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Stuart

1. The building frontage to Langford Lane requires trees for visual mitigation due to its potential harm on Langford Lane visual receptors. Plant informal groups of Betula pendula -12 -14 cm girth. I have requested this before.
2. The proposed native shrub planting is not a native mix (Rosa canina is the only native plant); it is not a shade tolerant mix for under trees) I recommend that this mix is discarded in favour of the hornbeam hedge with transplants planted at 45 cm apart in a single row  A 1 m wide verge is required between the parking edge and the formally clipped hedge; a 1 m wide verge of low groundcover of Vinca major or turf between car park kerb and hedge necessary to ensure that access to vehicles is unimpeded by an overgrowing hedge.
3. Delete the Prunus avium ‘Plena’ from the car park due to the potential damage the extensive root systems will do to the paving and kerb. Replace the two P.a ‘Plena’ at the far southern end of the car park with a 2 B. pendula set back from the paved edge by a minimum of 2 m with root deflection barriers.
4. The southern boundary thicket planting requires additional native trees to provide improved visual mitigation of the units, (amenity and wildlife habitat for birds) for residents of Willow Way and Begbroke Crescent and users of the PRoW (Begbrook Lane) to the south I recommend 60% Acer campestre, 20% Betula pendula and 20% Crategus monogyna, planted irregularly between 5 and  7 metres apart to provide a naturalistic character. Plant 3 Quercus robur in the south-eastern corner adjacent to the service yard to replace the 5 Sorbus aucuparia ‘Sheerwater Seedling’  All tree planting subject to structural engineer’s consideration of soil, tree species and depth of foundations.
5. Delete the Cercidiphyllum japonicum trees in the avenue because the wind tunnelling affect will cause stress to these trees. I recommend Ginko biloba instead
6. All avenue and feature trees are to be increased in size from 10-12 cm to 16-18 cm for enhanced visual impact and amenity.
7. A details establishment and maintenance schedule is necessary to reassure me that landscaping is to be maintained in accordance with industry standard to achieve the desired objectives (rabbit guards are essential).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards.

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