

MEMORANDUM

From:	Catherine Brimble Senior Landscape Officer		
Service	SDL Landscape and Trees	App No:	251981
Address:	Linear Park Phase 3a, Arborfield Garrison & Adjoining Land, Arborfield, Reading.		
Proposal:	Application for the approval of reserved matters pursuant to outline planning permission O/2014/2280 (140977) dated 02/04/2015. The Reserved Matters comprise details of the erection of the Linear Park Phase 3A of the wider site, together with associated landscaping, a substation and an attenuation pond. Details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale to be considered.		
Type of Development:	Minor All other developments		
Site Visit Made:	Yes/No		

Summary Of Recommendations

- ☐ No comment
- ☐ No objection
- ☐ No objection subject to conditions (and reasons) **stated below**
- ☒ Request further information before determination as **stated below**
- ☐ Objection due to the reason(s) **stated below**

Comments On Proposal

Revised and additional information has been submitted for this application, and details are provided in the covering letter from CC Town Planning dated 21st May.

Sufficient changes have been made to the scheme to address my previous comments and therefore I no longer object to the landscape design principles of this phase of the Linear Park.

I have a few comments on the detailed landscape scheme and specification where additional or amended information will need to be provided. These are as follows:

1. I suggest Buxus sempervirens (Box) is not used in the planting mix around the sub-station as it is prone to a number of pests and diseases including Box Moth/Caterpillar which if left untreated can cause extensive defoliation. I suggest an alternative evergreen shrub species is used instead.
2. Tree pit details are shown for what I assume to be a standard tree as the details are also given in the Soft Planting Specification, however the size of trees specified in the Planting Schedule are Heavy Standard and Semi-Mature. Therefore, tree pit details including staking are required to be shown

and detailed in the specification for both these sizes of tree. I would assume that the Semi-Mature trees are likely to require underground guying.

3. Watering is detailed in paragraph 9.3 of the Soft Planting Specification regarding the initial maintenance period. Due to the very hot and dry springs and summers we are now experiencing it will be important for regular watering of the trees during the first year after planting to aid establishment. Therefore, it is important to include a requirement to water twice weekly all trees during April to September. The amount in litres per tree per visit will also need to be provided. The specification will need to be amended to include this additional information.

We will need to understand the existing and proposed ground levels in relation to the park, footpath and basin and how these relate to the adjacent highway levels. These details will need to be provided.

Conditions & Reasons (if required)

A landscape compliance condition will need to be included once we have received the additional information requested above.

Date:	29 th May 2026	Signed:	C. Brimble
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