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Dear Mr Belcher

**RE: 8 LANGSTONE ROAD, HAVANT PO9 1RE  
PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT**

I note the requirements from Havant Borough Council for more information relating to tree planting and their points are addressed below.

## **1 The proposal**

- 1.1 **Development:** The consented development of two residential dwellings shows a shared access to Langstone Road, with the parking for each unit across the dwelling frontages and running to detached garages at the north and south ends of the frontages. On each side of the central access is a small area of open ground. To the south this accommodates trees shown to be retained. To the north this is proposed as the location of tree replacement planting.

## **2 Trees**

- 2.1 **Tree replacement planting - site:** The trees T1999 and T1998 as originally shown on the AIALS plan are not present. There is space in their place for two replacements. One (T2 on the attached plan) could be a small ornamental

species planted at standard size to the north of the available space on the frontage. This would be a comparatively small tree e.g. a narrow-crowned form of flowering pear (*Pyrus calleryana* 'Chanticleer'), cherry (e.g. *Prunus x hillieri* 'Spire') and hawthorn (e.g. *Crataegus laevigata* 'Pauls Scarlet') to take account of the proximity to the lime in the highway verge. The other tree (T1 on the attached plan) would be a birch or field maple of extra heavy standard (14-16cm stem diameter) size at planting. . Location, species, size at planting and timing of planting would normally be subject to the submission of details to the Local Planning Authority and their approval in writing.

- 2.2 **Tree replacement planting locations:** The tree locations are shown on the annotated HRP drawing 8299-30 dated 02-14, attached as my plan AC3.
- 2.3 **Tree planting details:** Planting pits shall be prepared in advance of the arrival of the trees. The size of the pits shall depend on the rootball, but as a guide the pits will normally be 1800mm square and 900mm deep. The bottom of the pits shall be forked over to a depth of 300mm. The sides of the pits will require light forking so that the surface wall is left rough and crumbly. Once the trees arrive, final adjustments can be made, making sure that the depth is correct and the rootballs have a minimum 600mm gap around the edge for backfilling material. The trees shall be lowered and maneuvered carefully into the centres of the pits making minor adjustments to ensure that the trees stand upright and the rootballs have the correct height-relationship to the surrounding ground level. When the wrappings (if rootballed) have been removed, backfilling shall commence with the previously excavated material incorporating a non-bulky organic fertiliser e.g. Bonemeal at the rate of 2kg/m<sup>3</sup>. Backfilling should proceed in 150mm layers, each layer then being firmed in and consolidated to remove air pockets. The newly planted trees shall be watered slowly to moisten the rootball thoroughly. Trees shall be secured using short stakes through the root ball. The stakes should be of preservative treated timber driven through the rootball into the undisturbed soil at the bottom of the planting pit and protruding above ground level by no more than 0.5m at a distance of no more than 15cm from the trunk of the tree. The trees shall be secured to the stakes with a plastic adjustable tree tie attached securely to the top of the stake and buckled to the tree trunk.
- 2.4 **Post planting maintenance:** The area surrounding each new tree shall be covered with a 100 mm depth of woodchip mulch. The surface of the planting pits shall be kept weed free on an annual basis until successful establishment. Watering shall be carried out as weather circumstances require or in accordance with Havant Borough Council's reasonable

requirements. All failures should be replaced and the woodchip mulch topped up as appropriate.

The details given in this letter show that in respect of the proposed replacement planting, the appropriate conditions can be complied with and the reasons for the Conditions met. For this reason, the proposals should be acceptable to the Council in tree terms.

Please call me if you would like to discuss any of these points.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Fulcher', written in a cursive style.

Jonathan Fulcher **DipArb FArborA**

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