

Landscape Architect Response

Application No. APP.14.000232

Site Address: Development site at Portsdown Hill, west of Glebe Park Avenue and north of Bedhampton Hill, Havant

Proposed Development: bed, 21No. 4 bed, 10No. 3 bed and 6No. 2 bed houses, with associated access from Bedhampton Hill, landscaping and ancillary works.

Case Officer: S.Smith

Comments by: L. Gilbertson

Date of Comments: March 31st 2014

Observation/ Comments:

LVIA: Comprehensive LVIA

Dwarf spurge re-seeding: I have referred the Dwarf Spurge relocation details to HBIC for comment.

Planting: The planting plan provided does appear to correspond to the LVIA's mitigation recommendations. The overall structure meets the needs of the site and will improve as planting matures.

My main observations are that the Quercus Robur Avenue planting shows trees fairly close together, which could be a potential future pruning pressure issue – whilst we require a good landscape structure we do not wish to overcrowd spaces with large specimen trees. I would recommend deleting a small number to ensure good spacing in the future.

What is the purpose of the 'banking' along the avenues? It does not seem necessary. Site spoil should not be used to create banks and keeping these 'open spaces' open and accessible at suitable points is preferable.

Trees shown within gardens would be better kept closer to boundaries if possible but away from retaining wall structures and should be placed so as to reduce shading where possible over neighbouring (often smaller) gardens – consider the topography and species used here to create landscape structure without creating a future pruning/removal issues please.

There is still little softening of the area south of plots 18-21 and 14-17– please consider if a few smaller trees could be implemented – perhaps small area rear of plot 21's garages- - and/or on plot 14 and 18 also if topography allows.

Details of the species of all plants proposed will be required along with plant numbers for all planting as per the Hampshire Landscape checklist.
A maintenance programme for the site will also be required.

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>

