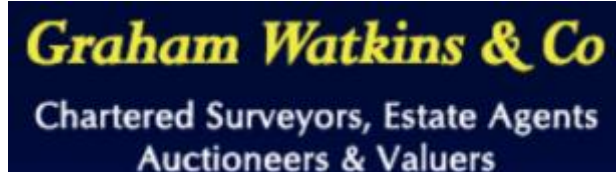


Supporting Documentation for a Planting Scheme.

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PLANTING SCHEME

The planting scheme associated with this application, which is to amend the plans of the slurry tower granted under application SMD/2023/0216 in 2023. The plans are to increase the height of the proposed slurry tower through a domed lid and increase the overall diameter of the slurry tower. The planting scheme will help soften the visual impact of the slurry store to neighbouring properties and the surrounding environment.

TREE SPECIES

The applicants plan to use native species of trees these include:

- 1. Silver Birch (35)**

The silver birch trees will grow to around 8 meters in 10 years.

- 2. Aspen (15)**

The Aspen tree grows to around 6 meters in 10 years.

- 3. Beech (10)**

Beech trees are the slowest growing tree and will be 4 meters in 10 years.

These trees will provide the best possible visual screening of the slurry tower and are native species to the UK. The growth rate depends on several factors including soil quality and water.

ESTABLISHMENT & MAINTENANCE

The applicants plan to plant the trees between October and April to promote the best possible environment for the trees to properly establish. The trees and surrounding environment will be maintained and managed to promote the best growth possible for the trees.

The applicants will plant using the naked root, by digging a hole as long as the roots planting the roots and filling over with soil. This method is the most suitable and effective method for the applicants to establish the trees. The weeds and grass will be kept bare during the establishment period to help promote the best possible environment for the young trees to grow. The use of tree guards will further promote the best possible environment for the trees to establish and grow.

As per the attached plan the trees will be 3 meters from the proposed development, this is to ensure the root system from the planting scheme does not interfere with the slurry store structure. The trees will be at least two deep to ensure the planting scheme thoroughly screens the slurry store. This will help promote a visual screen of the proposed development shielding the view from the public to the Western, Southern and Northern Aspect. On the northern aspect there is a gap which has been left, this is to allow access when the slurry store needs to be emptied.