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Dear Halima,

I hope you're well.

Thank you for your email. Please find our response to the remaining comments contained within the latest Landscape consultation response below.

Point 6 – Tree Species

We acknowledge the recommendation to increase the proportion of native tree species and provide greater diversity. We are happy to amend the final planting schedule to ensure that the proposed tree planting comprises appropriate native species suited to the woodland setting.

Point 14 – Hard Surfacing Materials

We note the recommendation to use self-binding gravel in place of resin-bound surfacing for the informal paths.

Whilst we appreciate this recommendation, we intend to retain the proposed resin-bound surfacing in these locations. The resin-bound paths represent a very small proportion of the overall development and have been selected primarily for accessibility, durability, permeability and long-term maintenance. We consider that the chosen colour and finish remain sympathetic to the woodland setting and do not materially alter the overall landscape character.

We are working closely with **Resin Bonded Limited**, specialists in environmentally sensitive resin-bound surfacing systems, who would be very happy to discuss the proposed product directly with the Landscape Team and provide examples of where similar systems have been approved within sensitive environmental settings.

The manufacturer has confirmed that the resin-bound system proposed is fully permeable and, once cured, is inert and does not leach into the surrounding ground. They have also confirmed that the system contains no microplastics, with the resin being manufactured from castor oil and the hardener derived from other plant-based seed oils. Furthermore, the installation process has been developed with sustainability in mind, including the use of PCR (post-consumer recycled) buckets for packaging.

We would be pleased to facilitate a discussion between Resin Bonded Limited and the Landscape Team should they wish to discuss the product, its environmental credentials or examples of its use on comparable projects.

Point 19 – Lighting

We acknowledge the comments regarding external lighting.

Our understanding is that the detailed lighting scheme is secured through the separate lighting condition, which is required to be discharged prior to occupation. We therefore hope that the lighting details can be considered under that dedicated condition rather than delaying the discharge of the landscaping conditions.

We have appointed a specialist lighting design consultant who will prepare the lighting scheme.

Any external lighting will be designed to minimise light spill, be highly sensitive to the surrounding woodland and ecology, and will fully comply with the relevant planning and ecological requirements.

Point 21 – Utilities Coordination

We note the recommendation regarding slight adjustment of services and the use of root barriers.

We are happy to incorporate root barriers where appropriate and make any minor adjustments required during the detailed construction phase to ensure the landscape proposals are successfully coordinated alongside the underground services.

We trust the above addresses the remaining comments and hope this provides sufficient clarification to enable Conditions 3, 4, 5 and 6 to now be discharged.

Thank you again for your continued assistance, and please let us know if there is anything further you require.

Kind regards,
Freddy Goodall

