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The submitted landscaping scheme essentially details various hard surfacing (paving/gravel/decking) in the yard and access areas around the buildings, together with areas to be turfed as lawns again in association with the proposed residential units and dividing Laurel hedging between the plots. Temporary protective fencing to existing trees is also indicated as required. This is all acceptable as far as it goes.

It is noted that the group of trees to the School Lane frontage, whilst not directly affected by the proposed development and correctly shown to be protected by temporary barriers during construction, are mature Beech and from Google imaging at least appear in some cases to be in poor structural condition with the distinct possibility that some may need to be removed on safety grounds (if they haven't been already). Furthermore, whilst there are hedges and trees providing reasonable levels of screening from most aspects, this same group of mature trees stands on an open grass frontage area with only post and rail fencing to the boundary, affording quite open views into the site. I would therefore suggest that the opportunity is taken via the landscaping scheme for this development to secure some additional/replacement tree planting beneath/around these Beech trees. More Beech would be appropriate, together with some Holly, both species being shade tolerant and capable of establishing amongst the retained mature trees – perhaps half a dozen of each species, feathered trees c.1.5m tall (Beech) or pot-grown (2 litre pot size – Hollies), informally positioned but so as not to obscure any site access visibility requirements.

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