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**Sent:** 23 April 2014 16:51  
**To:** Geraint Nicholas Roberts  
**Cc:** Shona Carle; Rhodri Jones  
**Subject:** 13/1279 Herbert Road.

Hi Geraint,

Landscape Comments.

59% of the proposed trees are *Betula pendula*: I would suggest that this percentage be reduced by introducing one or two different species.

Similarly, there are nearly 2,000 *Euonymus fortunei* 'Dart's Blanket' and over 1,800 *Euonymus fortunei* 'Emerald Gaiety'. I would suggest some alternative ground-cover and shrub planting be added to the plant schedule and substituted for a substantial number of these, to lessen their dominance.

The *Phragmites australis* seem to cover some parts of the highest sections of the reed, which would be mostly dry, so may not survive.

As per my previous comment on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2013, the southern, (and east), side(s) of the central drainage area should have more native shrubs, (in random / natural spacing), at the high level.

Although there are a lot of native shrubs proposed along the top of the river bank, (beyond the otter fence), there are no trees. I would like to see a substantial number of, native, (feathered), trees introduced along this area to create more of a 'lace curtain' effect between the development and River Usk corridor.

Near the road entrance, there is an 'S' shaped wall, which seems unnecessary, (unless it is essential as a retaining structure). Also, in this same entrance area, I would suggest more native planting along the whole length of the boundary, as it currently looks very bare.

Finally, we shall need a landscape management plan to be produced.

Regards,

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