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Subject: RE: 26/0185 - Site B16, West Way Road, Alexandra Docks, Newport, South Wales

Hello Grant, I welcome the introduction of new planters, and the final details of what these planters contain could be secured by planning conditions.

I think having a single species (Sea Thrift, *Armeria maritima*) in these planters is a missed opportunity however, both in terms of soft landscaping and of biodiversity enhancement. While I have no objection to this species in particular, a wider range of coastal species would have greater biodiversity value, more visual impact, and could be equally 'low-maintenance'.

Matt