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Hi Andrew,

I have forwarded some comments to Tim Screen regarding the use of Pedula Pubescens on camp road immediately adjacent to the bus stop. My main concerns being, Betulas often do not compartmentalise wounds well, therefore may have a decreased longevity as the proposed location will likely mean regular pruning will be required so to prevent interference with the bus stop. Furthermore I have concerns 3 trees within this small grass area may be too dense, potentially causing competition for nutrients/moisture within the soil reducing vitality.

Has there been a prior agreement to use Betula Pubescens? If not could I suggest an alternative street tree of a hardy nature, with ideally a thin streetwise canopy that should prevent the need for regular pruning in the future?

Regarding the tree pit detail, I am content with the information provided, and have no further comments to make.

Kind regards,

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