

Landscape Architect Response

Application No. APP.14.000024

Site Address: Waterloo Leisure Centre, Waterberry Drive, Waterloo, PO7 7UW

Proposed Development: Outline Application for construction of a new Sports Hall.

Case Officer: A Wright

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The LCA references the Brambles estate in LCA 4 as follows:

o Bands of trees (some mature oaks) and areas of grassland are a characteristic of the business area to the south of the B2150, compared to a virtually treeless character of the business park to the north of the B2150 and A3

Biodiversity

o Much of the area is urban with habitats confined to small patches. Narrow remnant strips of broadleaved, ancient semi-natural woodland are found on towards the centre of the area

Landscape and built form strategy and guidelines

The landscape strategy is to **restore** and **enhance** the local character. The following guidelines apply:

Land management

Maintain and improve the band of tree and shrub planting along the eastern edge of the Business Park adjacent the B2150 to provide a screen and a setting for the buildings

Built form and development

o Propose landscape framework for Brambles Farm Industrial Area and the Retail Park to provide an unified identity.

See Previous comments for APP 14.000023:

Changes to the landscape arising from the proposal:

Loss of existing vegetation adj. car park & loss of central vegetation at rear adj. road.

The existing trees and vegetation are of relatively low quality however they serve to create a section of green space and space around the existing buildings.

The building creates another large mass adjacent existing (& proposed) large scale building-could the infill effect be reduced?

Further infill of last areas of open space with large block building. Landscaping will not only help break up the massing effect but re-contribute where vegetation has been lost.

I would prefer to see some supplementary landscaping to help break up the mass of the building and to improve the edges and boundary areas. This would also echo the ecology reports suggestions for contributions where vegetation has been lost.
More details required to address these points.

Details provided on a plan should be as per the Hampshire landscape checklist – species, species size etc...

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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