

Please see below statement from the landscaping designer, indication the reasons for the change of the landscaping scheme:

*Where the engineered slopes are steeper than 1:3 we are proposing to hydro-seed these reinforced slopes with a native wildflower and grass seed mix as it would not be possible to plant and safely maintain trees and shrubs along these sections.*

*Where the slopes are 1:3 or less then we have maintained original the native shrub mix to provide screening to the development and increased the number of larger 10-12cm girth trees within this mix where we can. We have increased this mix to 2 plants per sq.m to try and achieve a quicker coverage and we have substituted *Prunus spinosa* with *Ligustrum vulgare* to help increase the mix of evergreen species and screening around the site.*

*We have increased the tree planting along the main road frontage (at the back of the hedge) and where we have some localised flat areas at the base of the steeper slopes (to the north west and south west) we are looking to establish 14-16cm girth *Pinus sylvestris* to provide as much screening as we can in these exposed areas.*

*Where sections of existing hedge have been lost/ damaged we are proposing replacement sections of 175-200 high BR native hedge plants which include *Ilex* and *Ligustrum* to again try and increase the mix of evergreen species and screening around the site.*

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