

Planning Officer: Mrs A Gardner

Planning Application Ref: WA/26/20/PL

Location: Land Adjacent to 1 Orchard Way, Fontwell, Walberton, BN18 0SH

Description of works: Variation of conditions 2 and 13 following the grant of WA/18/19/PL relating to landscaping to allow for removal and replanting of boundary hedging

Comments on Application:

- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources.
- The removal of cypress hedging and replacement with (predominantly) native species to form a new hedgerow should in time (if established well and subject to adequate maintenance in formative years) provide a net biodiversity gain and achieve greater harmony with surrounding green infrastructure.

Conclusion:

- There is an aspiration to provide suitable replacement hedgerows for those removed, but not enough detail '*so that a clear picture of the landscape offer can be seen*' (see greenspace comments 22/04/2020).

Recommendation:

- Further details of the hedgerow planting schemes is required to be submitted for consideration by our Greenspace (Landscape) Team, before those can be effectively included in a condition forming part of any APPROVAL.

Mark Warwick
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