

Webster, Ben (Planning Officer)

From: Harris, Matthew (Ecology Officer)
Sent: 19 January 2026 11:10
To: Webster, Ben (Planning Officer)
Subject: RE: Planning Application Correspondence Regarding case ref: 25/1006

Thank you Ben,

I am concerned that the LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE PLAN OCTOBER 2025 Rev B does not specify the composition of the hedgerow along the northern edge of the site, other than to mention Hawthorn, Hornbeam and Yew. The latter two species are not typical of hedgerows in this locality, so a more traditional hedgerow mix of Hazel, Holly, Elder, Dog-rose, Hawthorn, Blackthorn for example, would be more appropriate.

Also, the text of section 5.3 seems to suggest that this hedgerow is intended as a bat roost. This is not the case, as hedgerows are not typically used by bats for roosting. Instead, an off-site building on site has been identified as having bat roost potential, and the hedgerow is intended to provide a dark vegetated corridor to allow any bats occupying that building to forage and commute throughout the wider landscape. In this respect, I welcome that this hedgerow is proposed to be allowed to grow to 4 m tall.

I have no objection to the seed mix proposed, as it is appropriate to this locality. In relation to other tree planting, I defer to the advice of the Landscaping and the Tree Protection Officers, but I have no objection in principle, other than to agree that there are more appropriate trees for this location other than Hornbeam.

Matt

From: Webster, Ben (Planning Officer) <Ben.Webster@newport.gov.uk>
Sent: 16 January 2026 15:19
To: Harris, Matthew (Ecology Officer) <Matthew.Harris@newport.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Planning Application Correspondence Regarding case ref: 25/1006

Hi Matt,

Aerial image attached below. The site is the opposite side of Queen's Way, adjacent to Glan Llyn. Some other photos are also attached which may be useful for context.



Figure 1-2 Photograph of site taken October 2024



Many thanks,
Ben.

Ben Webster
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From: Harris, Matthew (Ecology Officer) <Matthew.Harris@newport.gov.uk>

Sent: 16 January 2026 15:12

To: Gill Mackley <gill@mackleydavies.co.uk>; Webster, Ben (Planning Officer) <Ben.Webster@newport.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Planning Application Correspondence Regarding case ref: 25/1006

Ben can you show me an aerial image of this site as the site location plan does not show where the site is located in relation to the rest of the Llanwern site.

Many thanks,

Matt

From: Gill Mackley <gill@mackleydavies.co.uk>

Sent: 16 January 2026 14:40

To: Webster, Ben (Planning Officer) <Ben.Webster@newport.gov.uk>; Harris, Matthew (Ecology Officer) <Matthew.Harris@newport.gov.uk>

Cc: McWilliam, Garth (Landscape Architect) <Garth.McWilliam@newport.gov.uk>; Young, Leah (Team Manager, Countryside & Conservation) <Leah.Young@newport.gov.uk>

Subject: Fw: Planning Application Correspondence Regarding case ref: 25/1006

Hi Ben

My revised comments are attached - this is ecology rather than landscape led approach which I have no problem with but want to double check Matt is happy with the proposals as these have been drawn up by a nursery rather than ecologist - the nursery rationale is included in the email trail below.

Thanks.

Regards

Gill Mackley CMLI

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From: Webster, Ben (Planning Officer) <Ben.Webster@newport.gov.uk>

Sent: 15 January 2026 18:01

To: Gill Mackley <gill@mackleydavies.co.uk>

Subject: FW: Planning Application Correspondence Regarding case ref: 25/1006

Good afternoon Gill,

I hope you are well.

Please see updated documents and the email below from the agent in relation to your initial consultation response.

If you wish to update your comments, please let me know.

Many thanks,
Ben.

Ben Webster

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From: Claire Millar <clairemillarconsulting@gmail.com>

Sent: 15 January 2026 13:54

To: Webster, Ben (Planning Officer) <Ben.Webster@newport.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Planning Application Correspondence Regarding case ref: 25/1006

Hi Ben,

Please see below response to the landscape officer comments, which has been prepared by Chapman Nurseries:

1. The hawthorn, hornbeam and yew have been selected in lieu of those specified in the RSK report as they will all grow in the soil conditions; and they are available in a size that fits the remit of 4m tall. The species Dog rose/ blackthorn etc could be added but they would only grow to 60/80cm or 80/100cm tall so would take time to provide any sort of bat roost. We believe these species are a betterment.
2. Feathered trees are the requirement for a 4m tall hedge, and as the hedge is a single block, we need the trees to "become one". The hedge at 4m tall will not work if the hedge is not a double row or is planted as single specimen trees.
3. We have chosen Hornbeam because of its ability to grow well in the soil conditions and its benefits to local wildlife. Whilst we agree its main area of native growth is found in south England, it has been introduced throughout the UK for many years and is a tree used by the Wildlife Trust of South Wales. Yew is one of only 3 native conifers found throughout the UK, and ancient specimens will be found almost anywhere in the UK. There are ancient specimens recorded in churchyards in South Wales and surrounding areas, therefore it is widely accepted as a staple of native planting (and would be an excellent summer roost for bats).
4. The trees have been selected following a site visit and will grow better in the soil conditions. Trees which were not considered included trees like willow, oak along with others yes that grow in alkaline soil but prefer damper conditions (don't see the make up of this ground holding any quantity of moisture).
5. Is this deferred to your ecologist for comment on the seed mix due to its link to improving biodiversity value?
6. This is correct - Sorbus is the botanical name for Rowan.
7. We are proposing informal planting - amended plan enclosed.

8. See attached amended document.

Kind regards,
Claire

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Claire Millar
Town Planning Consultant
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On Tue, Jan 13, 2026 at 1:56 PM Webster, Ben (Planning Officer) <Ben.Webster@newport.gov.uk> wrote:

Good afternoon Claire,

Thank you for letting me know. I am happy to agree the extension of time.

If you need any additional time to gather the information, please let me know.

Kind regards,
Ben.

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From: NCC - Planning <Planning@newport.gov.uk>

Sent: 13 January 2026 13:49

To: Webster, Ben (Planning Officer) <Ben.Webster@newport.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Planning Application Correspondence Regarding case ref: 25/1006

From: Claire Millar <clairemillarconsulting@gmail.com>

Sent: 13 January 2026 13:29

To: NCC - Planning <Planning@newport.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Planning Application Correspondence Regarding case ref: 25/1006

Good afternoon,

I am in receipt of the landscape comments and advise that a response is being prepared.

Can we please agree to an extension of time to 31st January?

Kind regards,
Claire

On Tue, Jan 13, 2026 at 1:23 PM Claire Millar <clairemillarconsulting@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning,

I would be grateful if someone could provide an update on this discharge of condition.

The planting season is approaching and the applicant is keen to commence works on site.

Kind regards,

Claire

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On Wed, Nov 26, 2025 at 10:58 AM <planning@newport.gov.uk> wrote:

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