
To:
Three Rivers District Council,
Three Rivers House, Northway,
Rickmansworth, Herts WD3 1RL

Site: Stocker Farm, Stockers Farm Road Rickmansworth, WD3 1NZ, UK
Clearing of Conditions: 3 and 4

Ref No: 21/1984/FUL
Decision Issued Date: 02. Dec. 2021

To whom it may concern,
Please find below the information in regards to condition 4 (landscaping) for Stocker Farm at Stocker Farm Road Rickmansworth in reference to the approved planning application 21/1984/FUL.

CONDITION 4

“Prior to the first occupation of the stables in association with the wildlife rescue centre hereby permitted, a soft landscaping scheme specifying the proposed hedging (including species and initial planting height) and further planting within the application site, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

All soft landscaping works approved by this condition shall be carried out before the end of the first planting and seeding season following first occupation of any part of the buildings or completion of the development, whichever is sooner.

If any of the proposed soft landscaping, are removed, die, become severely damaged or diseased within five years of the completion of development they shall be replaced with trees or shrubs of appropriate size and species in the next planting season (ie November to March inclusive).”



See plan above showing the soft landscaping proposal for Stoker Farm. We confirm that the soft landscaping shall be carried out before the end of the first planting and seeding season following first occupation. We will ensure that the landscaping is kept and maintained as per the application. Any shrubs that die or become severely damaged or diseased within five years of completion will be replaced with trees or shrubs of appropriate size and species.

The hedge would measure 50m in length and 1 meter in depth and maintained between 1.5 - 2m in height. It would not be joining any other hedge as it would be used as a screening mechanism to both maintain the agrarian aesthetics of the green belt and to act as a screen for our existing fence (refer to condition 3 comments).

The hedges would be planted in a staggered double row, about 40cm apart with around four to eight plants/m. All new hedges would be mixed species, and would therefore be in alignment with the countryside stewardship requirements for a new hedge stating that no one species can make up more than 70% of the total. The current site has local stocks of hawthorn, blackthorn and Sloane in the neighboring hedge, and would be complemented with beech, maple and wild

plum. "Mixed species provide a constant source of food," throughout the year for wildlife. The existing soil type has also been taken into consideration when planting the hedge to ensure that it works with what is already existing.

The proposed hedge would preserve the character and appearance of the wider application site and surrounding Stocker's Lock and Farm Conservation Area in accordance with Policies CP1, CP10, CP12 of the Core Strategy (adopted October 2011) and Policies DM1, DM3 of the Development Management Policies LDD (adopted July 2013).

Dimensions : 50m long, 1m wide and will be maintained at 2m height (initial planting height is approx 60cm)

Species: Beech, blackthorn, hawthorn, sloan, maple and wild plum

Photograph site without the hedge



Photograph of site with red area indicating location of site (refer to site plan above). Red area is indicative of hedge only, not to scale.



Red Area indicative of hedge location.
Not to scale