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Afternoon David,

Further to our call on Friday, I have received the following information on the trees from PRC. Is this sufficient in response to your queries?

We have ensured that the loss of existing trees is replaced in greater numbers in order to sufficiently regain the visual impact and loss of biodiversity over time. A small number of trees will be removed to facilitate the proposed development, although as part of the overall treescape on and adjacent to the Site, these limited removals are not considered to be significant.

We are removing the Norway Maple species in the first instance to facilitate the development. However, they are also fast, large-growing trees. Grows to a height of 15-20m with a 12-15m spread and because of this it is generally not considered an urban tree. Additionally, the shallow, fibrous root system and dense shade of Norway maple make it virtually impossible for grass to grow under the tree, and the aggressive roots frequently girdle even the parent tree, ultimately choking itself to death, making it a poor tree choice. Norway maples are non-native invasive trees that threaten native maples because of their sun-blocking foliage.

We have specified Ulmus 'New Horizon' through a relatively recent introduction grown for resistance to Dutch Elm Disease, it is proving very promising. Likely to achieve a height of 16-20m with an 8-10m spread.

Defra pest and disease index Regulations are in place for checking imports into GB to prevent the introduction of the destructive pathogen Candidatus Phytoplasma ulmi otherwise known as 'Elm Yellows' or 'Elm Phloem Necrosis'. That aside, this is a relatively new Dutch Elm Resistant clone and although it appears not to have been affected to date, limited planting is recommended. Out of the 67no Trees we have planted 8no.

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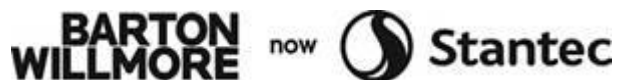
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