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Hi Linda

Hedges to garden boundaries are good and provide structure, however I am not keen on Ligustrum. There are many much more attractive alternatives which are less likely to be removed.

In some of the longer gardens it would be good to provide a specimen shrub in the grass to provide interest and colour. There are other shrubs than Cornus Mas. A plain hedge is a very minimal provision

Prunus – This area has clay soils and Prunus don't thrive on clay soils. They suffer from canker. A few are acceptable but to have the main avenue in Prunus is unwise. The numbers need to be reduced and alternatives found
Betula – Birch is relatively short lived so large numbers of Birch are again not a good idea
There is a limited variety of trees. In a time when variety is being promoted as a way of embedding resilience large numbers of 2 species is not a good idea.

Combining shrubs and herbs is an interesting idea. The persons planting will need to be briefed well so I would like to see instructions on each planting drawing.

There is no planting specification that I can see.

Salix alba is a very large tree to have at the entrance to a car park. I would like to see them planted, just not here as I think they will rapidly cause problems with the surfacing.

There is the potential to have more Salix on the open space as it is well away from houses. There are a huge number of varieties to choose from.

There could be more trees on the open space to the north of the school car park. Perhaps a mini arboretum? This area is unlikely to be used for formal recreation as it is close to the road.

Shrub mixes should omit lonicera and clematis vitalba as both will smother other less vigorous shrubs.

Bulbs – Unless pedestrians are very close to crocus and other small bulbs and the grass sward is thin I am not convinced there will be either much growth or impact, especially at the very low density of 30/m². Crocus need to be at 75-100/m² not 30. Daffodills would be a better option especially along the entrance to the site. They would give more impact planted in 2 large drifts rather than a few under each tree.

We need to have a plan showing the extent of root barriers provided to protect paths and roads. All trees within 5m of hard surfaces need barriers.

This comment belongs to the play area – It is unclear where the vehicular maintenance access is. Bollards will need to be drop bollards.

All management and maintenance plans need to be of the same standard as our technical specification. I have attached a copy for you to forward.

Kind regards
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