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Cian,

All previous comments on this site have focused on the boundary of the site with the undeveloped area to the west and the need to adequately screen this boundary from the development. As identified by Ian Brewster 22 Feb 2012 the boundary verge should be widened to allow for adequate tree growth which would allow for screening - this applies in particular to the area adjacent to the proposed building where the greatest need for screening is required. Ian Brewster commented on HGP Architects plan (dwg no 10.120.A(00)_02). The latest landscape plan (Indigo Landscape Architects Ltd dwg no 410-01 Rev B) appears to have addressed these comments by changing the species of tree to smaller varieties on the boundary which have a reduced screening capacity. The screening on the boundary is therefore unsatisfactory and needs to be further addressed.

The hedge proposed on the western boundary should be conditioned to grow and be maintained to a minimum of 2 m.

The sizes at the time of planting for all *Pinus sylvestris* must be specified and have an adequate impact at the time of planting.

The use of *Hippophae rhamnoides* (Sea buckthorn) must be excluded from the native (woodland and shrub) mix planting and hedgerow mix - it has a propensity to over dominate planting schemes once established.

The originally approved scheme included tree planting within the car park area. This greatly benefits the scheme; I would prefer to see this reintroduced.

Regards, Joe

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