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Linda

The tree species and their locations are now acceptable.

North Western Boundary Planting

The inclusion of a mixed native thicket species to the predominantly evergreen planting on the north western boundary is necessary to improve visual interest and increase bird habitat. Incorporate Prunus spinosa, Crataegus monogyna and Euonymus europaeus (all totalling 50% throughout).

The Circle

The strong formality and dark evergreen foliage is to be lifted by the inclusion of 4 Amelanchier lamarkii shrub specimens (or similar subject to soil PH) planted equidistant between the Ginko trees.

Unimpeded Access/Parked vehicles

As mentioned previously,  in order to improve access to a from vehicles, where otherwise outgrowing unmaintained vegetation is a problem because it impedes access, and especially uncomfortable when wet. Therefore a 1 m wide grass or  low groundcover verge between the shrubbery in the rear car park and the Hornbeam hedge on the frontage would be advantageous. Cotoneaster dammeri should be considered.

In respect of hedge trimming and tree damage the 1 m verge will allow the landscape maintenance contractor to carefully cut around the circumference of the tree stem without damaging it. A wider hedge, as shown, will make to contractor’s job more difficult and bark and cambium layer damage is more likely.

Intimate Planting

Plant the he shared boundary of the associated spill out areas  to the toddler room, the youth and meeting room with interesting non-toxic plants with guidance from the book *Poisonous Plants: A guide for parents and childcare providers* by Elizabeth A.  Dauncey, published by Kew. Incorporate the grass Calamagrostis acutiflora ‘Karl Foester’ into the scheme. Delete the 53 Prunus laurocerasus ‘Otto Luyken’ from the spill out area of baby room 1 and replace with the aforementioned ornamental grass.

Regards.

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