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Hi Caroline,

No Cat A or B trees are to be removed and I do not object in principal to these developments, however, I have some concerns re tree selections and positions.

Firstly, most tree selections are not British natives. Policy DP37 favours native trees. Tree selections include Aesculus hippocastanum. This generally does not thrive in the district, and most are affected by bleeding canker, Salix caprea is a brittle tree and is not an appropriate street tree, Prunus 'Amanogawa' is a grafted and relatively short lived tree. Betula are dying in large numbers throughout the district due to the last two hot, dry summers, as are Rowan; Sorbus aria may be a better choice. Please could greater consideration be given to the tree selection. Fruit trees are not suitable landscaping plants; again, they are short lived, grafted specimens.

I am concerned that some street trees seem to be located in private spaces. Could this be clarified.

Thanks,

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