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Subject: Bellway Planning AWDM/0244/24
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Dear Planning committee,

I am writing in support of the result of the planning meeting just over a week ago, where the planning committee resolved to approve the application but only when all these important improvements are included:

Re: On the Northern perimeter the felled conifers on the west side will be replaced with 26 (up from 2) larger trees ('extra heavy standard' = 3.5m - 4.2m / 11-12feet) plus mixed native hedge planted in double staggered row- a variety of native planting including field maple, hawthorn, birch, hazel, crab apple, different types of cherry, pear, rowan and lime - no sycamore.

I think mixed native planting is probably better for wildlife and biodiversity than conifers - although of course they should not have been felled in the way they were. A better mix of native species for the hedges on both perimeters is right and good.

Re: Southern boundary - the Bellway proposal of trees in troughs is mad. As mentioned in my previous email Bellway have already completely destroyed a wildlife corridor on this site running between the two areas of Barrington road previously connected by a footpath. That footpath was home to hundreds of species of insects, birds and plants. They cannot be trusted with a few trees in troughs and it will not increase the biodiversity in the way a thick hedge would. Please tell them to replace like with like and ensure full supervision of it by the council trees dept not Bellway.

Re: Specific schedule of thorough watering for all trees and hedges until established. Proper soil preparation before planting - clearing debris, decompaction, enrichment with organic matter- I absolutely agree. Again, will need supervision.

Re: Bellway to notify buyers of houses on northern boundary of their duty to care for the trees on their land- and not remove them! (I suggest putting TPOs on these at some point).

Re: Planting to be done in the current planting season i.e. before end March.Bellway to show final plans to the Planning Chair and Ward Councillors - yes before Bellway decide to change the execution.

Thank you for your commitment to holding developers to account and ensuring no more species are unnecessarily lost.

Kind regards,

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