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Hi Geraint,

Landscape Comments.

Riverside boundary.

Populus nigra italica, (Lombardy Poplar), is not a suitable tree for this site; (as it has a tendency to become unstable over time.; so planting close to roads and houses could create health and safety issues in the future). They ought therefore to be substituted by other species, such as, Betula nigra, (River Birch), or Carpinus betulus, (Common Hornbeam).

Central drainage area.

Although we would not want too much planting within this area, (which could compromise its drainage function), this public space appears extremely bare, (apart from the northern boundary). Therefore, (via agreement with ecologists), further 'random / natural' planting of native species should be introduced to increase the range of habitats, whilst improving the visual / landscape interest and quality of this development's general environment.

Maintenance.

Please note that ground throughout the planting alongside the river boundary should be regularly weeded and kept free of competition by grass until firmly established.

Regards,
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