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Sent: 02 April 2025 16:45:32 UTC+01:00
To: "'Danny Barker'" <danny.barker@bsclimited.co.uk>
Subject: RE: DM/24/1623 - Hurstpierpoint College

Dear Danny,

Thanks for the email, amended plan and Extension of Time agreement.

The revised mitigation appears more acceptable but I would make the following comments:

- the planting again proposes Holm Oaks which would remain unacceptable to the Council. Quercus ilex is native to the Mediterranean basin and whilst can support wildlife in its native habitat, it does not do so when planted as an ornamental tree outside its natural habitat and can be considered to be an invasive species. Policy DP37 of our District Plan favours native trees and as there already a significant number of holm oaks on the land we will require native trees, particularly as there has been some impact on the established trees on site.

- the planting still, in parts, lies outside of the red line of the site. The proposed siting of the planting is acceptable however, so if a plan can be submitted expanding the red line of the application site then the planting can be secured by condition.

If the above matters can be actioned then I am more likely to look favourably upon the application.

Kind regards

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From: Danny Barker <danny.barker@bsclimited.co.uk>
Sent: 02 April 2025 14:32
To: Andrew Clarke <Andrew.Clarke@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: DM/24/1623 - Hurstpierpoint College

Dear Andy,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding planning application reference **DM/24/1623**, relating to the retrospective expansion of the existing car park at Hurstpierpoint College, College Lane, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks.

I can confirm our agreement to the proposed extension of the determination period to **4th April 2025**.

Further to this, my client has instructed me to submit a proposal for tree mitigation, comprising the planting of four new native trees. Please find attached a plan showing their proposed locations and specifications. As advised, my clients are fully willing to offer any mitigation that Mid Sussex District Council considers appropriate.

Additionally, my client has requested that if the application is likely to be refused, we be given the opportunity to withdraw it to avoid a negative planning history on the site. In that case, we would seek to enter further discussions to agree on suitable mitigation measures, with a view to submitting a revised application thereafter.

That said, we remain hopeful that the proposed mitigation as submitted will be considered acceptable.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Kind regards,

Danny