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Hi Rebecca,

I have been asked to provide landscape comments on this temporary (5 year) sales car park.

I have not been able to visit site so not sure of the context. Are the trees shown on the site location plan existing or proposed? If existing, then the earthworks and part of the car park would potentially have adverse impact on retained trees. I defer to the Tree Officer on this.

The proposed Golpa surfacing is acceptable. I would recommend that the colour of gravel is specified. Ideally a buff colour and laid in the khaki coloured cells available in the Golpa range. If grey chippings preferred, then grey Golpa cells should be specified.

The temporary planting in wooden planters - the limited width of these will reduce the effectiveness of any planting. If the planter numbers are reduced, but made wider, then there would be space for a small flowering tree in each planter with colourful, drought resistant shrubs/ground cover below.

Looking at the proposed levels plan the planters are located on bank/slope. Not sure how this would be achievable?

Perhaps an alternative would be to replace the sub-base slope (indicated on the section detail past the pegged edge) with topsoil and then the planting could occur in-ground which will be cheaper and more likely to survive during hot summers? The stakes retaining the car park would need to be longer to extend into firm ground and perhaps also increased in size. The geotextile could then stop at the edge of the Golpa surfacing.

Since any planting is temporary, details are not required, although I would recommend at least some small flowering trees to provide decent sales impact.

Hope these observations are helpful but do get in contact should you have any queries.

KR Tim

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