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**Subject:** RE: 19/00155/DISC - Bicester Eco Town Exemplar Site

Caroline

Apologies for the delay in responding.

Re River Corridor Planting Plan AL6157C 3903

1. Existing river corridor trees and structural vegetation must be indicated on the drawing to inform the context of the proposed landscaping.
2. The area south of the bridge requires clear, unobstructed maintenance access: to be clarified by indication on the drawing.
3. The 2 no *Acer campestre* trees are located in an area that will be quite wet, at the base of the embankment and near the stream where it floods. Therefore replace these trees with 3 no *Salix caprea*. For species diversity and amenity the two *Salix alba* should be replaced with 3 native alder *Alnus glutinosa*.
4. Delete the lone *Malus sylvestris* from the embankment because it will be difficult to establish on a dry banks and will be damaged by the mower/trimmer. Include a group of 3 *Salix alba* north of the bridge.

Re River Corridor Planting Plan AL6157C 3904

1. Include two Black Poplars, *Populus nigra*: one to be planted in the north area, in the middle of the proposed tree groups, at a distance 28 m due west from the corner of the application boundary – a plan can be marked up to explain. The other *P. n.* is to be planted to replace the single *Alnus glutinosa* west of the large area of thicket.
2. The flood risk area is to be considered (overlaid over the planting plan) to ascertain whether the following trees are caught within the flood envelop: *Acer campestre*, *Fagus sylvatica* and *Quercus robur*. The trees may suffer with poor establishment due to the soil moisture content being too high, especially with flooding. I there recommend that the these trees are replaced with trees that are more able cope with these conditions, *Populus alba* and *Populus tremula*.
3. The thicket shrub species must also be appropriate to wetter areas of the river corridor, for instance *Ilex*, *Quercus*, *Acer*, *Prunus avium*, *Rosa*, *Corylus*, *Malus sylvestris* and *Ligustrum* are not going to survive high moisture levels and flooding. Willow species should be included in the mix: *Salix caprea*, and *S. viminalis*.are to provide the variety of species in these locations. *Prunus spinosa* is acceptable.
4. On the drier areas above the flood area the originally proposed mix is acceptable, with the inclusion of *Euonymus europaeus*.

Re River Corridor Planting Plan AL6157C 3905

1. A clarification on the landscape treatment of the rectangular space between the school's northern boundary and the river corridor is required.

2. The school's northern boundary requires a native hedgerow to be planted for visual amenity – details to be indicated on the planting plan.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards

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**From:** Caroline Ford

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Tim,

I re-consulted the landscape team on the above and hopefully it has made its way to you – I have been chased for our responses as to whether there are any matters that need amendment. Do you have any comments on the information? Apologies to chase.

Many thanks,

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