Obana  
ISA Certified Arborist #WE-13422A  
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The Davey Tree Expert Company

## **PHOTOS**



**Photo 1. Tree #1 was previously permitted & removed. Tree #2 is to be protected during demolition of the accessory structure and construction of the pickleball court.**