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Subject: F/26/100952 AIR TRAINING CORPS, TURNPIKE PAVILLION, TURNPIKE WAY, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 4QR - landscape comments

Hi Clare,

I have been asked to provide landscape comments on this application.

Whilst the construction of the proposed footpath and ramp does not raise any significant landscape concerns, I am unclear as to the rationale for lowering the height of the existing mound.

The Design and Access statement (DAS) says '*Local feeling is that the height of it restricts views into the recreational area. Lowering it by some 800mm would improve sight lines from the road*'.

I have not had an opportunity to visit the site, so don't know if 'improving sight lines from the road' means Turnpike Way or internal roads? Looking at online streetview images, there appears to be dense vegetation along the frontage and the sight lines at the junction with Turnpike Way are clear of obstructions:



Please ask for clarification on this. It would be helpful to know the height of the existing mound and the rough quantity of spoil to be moved. Would any existing trees/vegetation have to be removed to allow the mound to be reduced in height?

The other issue with lowering the mound height is the proposed location for spreading the spoil. Whilst I defer to the Tree Officer on the detail, I would caution about spreading spoil to any significant depth as this will be detrimental to the existing trees/vegetation. Will the spreading of

spoil lead to the loss of any lower-level planting to the back of the building? If so, this would further expose unattractive views of the rear of the building from the car parking area.

Depending on further information provided, we may require some replacement planting once the spoil has been spread out to improve screening.

The DAS commits to planting 4 trees, while only 3 are shown on the site plan. Please clarify. I recommend that since there is space all trees should be native Oaks. They can be planted at smaller selected standard size as long as they are provided with robust staking etc to protect against vandalism.

We will need details of any grass seeding on the existing reduced mound and areas of spread spoil. A wildflower mix would be welcomed.

I look forward to receiving clarification on the points raised above.

Any queries do get in touch.

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