

Charlotte Burrows

From: Cian Cronin
Sent: 24 January 2014 08:41
To: Planning.Responses
Subject: FW: Y/87/13

Morning,

Can I have the attached uploaded to Y/87/13/

Many thanks,

Cian

From: Joe Russell-Wells
Sent: 23 January 2014 15:12
To: Cian Cronin
Cc: 'Owen Pike'
Subject: Y/87/13

Cian,

The proposed development has the potential of having a visual impact within the proximity of the development. The proposal in within 2 landscape character areas the Arun Landscape Study 2006 both of which identify these areas as having substantial landscape sensitivity and a low/medium landscape capacity. The study was completed to inform where major development could occur without an unacceptable impact on landscape impact.

The development is comprised of 36 ha of units of static solar panels installed at a height of just under 3 m. The immediate visual impact of the development will impact on the immediate surrounds to the development and in particular the 2 PROW which run on two sides of the proposal site. It is clear that parts of the site there is screening in place which will reduce the visual impact, however large areas will require mitigation to reduce this impact. Bearing in mind the above study it is very important that sufficient screening is provided and managed into the future and that year round screening needs to be a consideration when identifying the mitigation.

The planting proposals identify the planting of a hedge line at a width of 1.2 m on the SE boundary and Indicative hedge and tree line at approx. 5 m width on the NW, NE and SW boundaries. There is no detail of species other than suggested oak and Field Maple both of which would be acceptable as native species. In order to ensure that satisfactory screening is to be provided further information as to the species to be planted should be set out at this stage. Species must be comprised of natives matching those of the surrounding landscape. Consideration to all year round screening must be included – it's likely this will include ivy which will naturally introduce itself in time – however suggestion of how this screening mitigation will be met all year round together with a timeline of how long after planting the screening will for fill the screening requirement must be submitted. Other measures to ensure full establishment of the planting must also be provided and included in a management plan for these planting areas.

The inclusion of species suitable to near coast conditions has been stated – as stated above emphasis must be made on species already growing in this area as a guide to species to be used. Species such as *Hippophae rhamnoides* must be avoided.

In conclusion there is no overall objection however the above points must be addressed to ensure that satisfactory mitigation for the proposals are made.

Regards, Joe

