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Linda

Having considered the landscape proposals I comment as follows (PLEASE NOTE THE LAP IS UNACCEPTABLE WITH THE DRAIN THROUGH IT).

Propose Trees

Malus ‘John Downie’ east of plots 96 -100 will drop large amount s fruit on the paving as the canopy goes larger. This line of trees

may be affected by apple scab, apple canker, blossom wilt, honey fungus and powdery mildews, according to RHS website. A mix of tree species varieties would be welcomed in this area for the benefit of enhanced amenity:

Liquidamber styrasiflua ‘Worplesdon’ opposite plot 100

The other trees are Betula nigra, Amelanchier lamarkii, and Acer campestre.

The Prunus Amanogawa tree to the south of plot 182 is going to be planted to close the kerb edging; it should be at least 2 m away from kerb edging even with the root barrier. Similar concerns in respect of the Pa east of plots 146-151 and the Pa north of plot 129.

The parking court immediately north of plots 137 -141 is a clod onerous place without trees!

The LAP

The fencing and hedge around the play area appear to conflict on the drawing. The fence should be draw separate from the hedge and with the hedge on the outside of the fence.

The native hedge mix term is inaccurate because it is defined as a single species Carpinus betulus hedge in the specification.

I notice the Euonymus fortune ‘Emerald Gaiety’ is toxic and harmful if eaten, and therefore completely unsuitable for a children’s play area. This plant must be deleted.  Delete also the Viburnum davidii because the fruit can cause a mild stomach upset if ingested.

There a number of species that require free-draining soil, being the Mediterranean type that that are, where winter wet will kill off plants standing in wet soil, therefore ensure that the heavy clay is ameliorated with free-draining horticultural grit!.

Regards

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