

Additional Ecology response for DC/22/93706 LAMBERT BROTHERS HAULAGE LTD, WOODSIDE AVENUE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4ZR

Discharge of conditions 11 (landscape scheme), 12 (planting plan/method statement) & 13 (LEMP) of planning permission F/21/91183 for erection of Units 1-4 for flexible industrial use (Use Classes B2 and B8) and Unit 5 for builders' merchant and external storage, including storage, distribution and ancillary trade counter (Sui Generis Use).

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7/8/23

I have reviewed the amended LEMP by Wharton (v1a, July 2023).

Section 3.5.9 has addressed my previous concerns about only cutting every 3 years after the hedgerows are established, however the detail about cutting only 1/3 of the plants at a time to ensure a continuous supply of fruit and seeds has been missed for the native hedgerow.

Ecology advice from response of 15/9/22 with bold added for further explanation: *If possible, fruit and seeds should be allowed to remain on 2/3 of the shrubs and native hedgerow plants each year, with only 1/3 cut (**each year**) on a 3-year rotation. If this is not possible on the ornamental shrubs, it should at least be done on the native hedgerow shrubs. Either 1/3 of the hedgerow can be pruned (**each year**), or the top and each side cut on a 3-year rotation. For example, depending on the orientation of the hedgerow, this could mean that in the first year the north side would be cut, in the second year the top would be cut and in the third year the south side would be cut.*

This is explained in 3.7.3 for the ornamental shrubs but not in section 3.5.9 for the native hedgerow. It should be in both sections.

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