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ALDINGBOURNE FARM SHOP, NYTON ROAD, ALDINGBOURNE – AL/9/11/DOC

The planting plan submitted in support of the above condition is not acceptable. The density of hedging plants proposed will not provide an adequate screen and will do little to minimise the visual impact of the mobile home. Hedging plants should be planted as a double staggered row at 45cm centres with 45cm between the rows. It is not possible to assess the effectiveness of the fencing without knowledge of the height of the mobile home or the proposed trellis. In order to plant along the edge of the car park it will be necessary to excavate the existing hard surface and properly prepare a planting bed.

As well as the locations proposed, planting a screen along the entire north-east and north-west perimeters of the site will effectively screen the mobile home from the road. The temporary nature of the mobile home generates a need for more immediate impact. It will be necessary therefore to provide plants at larger sizes and to include some standard trees. Planting should be mostly native to reflect the rural setting of the site and include some evergreen species.

I recommend that this condition is not discharged and a new landscape plan is submitted showing additional areas of planting and with all planting at a higher density.

Regards,

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