

Landscape Architect Response

Application No. APP.13.01206

Development: 42 Bedhampton Hill

Case Officer: H Lealan

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There is a conflict between the Barrell tree care plan (which shows tree proposals as well as removal, and the landscape plan submitted by pGP. They are both dates October, so it is not clear whose plan takes precedent.

The Barrell plan appear sto show a specimen tree at the frontage, but PGP does not. A specimen tree would be approved here, subject to species. The PGP plan shows a 'planter' is this to be a rasied bed style planter with brick edging or ground level bed?

The PGP and Barrell plan together show intentions for the internal courtyard area which the conservation officer had given brief comments on. However, it is my opinion that with the addition of the patio areas shown on the PGP plan- that the area is very fragmented with small –fairly pointless-sections of grass. Asan example to the eastern side of plot 1in the southern corner there is a tiny patch between the patios-if separation is required consider use of shrubs not grass.

If the high quality of the existing building is to be replicated with the new lodges I feel that the interior landscaping should also reflect the same high quality environment- and it is not communicated with the current plan.

With the small patios for the residents use, perhaps more sensory planting could be included to fill spaces rather than small useless patches of grass.

Again a planter is labelled on PGP's plan-is this to be raised-if so will a matching brick be used-please supply details and consider a coping detail to suit the surroundings. Sensory shrubs can be used here also.

The Barrell plan proposes 4no. Lyquidamber syraciflua in a line – I feel that these trees- which can reach an 8 metre canopy each - will outgrow their space in such a dense planting pattern as this and will be subject to severe pruning or felling in the future. One or two large specimen trees or a row of smaller trees with merit would be more appropriate. Additionally with trees of this size grass will not flourish unless a shade tolerant variety is sourced, or if a shade tolerant ground cover pant is used instead to limit the amount of maintenance required here.

The Barrell plan also noted trees for the central area to be taxus baccata fastigiata, malus and magnolia. What is required is one plan with specific proposed trees annotated and a full list of the shrubs and numbers for each planting area provided. An establishment and management plan should also be provided.

Oner plan needs to be provided

The Havant Landscape Character Assessment can be found at

<http://www-old.havant.gov.uk/havant-7364>

See the Hampshire Landscape checklist :

<http://www.hiow.gov.uk/offnet/hlg/47340%20Oce%20Checklist.pdf>

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