

LANDSCAPE COMMENTS SHEET

Application No. : APP/12/01222

Development: Manor Farm and Copseys Nursery

Case Officer: Aaron Wright

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Landscape Comments:

The Havant Borough Gaps Review 2012 supports development of this site subject to provision of a strong landscape buffer along the eastern boundary. The proposed native hedge planting around the eastern boundary is approved but some of the other species should be changed:

- *Prunus avium* Plena and *Sorbus aria* Lutescens are ornamental tree species which are not appropriate to the open space adjacent to farmland therefore I recommend that they are replaced with the native *Prunus avium* and *Sorbus aucuparia*.
- *Fraxinus excelsior* is not recommended for planting due to Ash Dieback disease therefore ash should be replaced with *Quercus robur* - oak.
- the ornamental shrub bed between the housing and the open space in the vicinity of the trim trail play area is not in keeping with the native planting proposed for the open space. If overlooking by the houses is required for informal supervision of the play area, it would be better to omit the shrubbery and include some native specimen shrubs instead of ornamental shrubs - eg replace *Philadelphus*, *Spiraea* and *Weigela* with *Cornus sanguinea*, *Euonymus europaeus* and *Viburnum opulus*. There should be a continuous line of native trees and specimen shrubs, with partial overlooking available under the tree canopies.

Other comments are:

- Lighting is not appropriate for the edge of the open space as night use is not encouraged.
- Post and rail fence should not be necessary around the small pond and it will be an obstruction to grass maintenance.

The Landscape Checklist is downloadable at <http://www.havant.gov.uk/havant-8940> if you require more information.