

Thomas Webster

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Subject: 23/017111/REM - Land North Of Bicester Avenue Garden Centre, Oxford Road, Bicester
Attachments: Substation Landscape Proposal.pdf

Hi Tom

The larger areas of scrub planting (southern and eastern areas) and wildflower meadow should have 'pioneer' *Betula pendula* and *Alnus glutinosa* trees to provide better visual mitigation and wildlife habitat (refer to amended drawing enclosed) – tree locations to be indicated on a detailed landscape proposals. However the narrow verge (road access) where maintenance vehicle access drivers will be compromised by overhanging vegetation, unless the narrow verge can be widened with onsite planting outside the application boundary: *Prunus spinosa* requires space because once it establishes it will sucker and spread.

More detail on the landscape proposals required:

1. A planting schedule is required to indicate the Latin names of native trees and shrubs, their sizes, root condition and numbers.
2. Existing trees on or adjacent to site are to be retained shall be protected in accordance with BS 5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction. Recommendations from commencement to completion of all works on site.
3. All excavated areas to be backfilled with subsoil to BS 8601:2013 Specification for subsoil and requirements for use (imported subsoil to be laid on site's existing subsoil profiles) and overlaid with topsoil to BS 3882:2015 Specification for topsoil BS 3882 – General purpose grade. All topsoiled areas to be clear of rocks and rubble larger than 50mm diameter and any other debris that may interfere with the establishment of plants. Shrub areas to have a minimum depth of 400 mm topsoil. Tree pit soil depth/volume in accordance with BS 8545:2014 Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape. Recommendations.
4. The Emorsgate Mixture EM 1Mix to be implemented in accordance with Emorsgate's instructions.
5. All plants are to be supplied in accordance with Horticultural Trade Association's National Plant Specification and from a HTA certified nursery. Delivery and backfilling of all plant material to be in accordance with BS4428/JCLI/CPSE Code of Practice for 'Handling and Establishing Landscape Plants, Parts I, II and III.
6. All trees to be supplied planted in accordance with BS 8545:2014
7. Native shrubs are to be planted in their species groups of 7,9 and 15 in an irregular pattern.
8. All plants shall be watered to field capacity immediately after planting and mulched with 50mm depth of medium grade crushed mulch.
9. All trees to be double-staked with cross bar and wedged, using 1.5 m long, 75 mm diameter rounded tree stakes 75mm brace, rubber wedge and spacer block. Stakes not to extend more than 650mm above ground level.
10. Root barriers (ReRoot 1000 or equivalent) to be included adjacent to structures, cabling and services, where necessary.
11. Unless otherwise stated planting shall be carried out during the period of 1 November to 31 March when the ground is not frozen, or waterlogged.

Kind regards

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