Eve Hearsey

From: Ian Brewster
Sent: 22 February 2012 11:39
To: Eve Hearsey
Subject: RE: FORMAL CONSULTATION - FG/16/12/ - COUNTRY FAYRE (ASDA), LITTLEHAMPTON ROAD, FERRING

Dear Eve,

I understand that approval for the ASDA development has been granted. Regarding the planting of trees within the site my comments are based purely from the proposed site plan (scale 1:500), as follows;

The width of the western boundary measures 3.5m. The proposed planting of Scots Pine, Silver Birch and Beech trees will mature and their branches will overhang the access driveway to the loading dock/Service yard. Vehicles using this route will be high sided HGV. Tree planting would need to set at a sufficient distance to reduce the need for drastic pruning work, eliminating the creation of an un-balanced line of trees and increase their life expectancy. It is therefore recommended that the verge is widened to accommodate broad spreading trees or that they are planted at a distance of 0.5m from the boundary to allow at east 3m lateral branch growth without the need for pruning hard back from the driveway. Please note that the planting of Larch is not recommended due to its recent association with the fungal disease Phytophthora. I would suggest provenant and locally sourced English Oak as a possible replacement for Larch.

The overflow car park to the north east is opposite to the planting area (approximately 30x40m) north west and from a visual perspective as viewed from the A259 Littlehampton Road appears unbalanced. It would be appropriate to provide a similar planting scheme/provision for space by halving the overflow car park and supplement the mix of framework shrubs and grasses with trees, suggesting tall, cleared stemmed Scots Pine trees in groups of 3. This would effectively soften and enhance the entrance, adding a natural and prominent landscape feature that would become visible from the highway.

Regards

Ian Brewster

From: Eve Hearsey
Sent: 14 February 2012 14:56
To: Ian Brewster; Joe Russell-Wells
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Ian

I am consulting you this way as I am mindful that I have not many weeks left and I need to complete my work before I leave. Therefore I would be grateful if you could respond to this very quickly in order that I can write up the report.

This development at Country Fayre has already been approved and Asda wish to make some changes to the overall scheme which are identified within this application for a Minor Material Amendment (MMA). One of the changes being that the landscaping/planting will be increased to that of the earlier permission.

I believe the plans explain the changes, but I would be grateful for your (early) comments please. I will assume that if I have not heard from you within 2 working weeks, that you have no comments to make.

Kind Regards

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