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Hi Richard,

The main changes from the proposals that Shona signed off on in 2023 appear to be the works within the RPA of T016.

The Arboricultural Method Statement CWL12-SOLB-ZZ-SI-RP-L-900003 addresses this clearly and adds to the RPA to compensate for the approximately 10% RPA loss for the duct works and supporting batters. This is in line with BS5837 and seems like the reasonable approach as there is no scope for designing this conflict out.

I can't see any tree surveys in the previous application which Shona commented on, but the reshaping of the bund and addition of swales that leads to the tree losses is present in that application which she had no issues with so I'm guessing that's been agreed.

66 replacement trees, as proposed for the CWL12 area is in line with and exceeds 3:1 replacement for the 3 cat B trees and 2 cat B groups (8-10 cat B trees total), but I can't see species, size and root type specified anywhere in the landscape plans so maybe that could be conditioned? Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*), Downy Birch (*Betula pubescens*), Goat Willow (*Salix caprea*), Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*), Bird Cherry (*Prunus padus*), Field Maple (*Acer campestre*), and Silver Birch (*Betula pendula*) bare root whips would be appropriate around the swales and attenuation basin/wet meadow grass areas while Scots Pine (*Pinus sylvestris*), Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*), Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*), Field Maple (*Acer campestre*), Hazel (*Corylus avellana*), Wild Cherry (*Prunus avium*), and Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*) at 20-30% light to standard stock containerised, 30-40% 60-90cm feathered whips and 30-40% bare root whips would be appropriate for the area around the bund. Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*), Crab Apple (*Malus sylvestris*), and Silver Birch (*Betula pendula*), containerised and in appropriately sized planting pits as per the soil volume requirements outlined in The Arboricultural Method Statement CWL12-SOLB-ZZ-SI-RP-L-900003.

All of the auditable site monitoring outlined in The Arboricultural Method Statement CWL12-SOLB-ZZ-SI-RP-L-900003 should also be conditioned.

Kind regards,

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