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Sent: 01 June 2026 17:21:00 UTC+01:00
To: "Joseph Swift" <Joseph.Swift@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: DM/26/1186

Hi Joe,

There is still a large number of *Malus sylvestris* (621) which I have stated, are not acceptable as landscaping plant, although, I am not clear where it is intended to plant them.

Also, despite requesting more natives, we have additional, ornamental cherries (*Prunus* 'Kanzan'). We have already accepted some non native cherries, but these are not long lived trees; they tend to be grafted, disease prone plants. I would also like to see some oaks replacing the larger trees. Also, Plan 1, indicates the tree pits to the east, but I am not clear what is to be planted.

Other details/maintenance plans are acceptable.

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: DM/26/1186

Good morning Irene,

I hope you managed to enjoy the sunshine over the BH weekend.

Following your comments as set out below, I have received the attached additional information, has this now successfully addressed your previous comments?

Many thanks

Joe

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Subject: DM/26/1186

Hi Joe,

I note this development involves the loss of 10 Cat C trees, as well as part of other groups and hedges. Trees will mainly be retained around the perimeter of the site, and this will retain screening in views from the nearby Conservation Area. Other trees are to be pruned, mainly for access reasons, and there are incursions within RPAs of several Cat B trees. Rear gardens are mainly contained centrally, therefore there is little impact from existing trees on gardens.

The TPP and method statement for incursions into RPAs are considered acceptable, however, there is no indication of percentages for hard surfacing within RPAs. Please could this be provided.

Comments on the previous outline application (ref DM/22/1575) advised that native trees would be expected. Whilst I note that there are a number of native trees proposed, and I would be willing to accept some non natives, the following are considered unacceptable and, particularly, the *Acer platanoides* is considered urbanising for a semi rural site.

Please replace *Acer platanoides* with suitable, large natives, such as oak.

Malus is not acceptable as a landscaping plant, although within hedgerows, *Malus sylvestris* is acceptable. *Malus* are relatively short lived, grafted and disease prone plants. Native hawthorns or *Sorbus* species could be planted instead.

Sambucus nigra should be removed from hedgerows/shrub/scrub groups. Whilst native, it is dominant and tends to out compete other plant selections.

Otherwise, native hedgerow, shrub and scrub selections are considered acceptable, as are marginals and aquatics.

However, there is no management plan as requested at the outline stage. Please could this be provided.

Thanks,

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