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Hi Rebecca,

I have been asked to provide landscape comments on this new (revised scheme) application.

Having reviewed the latest landscape related information uploaded to Salesforce, the landscape strategy remains largely unchanged and overall I am content with the revised scheme.

The key principles discussed during the Pre-App have been incorporated including the reduction in the building footprint, protection of the view cone to the nearby Listed windmill and the increase in parking.

Fully detailed planting plans have not been submitted at this stage, but I assume these will be conditioned together with a landscape maintenance plan.

I do have a number of minor comments on the latest landscape strategy plan (Rev P13) as follows:

a/ The proposed kingpost concrete panel retaining walls remain a concern in terms of their potential adverse visual impact. I remain of the view that if these could be stone gabions walls, this would dovetail more comfortably with the landscape.

The CGI image in the DAS illustrates the challenge. There is a risk of an unattractive concrete wall being exposed if the climbers fail.



As some of these walls are as high as 3m, it is crucial that these are effectively softened with creepers. The climbers should have year-round effect, so a majority should be evergreen species. To ensure this planting is successful, an automated drip irrigation system may be required. An option to help screen the walls would be to add additional strips of native shrub planting along the base of the wall to bolster screening.

it appears there will be a guardrail in places on top of this wall that will add visual 'clutter'. How this is detailed will be key to avoid a visually 'heavy detail'. A 'light' steel guardrail would be preferred.

Full details of the retaining walls and guardrails should be conditioned.

b/ The reduction in the number of cottages and increase in on site parking is accepted, however, there is scope to increase the number of trees planted to soften the additional parking bays as below:

d/ When the ornamental shrub planting areas are detailed there is scope to include low clipped hedges to provide structure to the areas of planting.

e/ Details of the green roof that has been included are required. Is this an intensive or extensive roof?

f/ Can we obtain confirmation that required vis. splays will not entail the loss of further existing vegetation along Providence Hill?

I hope these comments are helpful and happy to discuss if any clarification is required.

KR Tim

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