



Project: Greenings Farm Stocks Road Aldbury Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5RX

Date: 03.08.23

Planning Decision Notice: 19th July 2023 Application Number: 23/00253/FUL

Condition we are looking to discharge:

- 6. The hedge to be removed as shown by Master Plan PL04 Rev 04 shall be phased in accordance with a programme submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. This removal shall be carried out fully in accordance with the approved programme, which shall be carried out in conjunction with the planting of a new hedge to the north. Any part of the new hedge subject to this condition which within a period of 10 years from planting fails to become established, becomes seriously damaged or diseased, dies or for any reason is removed shall be replaced in the next planting season by a tree or shrub of a similar species, size and maturity.*

Reason: To improve the appearance of the development and its contribution to biodiversity and the local environment in accordance with Policies CS7, CS12, CS24, CS25, CS27 and CS29 of Dacorum Borough Core Strategy (2013) and saved Policies 97 and 99 of the Dacorum Local Plan (2004).

James Smith Landscape & Garden Design Response:

The new hedge to be planted in place of the existing hedging to be removed will be approximately 65 linear metres of mature hedging stock circa 200-225cm high *Fagus sylvatica* hedging. This will either be pre-grown instant hedging in 1m sections or individual rootballed stock circa 50x50cm planted at 2 per linear metre. All subject to procurement and availability.

The hedging will be planted within a free draining pre-excavated pit with root grow applied to the base of the pit before planting to aid establishment and healthy root growth. The hedging will then be back filled with good quality topsoil and mulched with fine composted bark to help retain moisture and prevent weed growth. If necessary, the hedging will be staked to prevent movement in the wind whilst rooting into the ground.

To further aid establishment drip line irrigation will be installed along the line of the hedging to allow the client to keep on top of watering easily throughout the seasons.

For future maintenance of the hedge, it will be clipped neatly after the two main growth flushes each year – one main flush in spring and a second, smaller spurt in late summer. Cutting back after these periods will keep the hedge tidy, encourage bushy growth and keep them healthy. Mulch levels will also be checked periodically as part of the maintenance regime and weeds removed.

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Planting period proposed

The intention is to remove the existing hedging and plant the new proposed Beech hedging during October/November 2023 when the stock is available.

Examples of typical hedging stock below– nursery photos

