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Our ref: 19610
Date: 6 July 2026

For the attention of: Sophie Moore

Application ref: DISC/26/0172
Location: Land Parcel at 507911 125837 Newbridge Road Billingshurst
West Sussex
Proposal/Description: Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 13
(Landscape and SuDS Management & Maintenance Plan) of
approved application DC/26/0211.

Thank you for consulting with Place Services on the above application. This response letter relates to Condition 13 (Landscape and SuDS Management & Maintenance Plan). Further details as follows.

Condition No.	Comments
Condition 13 (Landscape and SuDS Management & Maintenance Plan)	Insufficient information to discharge We have reviewed the submitted 'Drainage Maintenance Plan' (23-030-I&L) and the 'Landscape Management and Maintenance Plan'. The following comments are provided and should be addressed prior to the discharge of condition 13: • The condition wording asks for an "<i>accompanying plan delineating areas of responsibility</i>". This information is missing and should be provided. • Landscape Management Plans should provide clear, concise, and self-contained management prescriptions that can be readily understood and implemented by any landscape contractor. Although some maintenance requirements have been referenced through relevant British Standards, key information should also be included within the LMP. For example, no details have been provided regarding the mowing height or mowing frequency for amenity grass areas. Whilst

	reference is made to the relevant British Standard, these requirements should be explicitly stated within the document. Under some of the planting headings, the document states that planting beds should be weeded "<i>by the most appropriate means either by hand, mechanical or chemical use</i>". Whilst some flexibility in management methods is understandable, the LMP should provide clearer guidance on the preferred approach for each landscape element, including any circumstances where alternative methods may be appropriate. This would help ensure consistency in the implementation of the management and maintenance regime.
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Please contact us if you have any queries in relation to this advice.

Place Services – Landscape Team

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Please note:

This letter is advisory and should only be considered as the opinion formed by specialist staff in relation to this particular matter.

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