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Subject: RE: APP/18/0071 - Landscaping comments

Hello Rachel,

Having reviewed the amended documents I have the following comments:

- The proposed *Betula pendula*'s on the western boundary appear to be planted within the hard surfacing, which in itself is not an issue. We would recommend to condition the soft landscaping which will need to include tree pit detailing for all trees on site to ensure the success of the tree planting.
- It is unclear as to whether the bund to the north of the site is still proposed. On the block plan the revision notes states '*74m long soakaway proposed at butt of bund for keeping hedge/trees watered.*' However the proposed elevations showing plant & screening drawing no. 1802.08B has omitted the bund from the illustration. Further clarification on this is required. Furthermore what is the rational for the bund? We have concerns that the build-up of topsoil will cause compaction on the root systems on the existing trees and as such should be omitted from the development. As such the bund needs to be omitted.
- We would want to see tree planting along the southern boundary to help soften the views onto the development and break up the continuous line of car parking. Planting within the 8m easement zone is regulated and would require permission from the EA, however we feel that tree planting is necessary to help mitigate the excessive building height.

Kind regards,

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