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From: Oliver Waring Sent: 13 June 2019 16:52 To: Elizabeth Aston <e.aston@welhat.gov.uk> Subject: 6/2019/0882/Outline

Hi Liz,

I have taken a look at the above application with regard to its impact in the landscape the proposed landscaping within the site. The key points are as follows:

- An arboricultural report has been provided with the application (by David Clarke Charted Landscape Architect and Consultant Arboriculturist Limited). Within the report there is an assessment of the trees in accordance with BS:5837:2012, this assessment is considered a fair appraisal of the trees and their condition.
- Within the site itself there is little vegetation and what is there is of low quality. There is no objection to the removal of the vegetation within the site to facilitate the development.
- The vegetation along the front of the site provides a useful screen to and from site. The proposal show the loss of a line of conifers to be replace with native hedging. Although the line of conifers are in declining condition the complete removal of the trees will expose the site. The proposed native planting will provide a screen over time but is unlikely to reach the same heights of the conifers. It is recommend that further consideration is given as to how to achieve or retain the screen.
- Within the tree report there is an Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) which sets out how the retained trees are to be protected. The tree protection proposals with AMS are considered an robust and should be adhered to if the application gets approved.

• The landscape proposals shown on the Landscape Master plan are promising. Going forward further detail will be required but could be achieve through conditions (this will included species ,numbers/densities, planting methods and aftercare).

In general there is no significant concerns from a landscape point of view, however consideration should be given to the vegetation that screens the site from the main road.

I trust the above is of help. If you have any further queries let me know.

Kind regards,

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