

Soft Landscapes Report and Design 09/06/2017

Site Grid Ref - 351298:22304

Planning Application Number - 162683

Date of Application - 16/08/2016

“Wendover”, Three Ashes, Herefordshire, HR2 8LU

In accordance with item 4, page 2 of application 162683

Topsoil has been removed from the development area of the site and an undisturbed border of 2-3 metres has been left around the inside of the two boundaries where existing planting and native hedges are to be preserved.

The site is dry with no ponds, ditches or watercourses.

The two boundaries to the South East and South West have native type, agricultural hedges. These have been well maintained and are to be retained. They are marked on “**Soft Landscaping Plan**” scale 1:500, page of this report. There is a **native plant list** attached to this report.

The North East boundary of the site adjoins the neighbouring two properties. Part of this boundary is an open fence and part is a wooden ‘lapped’ fence. There are some overlapping garden shrubs and some ornate shrubs on the site. These are to be retained. They are marked on the “**Soft Landscaping Plan**” scale 1:500 and included in the **non-native plant list** attached to this report.

The North West boundary adjoins ‘WENDOVER’ and extends up the South West edge of the access drive. This newly created boundary has been well fenced with wire netting and planted with a native Beech (*Fagus Sylvatica*) hedge. This planting has been carried out very well and professionally using 60cm saplings planted in a double row at density of 5 plants per metre. On my visit of 24th May 2017 establishment of this hedge was very good. The intention is to create a 1.8/2.0 metre tall, dense boundary hedge.

The only new planting on the site will be that of a boundary hedge between the two new build bungalows. This should be the same as the North West boundary hedge. That is native Beech (*Fagus Sylvatica*) using 60cm saplings planted at a density of 5 per metre in a double row. This, new planting, is marked on “**Soft Landscape Plan**”. The plant specification is as follows:

PLANTING 25 METRES BEECH HEDGE
DENSITY 5 PLANTS PER METRE

125 No. FAGUS SYLVATICA, 60-80cm 1+1 TRANSPLANTS, BARE ROOTED.

PLANTING BETWEEN 1st NOVEMBER AND MID-APRIL IN SUITABLE PLANTING CONDITIONS

On completion of the building works, site topsoil should be re-instated and a suitable fertiliser incorporated. Then a suitable lawn seed mix should be sown on all cultivated soil. The timing of this will depend on completion of works but should be in optimum season, early spring or early autumn.

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Plant List, Native Hedgerows.

South West and South East Boundaries.

Quickthorn;	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i> .
Black Thorn;	<i>Prunus Spinosa</i> .
Hazel;	<i>Corylus Avellana</i> .
Field Maple;	<i>Acer Campestre</i> .
Elm;	<i>Ulmus Minor Vulgare</i> .
Bramble;	<i>Rubus Fruitica</i> .
Dog Rose;	<i>Rosa Canina</i> .
Elderberry;	<i>Sambucus Nigra</i> .

Plant List. Non-Native. South West, South East and North East Boundaries.

Butterfly Bush;	<i>Buddleia Davidii</i> Spp.
Broom;	<i>Cytissus</i> Spp.
Mallow;	<i>Lavateria</i> Spp.
California Lilac;	<i>Ceanothus</i> Spp.
Dogwood;	<i>Cornus Alba</i> Spp.
Golden Hop;	<i>Humulus Lupus Aureus</i> .
Forsythia Spp.	
Escalonia Spp.	
Cotoneaster Spp.	
Photinia Fraseri	Red Robin.
Perenial Sweet Pea;	<i>Lathyrus</i> Spp.

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