

Joseph Swift

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Sent: 27 January 2026 08:00
To: planninginfo; Joseph Swift
Subject: DM/25/2789 - Condition 14 re-discharge - Updated comments

Dear Planning,

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Dear Joseph,

I'm writing in response to the updated landscaping plan. While the surfacing has been reinstated to permeable block paving in accordance with previously approved plans, the proposals remain a worsening to those approved under the original Condition 14 under DM/24/1873.

1. There remains a considerable reduction in tree planting. 36 trees were approved under DM/24/1873 and this proposal reflects 27 trees; a loss of 9.
2. Further, the only location where trees can reliably be secured for retention - the southeastern boundary - features 5 trees as opposed to 7 as previously approved.
3. The proposed trees are also smaller; 12-14cm in girth as opposed to 14-16cm as previously approved.
4. Originally approved *Carpinus betulus* has now been changed to the columnar variety (*Frans fontaine*), which reduces the screening on the southeastern boundary.
5. 1:2 gradients within the gardens are unacceptably steep.
6. While of lesser concern to the above, 265 lavender plants as opposed to previously approved 467 plants of 13 different species is a significant reduction in biodiversity and amenity value, particularly if/when the lavender fails.

Please note in addition that Condition 5 will need to be re-discharged as it can no longer be delivered based on the proposed scheme, which does not reflect native hedgerow on the southern boundary.

Kind regards,

