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Date: 9th October 2012
To: Planning
Cc: -
From: Miriam Hill
Subject: S6/2012/1635/FP – Twelve Apostles Church Kentish Lane Brookmans Park
Retention of Change of Use of land to create extension to existing car park and associated landscaping

I have reviewed the proposal for the above site and refer to drawing number 03a and 4 and the Arboricultural Report dated October 2012 ref 250616-CD-51b.

The landscape drawings show the area adjacent to Woodfield Lane planted as an informal shrubbery with trees, using native species. This will supplement the existing vegetation and trees. The majority of the roadside boundary will be planted as a holly hedge. This will produce a dense screen if kept clipped on a cyclical basis. The remaining area will be planted with a mixture of shrubs and trees. The trees are native and commonly found locally. The shrubs are native, low maintenance, ornamentals which will benefit wildlife and produce a good informal screen. If left to grow they can attain heights of 3m or more.

Around the periphery of the site, adjoining the fields, oak, ash and field maple will be planted to grow as trees. These are all species of trees commonly found in hedgerows in the area.

The area to be planted has had recent cultivation. The soil levels within the car park are

artificially low. It is suggested that a small amount of land re-profiling be undertaken with some 'spare' soil which is currently being stored on site. The planting area does have existing trees whose roots could be affected by soil level changes. Following on site discussion, a method statement (section 5 of the Arboricultural Report) has been included. This confirms that there will be on-site supervision during works and the depth of new soil under the crowns will be a cosmetic depth of 5cm. This is a reasonable approach for this location.

The method statement referring to planting (sections 7 and 8) are sufficient for this location.

The management plan for the planting (section 9 and 10) are sufficient for this site.

Overall I have no objections to this application. If you need anything further then please contact me.