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Subject: RE: 21/00479/DISC - Stone Pits, Hempton Road, Deddington


Hi Jacob

Thank you for the landscape and ecology report with the additional information/clarifications, which I find to be acceptable. The planning condition can be discharged.

Best regards

Tim

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Hi Tim,

Firstly, thank you again for your time on the phone earlier in the week and I am pleased to now provide an updated version of the report which I trust addresses your previous comments.

For ease of internal review, I also attach a tracked change version of the report which highlights the additions. I would welcome confirmation from you that the attached is now acceptable.

Many thanks once again and kind regards,

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Hello Jacob

Thank you for providing an accurate written response further to our useful discussion earlier. I confirm my agreement to all the bullet point responses below and await the updated LEMP in due course.

Best regards.

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Good afternoon Tim,

Thank you again for your time over the phone this afternoon.

As promised, I wanted to summarise below the discussions we had and the agreements made in relation to the Hempton Road site (Deddington). If you are able to confirm the below is an accurate reflection of our conversation, that would be much appreciated.

- The LEMP should specify a timeframe of 15 years until another plan is written and adapted for further years. This is to ensure the continued maintenance of maturing landscape which will otherwise diminish, with plant deaths and disease after 15 years. **We agreed that in this instance, it would be appropriate for the LEMP to specify a 5 year management regime. The management regime would then be subject to a rolling 5 yearly review prior to implementation of measures for the subsequent 5 year period.**
- The overall aim of the LEMP should be clearly established, where valid objectives will support this. There are obviously clear, valid ecological objectives, but we require for the overall aim to enhance the visual amenity of the area to the benefit of people's health and wellbeing, visually integrate the development into its surroundings, and enhance biodiversity. Sustainability and reducing carbon emissions is also key. **We agreed that an additional objective should be included in the LEMP which specifically relates to amenity value / landscape screening / landscape integration. You noted that the technical management measures proposed already are appropriate and additional management measures are not required. However you feel it is important for the report to identify how these measures will also achieve the aims of the additional (landscape) objective. We will update the report accordingly.**
- Legal responsibilities of the parties, the landscape contractor and management company should be highlighted; the compliance with health and safety law and the implementation of landscape-related risk assessments are essential. **You noted that the wording is broadly appropriate but should be 'tightened' slightly, for example making it explicitly clear that the management company will comply with all measures detailed in the CEMP, as well as current H&S legislation. We will tweak our wording accordingly.**
- Regular monitoring - recorded via reports available to the management company and the District Council – to identify and respond to natural or man-made changes in the environment which affect the landscape types (e.g. tree disease), in an efficient and appropriate manner. **We agreed that the provision of reports was perhaps overly onerous for this site. Instead, we agreed that the management company should produce simple recording sheets following site visits/works (e.g. a checklist format allowing for potential damage / remedial work requirements to be flagged). These would be kept as records by the management company and would be available to the LPA, if requested.**
- Vandalism and its immediate rectification is crucial to ensure a safe and cared for environment. This must be addressed in the maintenance schedules. **This is fine and will be updated accordingly.**
- References to the appropriate British Standards are needed. **As discussed, I believe the information requested is already provided at Appendix 4 of the report (see attached).**
- The landscape contractor to visit the site once a fortnight to ensure cleansing and litter picking operations are implemented. **This is fine and will be updated accordingly.**
- The watering regime must be clarified for trees and shrubs. The most current guidance for trees comes from BS8545: 2014 Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape – Recommendations. 11.3 Irrigation The soil moisture is monitored to ensure the optimum volume of water is applied in a targeted and sustainable way. Over watering is just

as problematic to trees and plants as underwatering. This is fine and will be updated accordingly. We agreed it appropriate for the watering regime to cover the first 24 month period only.

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Hi James

In consideration of the LEMP.

The council's technical specification (a requirement of the s106) should normally be appended to the an ecologically biased LEMP, however the ecological maintenance procedures relate to different objectives which may conflict with our technical specification, in which case I would ask the landscape consultant to review the TS and consult the ecologist to ensure a LEMP that satisfies both requirements. I would also ask these consultants to consider the enclosed landscape management guidelines and the bullet point responses:

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I look forward to a revised LEMP.

Best regards

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