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Hi Katherine,

I note the loss of one Cat B tree and part of another Cat B group. Whilst the loss of Cat B trees does provide a constraint to development, in this case, there is replacement planting space and T70 has a line of high quality trees behind it. Encroachments within RPAs are within BS tolerances.

Whilst detailed landscaping plans have not been submitted, I have the following concerns :

- It is not clear that street trees will be situated within highways rather than private amenity spaces

- I am unable to locate a plan showing the AW buffer zone and reference is made to planting within the buffer zone. In general, buffer zones are usually left as undisturbed land, although this is primarily a matter for ecology. A plan should be submitted showing the position of the road and footpath with relation to the buffer zone

- Some tree selections are inappropriate. Betulas are struggling throughout the district following the last two hot, dry summers, as are Sorbus aucuparia. Crab apples are not suitable landscaping plants, as they are generally short lived, grafted specimens. Prunus avium ' Plena' should be substituted with the plain species.

Detailed landscaping plans should be required by condition and adherence to the AIA and TPP should be required. I am concerned that the AMS is labelled ' outline', therefore full details of the AMS should be requested.

Thanks,

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