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Subject: DC-26-0112 - Land at Rock Road, Washington

Hi Bethan,

The trees team have been consulted on the above application for a new field access. As initially fed back at pre-app stage, there are no arboricultural concerns in respect of the proposal, even in the slightly modified/finalised position.

If minded to approve, the appropriate indigenous landscape mix detailed to mitigate the hedgerow loss and re-instate the roadside feature can be controlled by a compliance condition (with amended 10 year maintenance/establishment/replacement requirement). However, currently there is a conflict between the extent of the red site line and the plans indicating the extent of hedgerow planting proposed (no linear metres of hedging proposed).

In my view, the extent of hedge planting should be extended to account (as shown on the submitted plan) for the entire length of indigenous hedging that was removed within the past 4 years and replaced with laurel. I recommend that the red site line is amended to reflect the fact that the hedging is proposed along the entire road frontage, replacing the laurel, and that a revised plan is submitted that is clear as to what length of hedging is required as part of the decision to ensure latter compliance and negate potential requirement to open an enforcement case.

Regards

