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Subject: DM/25/2884 Land Adj. To 48 Wickham Way, Haywards Heath

Dear Stefan,

I have reviewed the AIA for this proposal and I object to it, as it stands currently.

Firstly, the two trees to be removed are category B tree and are a constraint to development. Further, I note the replacement, mitigation planting is not suitable or sufficient.

Whilst Lawson's cypress trees are not native to the UK, we would expect mitigation planting to be native, in line with DP37 of the Mid Sussex District Plan. The suggestion of *Betula utilis* 'Jaquemontii' are not appropriate, not native and are relatively short lived.

Further, all of the hedging and other planting suggestions are exotic, non-native species.

I might have accepted the removal of two category B trees, should suitable mitigation species be selected. However, as they are not suitable, I have no choice to object, at this stage.

Kind regards

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