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Subject: RE: Land west of Lodge Cottage, South Avenue, Hurstpierpoint - DM/25/3203

Hi Ben

I've received the following comments from our Tree Officer:

'I am happier with the native hedge suggestion but not so much with the red oak. I understand our native oaks are under some threat from various pests and diseases, but we would still favour a native oak over one from North America. Perhaps another native with better longevity should be considered?'

Is this something that your client would consider?

Regards

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Afternoon Steven,

I have heard back from the client and he proposes to remove both the Portugese Laurel and Silver Birch from the landscape proposals and replace these with Red Oak to ensure longevity. The Prunus

Laurocerasus (hedge) will also be omitted and substituted with more native species, already submitted within the proposals. Would you kindly pass these proposals onto the tree officer for his/her comment please.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Dear Ben

I have attached a letter discharging condition 9 of planning permission DM/21/3820.

With regards to the landscaping, I have received the following comments from our Tree Officer:

'I have reviewed the Landscaping Plans for this proposal and was disappointed to see a limited number of native species.

I note the hedge proposal to include *Prunus laurocerasus*, which is fast growing but not native. Would the applicant consider using more of the native species, rather than this selection?

Further, the trees selected are mostly nonnative and the only native tree selected is short lived. Please could you request that the applicant consider changing some of these trees for natives?'

Could I ask for your response to this please.

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