

Discharge of Conditions The Steddles, Yapton

Condition: 7

Planning ref Y/158/21/PL

Date: 9 March 2022



Introduction

Condition 7 under planning ref Y/158/21/PL requires;

'no development shall commence until a mitigation method statement has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority to provide details of how the existing hedgerows are to be retained, protected and enhanced. There must be a 5m buffer zone in place secured by fencing around the hedgerows during construction. The development shall thereafter proceed in accordance with the approved hedgerow protection and enhancement measures'.

NB: It should be noted that tree protection measures are covered under Condition 8 and this submission only relates to how the existing hedgerows are to be retained, protected, and enhanced.

Protective fencing

The attached drawing details the location where existing retained hedges along the site boundary will be retained & protected by temporary protective fencing set 5m back from the site boundary to provide a buffer zone from construction activities.

The temporary protective fencing will be installed at a minimum height of 1.20m chestnut paling supported on timber posts. The temporary protective fencing will have hedge protection signage installed as indicated below.

- ☐ Minimum size of the hedge signage A3
- ☐ Maximum distance between each sign 12 metres

Existing Hedge Enhancements

Enhancements to the existing retained hedgerows will include the following works;

Existing hedge rows to the development site have been neglected by the previous owner.

Formative pruning will be undertaken to ornamental hedging and pruning to native hedging will be undertaken to promote new growth and reinstate the form of the hedging.

Retained existing native hedging will be enhanced by 'gapping up' with native stock including;

- 30% Acer campestre 40-60br**
- 20% Corylus avellana 40-60br**
- 30% Crataegus monogyna 40-60br**
- 5% Ilex aquifolium 2lt**
- 15% Fagus sylvatica 40-60br**

The species selection above have been recommended by Pallant Homes ecologists for encouraging bats.

All new native bare root planting will be planted to include a 45cm rabbit spiral for protection.

All new planting will be mulched with a 50mm dressing of wood chippings recycled from site tree surgery works.



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