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## SPECIALIST LANDSCAPE ADVICE

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*Thank you for requesting advice on this application from Place Services' landscape advice service. This service provides advice to planning officers to inform Mid Sussex District Council planning decisions with regard to potential landscape impacts from development. Any additional information, queries or comments on this advice that the applicant or other interested parties may have, must be directed to the Planning Officer who will seek further advice from us where appropriate and necessary.*

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**Application:** DM/23/2610  
**Location:** Land South Of Hanlye Lane Longacre Crescent Cuckfield West Sussex  
**Proposal:** Residential development of 55 dwellings with vehicular and pedestrian access, car parking, open space, play space, landscaping and all other associated works

Dear Joseph,

Thank you for re-consulting the Landscape Advisor to Mid Sussex District Council on the above application.

With reference to the above-named application and submitted documents received by Place Services on the 18/10/2023 asking for Landscape comments, our comments are made below. This application follows our previous consultation response dated 07/11/2024.

### Review of submitted information

We note the removal of all built form from the extended buffer zones to T16, T17, T19 and T20 which has resulted in the reduction of from 55 dwellings to 50 dwellings. We support this amendment to design and layout of the scheme.

As per our previous response, if minded for approval, we advise the following recommendations are considered:

- The submitted Cover Letter states that *"in response to the specific landscape comments above, additional planting has been introduced in and around the attenuation basins at the south of the site. Betula Pubescens are proposed around the basins"*. However, we note that



the planting has not been marked on the Hard and Soft Landscape Plan indicating its location and area (Sheet 3 and 4).

- Clarification is required regarding the proposed surface treatment of the visitor bays on the north and eastern boundaries. The submitted Hard and Soft Landscape Plan currently does not indicate which treatment has been used. In our previous response, we recommended the visitor spaces are proposed as block paving and include additional landscape planting.
- As per our previous response, the Proposed Site Layout Presentation includes a number of indicative hedgerows and planting surrounding the visitor parking bays and adjacent to the roadways. We recommend that some of these are applied to the submitted Hard and Soft Landscape Proposals.

Yours sincerely,

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**Place Services provide landscape advice on behalf of Mid Sussex District Council.**

Please note: This letter is advisory and should only be considered as the opinion formed by specialist staff in relation to this particular matter.