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Proposed Building Conversion at 54 Stockheath Road, Havant.

Your Ref: PO00000934

Dear Robert,

Thank you for your instruction in respect of the proposed building conversion at 54 Stockheath Road. Whereas previously as a concept the trees on the site had been suggested for retention, with the full study of the proposal they are now to be removed and a new planting scheme is to be implemented that is commensurate and sustainable for the benefit of the facility.

My previously issued existing site plan remains current and I have attached it at Appendix A. As I explain below the proposed site plan will show much the same building footprint, and the planting will be predominantly peripheral.

In respect of replacement planting, given the specific occupancy usage of the building generally good internal light availability is a positive factor to avoid any sense of confinement. However other rooms may require privacy screening. Whereas I have not carried out a BNG calculation, the use of indigenous tree and shrub species should be predominant, with tree placement to provide the necessary degree of screening to each building facet and fenestration without becoming in any way "oppressive". Trees will be useful where specific screening is necessary.

The number of true indigenous species in the UK is only 37 (one of which is the Strawberry Tree which only grows wild on the north coast of Northern Ireland), but there are numerous cultivars of modest fully-grown size potential which would be appropriate, and can be used to good advantage. As just one example is the fastigate native field maple, which as its name suggests has a compact and narrow crown form, rarely exceeding 10 metres in height.

To seek advice about such trees and shrubs I would recommend talking to Hilliers, and Barchams (01403210113 and 01353 720748 respectively) for suitable native cultivars. I can provide advice but in these circumstances they will be able to indicate the full range of suitable species with projected mature heights (shrubs can be more readily pruned). However, please contact me if you have any queries

Regards,

Jim Quaife

Attachment: Appendix A, existing site plan (one page A3)

Site Plan - Existing Layout with subject trees



Scale 1:250 approximately @ A3

6th October 2024

Schedule of Trees

All un-named trees are Lawson cypresses - all to be removed

H1 - H7 trees to 8-9m

H8 10 trees to 7m

T9 cherry laurel to 4m

T10 cherry laurel to 4m

T11 cherry laurel to 4m

T12 tree to 9m

T12-15 trees to 9m

T16 tree to 7m poor condition

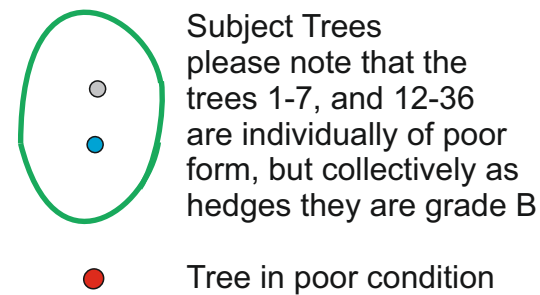
T17-25 trees to 9m

T26 tree to 9m - dead co-dominant stem

T27-36 trees to 9m

T37 tree to 9m - previous pruning with dead foliage

T38 tree to 5m



BS 5837:2012 Tree Categories

- U Tree that should be removed
- A Tree that is highly desirable for retention
- B Tree that is desirable for retention
- C Tree of no particular merit, could be retained

Please note that these grades are a requirement of BS5837 and that all the trees are to be removed

The proposed new planting is to be of peripheral trees and shrubs of largely indigenous species. The BGN value of the Lawson cypresses is very low being, seasonal occasional bird nesting only, and the proposed planting will be of much greater habitat value.

