Consultee Comment for planning application 6/2016/1067/FULL

Application Number	6/2016/1067/FULL
Location	Oshwal Centre, Coopers Lane Road, Northaw, Potters Bar, EN6 4DG
Proposal	Erection of storage building following demolition of existing structures
Case Officer	Mr S Dicocco
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Comments	I have been asked to comment specifically on the following ? Landscaping is proposed and required to mitigate the impacts on the setting of the listed building as well as the residential amenity of the occupiers of adjoining premises. Could you please provide comments in relation to a relevant condition, or potential species which would be appropriate?? The area to the rear of the proposed building is very small. Currently there is a tall conifer hedge or set of trees along the boundary. This would act as a fairly good screen between the proposed building and the existing residential properties to the north east. There are no tree protection plans or statements with the application and it is not clear to me if these are being retained or removed. It will be very hard to establish any significant planting in this little area. The ground will be very dry from the surrounding vegetation and the amount of available light will be very low. The best option is to make every effort to not damage the above or below ground parts of the existing surround vegetation. There is some indicative green vegetation symbol to the front of the proposed building, by the manoeuvring area on the ? existing and proposed plans and allocations? ref 6842-29-P2. This could easily be a low maintenance shrubbery with a small number of parkland trees set into the lawn at final spacing. The shrubbery could be something more inventive and glamorous (but slightly higher maintenance) such as espalier trained apple trees on a quality frame with herb bed for additional interest. Provided the applicant commits to a scheme, this could be submitted by a condition. The commitment should specify the number of parkland trees which are to be planted and the style and minimum dimensions and location of the shrubbery bed. If the applicant does decide to provide something such as an espalier frame, the style and materials of this would have to be approved too. Miriam Hill Tree Officer
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