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Subject: DM/26/0783 Hilgay Cottage Burgess Hill

Hi Anna,

The Landscape, Maintenance and Management Plan details are considered acceptable. However, an informative should be attached advising that works to trees require separate application/notification due to their location within the Conservation Officer.

With regard to the wildflower meadow, the selection of plants is not shade tolerant, yet the wildflower area is shown under the shade of trees and within the area for new tree planting. The water feature is also shown in the shade.

The tree selection includes a preponderance of Amelanchier. These are really large shrubs and do not provide any longevity or presence to the site. I also note a number of Malus, these have the same issues, tend to be grafted, disease prone plants. I would rather that a few larger species were included, whilst accepting that there may be a lesser number of these. I am pleased to note large trees around the entrance. Malus are also included in the hedgerow and this is a more suitable location for them. However, reference is made to substitution being agreed with the contractor. This is not appropriate and an informative attached to the effect that substitutions, once a final scheme is agreed, must be the subject of agreement with the LPA.

Thanks,

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