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Hi Maria,

I’ve had a look through both the tree pit details, and planting plan. Please see below my comments below.

Regarding the tree pits, overall the majority of information has been included, however would like confirmation of the following please:

* Are the tree pits round or square to prevent root girdling?
* Will irrigation piping be installed?
* There is no detail given to pruning/minor repair work for planting of the tree
* What depth of mulch is to be used?
* Please confirm how deep the root ball will sit in the pit, and that the edges of the pit will be broken up before installing the root ball.

The planting plan could do with greater detail also, please see below:

* The planting plan gives detail to the locations of standard trees, and screening fastigiate trees however it does not demonstrate which species will go where. This information is needed to assess the suitability of the planting.
* The planting plan suggests the use of Standard trees 14-16 as a screening option however suggests 10-12s internal to the site. With significant screening to the external site anyway I believe a larger standards would be needed internal to the site to provide an instant impact.
* The screening trees appear to be planted quite densely (again lack of detail to species) consider reducing density on these sections.
* Some screening fastigiate trees are shown internal to the development however no detail is given to size or species, consider replacing with standards as mentioned above and specifying species.

Overall I feel the planting plan is lacking several areas of crucial detail that would a detailed review of the proposed planting.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Kind regards,

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