

Good afternoon Sally,

I outline my landscape comments below for your attention. Please don't hesitate to call if you should have any queries.

Landscape comments regarding APP/14/01296 Plot 3, Harts Farm Way

In reviewing documents submitted for the above application, documents previously submitted for associated applications APP/10/00737, APP/13/00592 and APP/13/00911 have been reviewed, as well as, the Havant Borough Design Guide (4. Endeavour Business Park and Environs – Langstone).

<http://www.havant.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/Appendix%20Areas%20%20and%20%20Havant%20and%20Leigh%20Park1.pdf>

i) Reserved matters – (C)

The submitted planting proposals do not provide sufficient screen planting to the road frontage, they do not reasonably compensate for proposed loss of existing trees and there is no correspondence with planting proposals already approved for Plot 1.

The following adjustments would be deemed more appropriate:

- Additional trees (native Alder and Rowan) to include additional species (e.g. native Birch and Field Maple) along the site perimeter and within the larger grassed central island area.
- Omit narrow grass strips adjacent large areas of gravel (difficult to maintain and little biodiversity benefit) in lieu of mixed native hedge planting with groundcover shrub planting.
- Substitute *Pittosporum tenuifolium* for more appropriate species in this location.
- Substitute the 'Xanthocarpa' cultivar for native *Sorbus aucuparia*.
- Substitute *Crataegus monogyna* trees for alternatives and include instead within native hedge planting mix.

Further proposals regarding proposed planting and landscape maintenance operations are also required.

It may be appropriate to seek advice from a Landscape Architect or Designer to assist further with appropriate species selection and specification notes.

ii) Other matters – (i)

Insufficient information is provided in connection with existing trees on site. An accurate tree survey plan is required to show the position, type, spread of all existing trees in site, together with a schedule detailing the size and physical condition of each tree and any proposed tree works.

By way of example, the application for Plot 1 (APP/13/00911) included an Arboricultural Impact Appraisal with associated Tree Protection Plan.

The existing trees contribute a substantial screen along the Harts Farm Way frontage - hence tree survey (as described above) with overlaid highway visibility splays is required to provide appropriate justification for removal.

Any tree works should also be timed appropriately to avoid disturbance to protected species (bats and nesting birds).

Kind Regards,

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