

Caroline Ford

From: Iain Osenton
Sent: 04 February 2020 11:11
To: Caroline Ford
Subject: RE: 19/02958/F - Bicester Gateway Business Park, Chesterton

Hi Caroline,

From looking at google map images of the hedge, I'm sceptical that removing and replanting the hedge will be a success.

The report doesn't mention the size of the trees forming the hedge, or how long the hedge has been there. My concern is the longer the hedge has been there, the higher the chance the roots are intertwined, increasing likelihood of root damage when being removed individually.

The report doesn't appear to include any information on how long the hedge will be in the temporary pit for, it also does not give any information on the soil structure within this pit, and how it compares to the current hedge location. On a side note, the hedge as I understand is a 15m section, however is referenced as a 10m section under 3 – Lifting and moving.

Non invasive exploration of rooting zones has been mentioned within the report, can further details be provided on what equipment will be used for this?

The report does not include the process for re instating the hedge back to its original position.

Overall, I'm quite sceptical of the proposal and feel much more detail will be required. If its too late to change the proposal can we condition replacement planting should the reinstatement fail?

Kind regards,

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Hi Iain,

I am looking through the above application which is for a foul water tank and pumping station compound and have realised that the proposal requires the temporary removal of a section of hedgerow and then its reinstatement and that you haven't been consulted. Is this something that you would be able to have a look at please to check whether this is something that is acceptable? My thoughts are that we need to be sure that the storage of the hedgerow is adequate to give it the best chance of not failing once it is reinstated and your advice on this would be appreciated – a report on this is provided on the file.

Is it possible you could review this this week at all? The application is due for a decision next Friday (14/02/2020).

Many thanks
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