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Hi Jess,

Hope you are well.

I am writing in relation to application A/2/26/DOC and the proposed planting mix for the bund. Having reviewed the species list, I would like to comment on its suitability for noise reduction and visual screening, as these are key functions of a bund in a new development.

Current research shows that evergreen trees, particularly conifers such as spruce, pine, and cedar, provide the most effective year-round noise attenuation due to their dense foliage and needle structure, which scatter and absorb sound more efficiently than deciduous species. In addition, fast-growing evergreens like Arborvitae/Thuja are widely recognised as highly effective sound-barrier trees.

The proposed planting mix for this application is composed almost entirely of deciduous species, with holly (*Ilex aquifolium*) being the only evergreen included. While this mix provides strong ecological and hedgerow benefits, and offers some visual screening, it is not optimal for noise reduction, especially in winter when the majority of the planting loses foliage. Research confirms that evergreens maintain their sound-blocking performance year-round, whereas deciduous vegetation is significantly less effective outside the growing season.

While species such as oak (*Quercus robur*) offer some sound-scattering benefits due to their bark texture, and dense shrubs contribute to lower-level screening, the overall mix does not meet best-practice standards for acoustic planting. A bund intended for noise mitigation would normally include a proportion of tall, dense conifers to form a continuous evergreen barrier.

We therefore respectfully request that the planting scheme be reviewed or supplemented with appropriate evergreen conifer species to ensure the bund provides effective noise reduction and robust year-round visual screening, consistent with widely accepted landscape-planning guidance and noise-mitigation principles.

Kind regards,

Katie

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Hello,

Please put the attached comments from the parish on the file as a rep

Thanks,

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