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Sent: 14 September 2022 11:26
To: Andy Bateson
Cc: Julie Baxter

Subject: 22/00959/REM - OS Parcel 9100 Adjoining And East Of Last House Adjoining And North Of, Berry Hill Road, Adderbury

Hi Andy

There are still a number of issues associated with the play area which need to be resolved:

1. I note that the play remains in the same location. The Agent's letter stated that a cross-sectional detail indicating the play area surface was level. We have not been able to find this detail on DEF.
2. At one entrance there must be a stable sign supported by a steel frame with two posts. On the sign should be the name of the play area, the developer's contact details/telephone number in case residents need to call them to report on vandalism or accident. A prominent 'No Dog' symbol to be included on the sign.
Details to be submitted.
3. Some of the trees have been relocated to allow for better surveillance, however two Prunus aviums follow the alignment of the outer path still. As this is a round headed variety, it may block views into the play area (where the seesaw and springboard are located) and so the tree to the more south westerly location should be relocated to the far side of the play area, possibly between the Quercus and Malus.
4. The fencing and gates have still not been shown on the updated LAP proposals and would need to be included as mentioned.
5. The equipment has been updated to provide more variety which is now acceptable.
6. The play logs are now shown as Kompan equipment and complies with BS requirements.
7. The path within the LAP is now shown as resin bound gravel so now an acceptable surface.
8. The planting layout has been updated, however as Euonymus can be toxic it would be advised to replace this shrub with an alternative species.
9. Once the fencing has been added an additional bin should be added as mentioned previously. To add to this, could the landscape architect check that the bin is suitable as a freestanding option? Question this as it is shown in the Kompan images against a wall. Also request confirmation that they include a seagull flap to contain the rubbish and that the seats have been specified in the Hardwood option?
10. The play equipment information is shown in the Soft Landscape Specification and Soft Landscape Management and Maintenance Plan. Their titles should be updated as Hard and Soft... and to also include the seat and bin specification and installation information. The documents should also be cross referenced on the Landscape Plans and LAP Proposals (where not shown already).

The Basin Section indicates the 1:4 gradient where precipitation will possibly cause the play area to become quite wet and muddy. The toe of the gradient may require a catch drain to prevent to alleviate this problem.

It is encouraging to see a number of positive changes to the scheme in respect of Design Layout and Offsite Resident's Visual Amenity, as requested in my email of 14th July. Also, the documents, Soft Landscape Specification Rev A and Soft Landscape Management Plan Rev A are deemed now acceptable.

Best regards

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