

From a landscape perspective we have the following comments in relation to the revised plans:

- The site plan – drawing number 3671-02U indicates additional tree planting within the existing hedgerow to the north of the site. Whilst we are pleased that additional tree planting to the north is included to soften views into the site we need the planting plan updated to include this additional tree planting as no specification has been given. A tree with a spreading/round tree form would offer more screening in comparison to a fastigiated/open form tree and this should be reflected in the specification.
- The proposed screening planting to the south of the site indicates Silver Birch *Betula pendula*, whilst this is a native species a larger species such as English oak *Quercus robur* is preferred as its form will create a better screening for the housing to the south and will also replaced the loss of the Oaks that were previously present in that location.

The specification of *Betula pendula* is not deemed appropriate boundary screening as the mitigation measures in the LVIA state;

‘Consider additional native specimen tree planting, to match existing species where possible, for example Quercus robur, Acer campestre or Carpinus betulus as identified in the tree survey (Ref. JSL2697_750). In particular, along the boundary abutting the A3023 Manor Road. This will help to filter views from a local level and lessen the visual impact of the proposals, while maintaining views to the store, particular off the Manor / Church Road roundabout approaching from the east.’

- The location for the cycle storage is deemed inappropriate, the 3 parking bays to the west accompanied with the surrounding vegetation will create a screen that could encourage potential bike theft and this could deter people from cycling to the proposed shop, which is contrary to Havant borough councils sustainable transport strategy.

Best regards,

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