

Planning Officer: Mr D Eaves
Planning Application Ref: APP/17/01202
Location: The Curlew, Petersfield Road, Havant PO9 2HU
Description of works: Reserved matters app. For landscaping – Outline Perm Granted APP/17/00369

Comments On Application:

- This site has been assessed to be suitable for redevelopment and has been granted outline approval.
- There are trees on the site but none are deemed suitable trees to TPO and in any event the best of them are shown to be retained on an area of open space to the west side of the main development block.
- Condition 4 covers the issue of protective fencing around these retained trees so they will be respected during the build process.

Conclusions:

- They have chosen to plant 7 Fastigate Field Maples *Acer campestre* 'Streetwise' directly in front of the flats and only a few metres from same.
- These trees are upright in growth habit but still have some broadness at the base and will soon close the gaps and make a continuous green screen across the frontage – thus they will be under pressure from day one to be 'pruned or felled'.

Recommendations:

- The better option would be to stick with the plant species selected but to plant less of them so that there are gaps between their crowns at maturity.
- I also suggest that they focus on planting some larger and more diverse tree species in the open space area - because what is there now has less than 10 years life expectancy so their demise needs to be catered for.

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