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Hi Liz

Landscape comments X/23/94736 - Variation to Boorley Gardens Phase 3

General comments

There are many sensible and beneficial amendments.

In future, revisions like this should be made using the same area coverage of drawings as the original set that they replace.

Please label the sheet numbers for the adjoining sheets in ones that you need to revise.

The relevant plans should have the following comment added; *Shrub areas adjacent to proposed hedges shall be planted with a minimum of XYZ between the ornamentals and the plants forming the hedge to facilitate hedge trimming.* The designer should add in distances appropriate to each pairing.

BELL2245311 Sheet 2

Area in front of plot 497.

This planting is now too cramped. The hedge is too close to the house and where there is a strip of shrubs this is too narrow.

The hedge should be moved out by between 1 and 2m away from the house. If this is not possible, the developer will have to provide other options.

Please label the two trees to the northwest corner and one in northeast corner on this plan. Whilst they may not have changed, will still need labels so the enforcement team can check the planting.

BELL2245311 Sheet 3

The eastern-most section of the biodiversity/access corridor has a symbol shown with lilac hatched lines. This doesn't appear in the key, so please add to key.

There is also a discrepancy between the key, which states that the '*Proposed hedge in biodiversity link to be 3m wide on southern side 1.2m in height adjacent to houses and 2m along gardens*' and the plan, where the link is drawn at 2.1m width. Please clarify.

BELL2245311 Sheet 6

It's really unclear as to what information is included in this sheet. This is where sheet numbers are essential.

The key for the hedge on the south side needs amending because there are two separate widths used in this plan.

The area to the north of unit 606 at the eastern end of the biodiversity/access link is confused and requires work.

Having two different hedges of different composition, presumably maintained by different hands isn't likely to work visually. Please remove the short section of hornbeam hedge and replace with shrubs.

The changes to the northeast side of unit 640 are mixed. The hedge is a positive introduction. However, this is too large an area to be treated exclusively by the planting of low growing plants. It would be an attractive area to sit or play and will provide invaluable shaded space during a hot summer afternoon. There also doesn't appear to be any access. Please introduce a gate into it along the wall enclosing the rear garden. The majority of the surface should be grass, but there is scope for the introduction of larger shrubs which would be visible from the public realm, above the hedge. These could be complemented by suitable medium and low growing shrubs.

BELL2245311 Sheet 7

The front garden to unit 501 is very prominent. Please give this area more consideration, identifying each species area and introducing taller shrubs where appropriate to create variety and improve visibility of the planting.

BELL2245311 Sheet 9

The large area of sedge plants to the west of unit 568 needs to be redesigned to introduce more variety including some taller shrubs.

Best regards
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