

MEMORANDUM

From:	Brigitte Crafer Landscape Architect		
Service	WBC Landscape and Trees	App No:	251129
Address:	Sonning Golf Club, Duffield Road, Woodley, Wokingham, RG4 6GJ.		
Proposal:	Application to vary condition 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of consent 200951 for the approval of reserved matters pursuant to outline planning consent 161529 for the erection of 13 dwellings with associated highway works, public open space and landscaping. Details of Layout, Appearance, Landscaping and Scale to be determined. Condition 2 refers to approved details, 3 to materials, 4 to drainage details, 5 to highway construction details, 6 to electric vehicle charging. Variation is to allow changes to car parking and garages, change of wording of condition 3, 4, 5, 6 to allow changes caused by the alterations to the proposed layout.		
Type of Development:	Major Dwellings (10+)		
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

Ascot Design External Works – Planting Plan – Drawing Reference 25-J4742 P1 1.7.25 – Is this the same drawing the is referred to in the Decision Notice and Condition Landscape Maintenance Plan or is it (TGD Planting Plan – Drawing No. 220-0101?).

Instant hedging includes *Prunus laurocerasus* (Cherry laurel) which has toxic berries poisonous to animals, is very fast growing and needs cutting 2-3 times a year. It is an exotic plant that spreads exponentially in the wild. Please select another instant hedge.

Laurus nobilis – Bay is another plant that grows very fast and requires trimming several times a year once established. I suggest an alternative instant hedge.

For example Escallonia is a flowering evergreen plant with shiny leaves that makes a good hedge as is Grisilenia littoralis, Ligustrum vulgare is a native evergreen that is easy and less onerous to manage than Laurel hedges. Yew is also a good hedging plant.

Fagus sylvatica (Beech hedge) green or purple beech retains the seasons dead leaves over the winter, is easy to maintain and not invasive.

Please make sure that fast growing Laurel is not used in this scheme.

The Planting Plan is not clear enough to read what type of hedging is proposed e.g. on key is states that green background with diamond hatch is an evergreen hedge – however referring to the drawing it states the hedge is of native evergreen and deciduous. The pale green quare beneath this on the key is also Evergreen Hedge – please provide clarity.

For enhancement of areas of cleared scrub please refer to Native Planting – Mix A

When referring in General Notes to BS5837:2012 it would be useful to state As per approved Tree Protection Plan _____

There is no mention of permeable gravel boards for free movement of hedgehogs – please ensure that these are in place and labelled on the Planting Plan (there is no hard landscape plan that I can see reference to hedgehog holes on.)

Landscape Maintenance Plan

Paragraph 3.6 f) Hedging to be trimmed to maximum heights – Native Mix 2m and Evergreen Mix 2m – will this be the case around front gardens? This seems quite high for a front garden location, especially the Housing Association dwellings.

Please ensure changes are adopted and re-submit.

Conditions & Reasons (if required)

To comply with Policies CP1, CP3, CC03 , TB21

Date:	8.8.25	Signed:	B. Crafer
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