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Hi Stuart,

Whilst the planting details and maintenance are sufficient, I would expect to see more variation, larger trees and greater use of natives with the tree selection.

Among the natives, there is extensive use of *Betula pendula* and *Sorbus aucuparia*. Both are relatively short lived. I would like to see some larger trees such as oaks included (I note small whips only are proposed for the SANG). Whilst I note the use of some hornbeams and *Acer campestre*, these plantings should be increased, along with oaks, rather than planting so many birch and *S. aucuparia*.

Malus 'Street Parade' is not acceptable as a landscaping plant. It is a short lived, grafted specimen and *Malus sylvestris* is not suitable ; more use could be made of hawthorns as substitutes.

Whilst I note the use of *Prunus avium*, cultivars such as ' Street Parade' and ' Amonogawa' should be replaced with the plain species. This will provide greater longevity, more disease resistance and greater biodiversity.

Corylus colurna is proposed but I would also like to see some native hazels. Similarly, native willows could be used, I note *Salix petandra* is suggested.

Hedge selections, while mainly single species, are native and acceptable.

Within the SANG I would also like to see greater use of natives.

Thanks,

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