Landscaping Proposals:-

New Site Boundary Hedgerows

A 15m long section of the existing roadside boundary hedge will be grubbed up to form the new access and a new hedgerow will be planted on both sides of the new and existing access's. The existing boundary hedgerow to the north of the site is to remain. A new boundary hedgerow is to be planted along the entire length of the western site boundary. The new hedgerows are to consist of 60% hawthorn, 20% blackthorn, 10% hazel, 5% elder and 5% holly, double row planted at 600mm crs, staked and rabbit guarded all set behind a 1.2m high pigwire fence.

Plot Boundaries

The rear gardens of each plot will be divided by 1.8m high close boarded timber fencing. The boundaries at the front of each plot will be defined by hedges to the individual owner's specification.

Hardstandings

The (parking) hardstanding areas in front of each property will either be locally quarried gravel on a 200mm thick consolidated and blinded hardcore base or brick setts (with sand filled joints) laid on a sand bed on 200mm thick consolidated and blinded hardcore base; both would be free draining.

Landscape Maintenance

All boundary hedgerows are to be inspected on an annual basis and any dying/dead plants are to be replaced, like for like. Once established the new boundary hedges are to be annually trimmed to 1.5m in height as are the existing boundary hedges.

The recommendations as set out in the Arboricultural Impact Assessment have been implemented and the only remaining trees are those within the roadside boundary hedge of Plot 1. The proposed groundworks/levelling to plot 1 will not encroach into the root protection areas of these trees and the RPA area will be fenced off to ensure that this area of ground remains undisturbed. Within and along the new western hedgerow plant a total number of 12 trees in 4 groups. Trees to be pot grown, 1.5 - 1.8m high, staked and rabbit guarded. Tree species to consist of:-

- 2 No. Silver Birch (Betula alba verracosa)
- 3 No. Horse Chestnut (Aesculas hippocastanum)
- 3 No. Lime (Tilia x euchlora)
- 4 No. Field Maple (acer camestre)

Biodiversity Gain

With regard to the biodiversity gain for the site as a whole the following is proposed:-

Fix 2 number bat roosting boxes at high level in the existing roadside trees at Plot 1 Fit 6 number hedgehog homes in the existing roadside hedge and 4 number in the new western boundary hedge.

Fit 6 number pollinating insect 'nesting' areas in the roadside hedge and 4 number in the new western boundary hedge.

To each new property fit (at high level) 2 number bat roosting boxes.

To the eaves of each new property fit 2 number bird nesting boxes.



