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Hi Joe,

I believe that this relates to condition discharge for application DM/21/3870. It seeks to discharge Cons 17,19 and 20, all of which require hard and soft landscaping details be submitted, as well as tree protection details.

Some of these plans have previously been submitted and I attach my previous comments, above. The drawings submitted as part of the above application are dated 26/8/22. Unfortunately, many of my comments repeat some of those previously made .

Policy DP37 favours native plants and, particularly within more domestic settings, I am willing to accept more ornamentals, in this case, the balance is too skewed towards ornamentals. There is a total of 39 Magnolias proposed, plus another 9 shown as specimen shrubs. In common with many non natives, they have limited bio diversity value. Apart from this, they have a limited lifespan and favour free draining soils, rather than cold, wet clay, which is the situation there.

Malus is unsuitable as a landscaping plant due to being grafted, with all the associated issues, as are some of the grafted cherries, such as 'Amanogawa'. Could use be made of native Crataegus instead of some of these smaller specimens ? Only 4 oaks are shown, despite this being the predominant species in the area.

TPP is satisfactory, native hedge mix is satisfactory.

Bearing in mind, the limited planting opportunities, would it be possible to replace some of the ornamental hedges with natives, hornbeam and beech are attractive and make a formal hedge ? Beech retains its leaves, holly and yew are also possibilities and are far superior in biodiversity terms, to laurel.

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