

Hi Denise,

The hedge was to act as screening to block the view of the rather large fencing which in my opinion is detrimental to the character of the open space of the plaza (rather than a BNG intervention). Furthermore the hedge would act as a physical barrier to separate the publicly accessible walk way around the plaza and the play space as I have safeguarding concerns with how publicly accessible the play area will be.

I do not agree with the principal of leaving the grass to be unmown in the play area will be a valuable BNG asset as the nature of its use (children running around and playing) will cause vegetation damage, soil compaction, impact on invertebrates, habitat homogenization.

Kind regards,

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