Landscape Statement

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Proposed Aldi Food Store Development, Tanbridge Retail Park, Horsham

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The northern boundary has undergone some existing vegetation removal to facilitate the installation of a retaining wall structure. The vegetation removal resulted in no trees being felled, with only scrubby understorey shrubs and ground cover being removed to facilitate access for the engineering works to be carried out. The extent of the vegetation removal was kept to a minimum with only essential vegetation being removed.

Prior to any landscaping works the area will be cleared of all building debris. The site will be made good with the introduction of an enhanced native herb layer and woodland understory planting, additionally the upmost care will be taken not to introduce / provide opportunities for invasive species to become established, as such no soil will be imported to the site. A woodland seed mix (EW1) from Emersergate, consisting of 20% native wildflower species (16 native wildflower species) and 80 % grass species by weight will be seeded into friable tilth. The woodland seed mix will be interspersed and seeded amongst native shrub planting, further enhancing the diversity of the remediation works. The woodland understory planting consisting of defensible and non-defensible native plant species (for example ilex aquifolium / prunus spinosa and Cornus sanguinea) will be placed strategically to deter access to the area. Additionally, some of the understory planting will be planted in small and large groupings, allowing a varied and diverse matrix to develop and provide a wide range of food sources, shelter and habitats - replicating natural succession of a woodland edge habitat. The varied and directed use of the herb layer with understory species, will help to restore the landscape for flora and fauna.