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30/10/2025
Our ref: DOC/2020/0097
Dealt with by: Eloun Smith

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Dear Sir/Madam

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Discharge of conditions 4 and 5 relating to SMD/2020/0213
Rockfields Brambles Paddocks Cheadle Road Wetley Rocks Staffordshire

Condition 4 - embankment

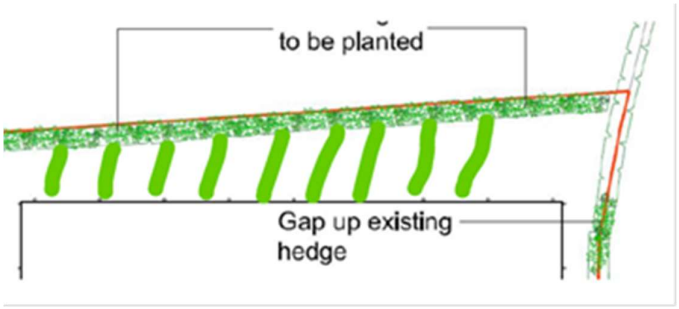
Details of the restoration of the embankment were submitted under drg. 1656-AL05A received by the Local Planning Authority 16th November 2020. Amended plans under drg. 1656-AL05B were received by the LPA 4th March 2021.The proposed 2m concrete walls are considered to be inappropriate as it would not be amenable to the to the visual amenity nor biodiversity of the area. We require it to be no higher than 1m and for it to be brought forward in order, despite the reduced height, to achieve as realistic slope gradient as possible. No amended plans have been submitted to support this requirement and it is considered that the condition is not fulfilled. **The condition discharge is therefore refused**

Condition 5 - landscaping

The following comments are made:

1) The % species composition of the hedge / tree planting area – this one provides a list and for a hedge we need to see at least 70% hawthorn which this does
2) We need to see that the size of the plants is specified - for a hedge, so called 'whips' are appropriate
3) A hedge of whips should be in a double row with the plant at staggered intervals as described in the drawing so that is good
4) The scheme has set out how it will be protected from livestock / other grazing mammals
5) The scheme mentions a review at two years which is fine but in addition you are reminded that our condition 5 says "Any plants which die or are lost or otherwise fail to establish in the first five years following the completion of the planting shall be replaced in the next available planting season with plants of the form and size as originally planted. The planting shall thereafter be allowed to grow and be maintained for the lifetime of the development.
6) Although condition 5 says, the scheme shall in particular provide for retention and reinforcement of existing hedgerows and planting of new native species hedgerows

and shall include full details of all new trees and shrubs, etc and places an emphasis on hedge, we require some tree planting too in this area where hatched green below. This is an area of about 40m2



We would suggest 15no. small 'feathered' sapling tree standards planted haphazardly through this space at c1.5m to c.2m intervals using 5 silver birch (Betula pendula), 5 rowan (Sorbus aucuparia) and 5 oak (Quercus robur).

On the basis of the landscaping scheme as currently submitted the discharge of conditions application is refused.

However, it is open to you to resubmit the application in order to address the above points.

Yours faithfully

X B.J. Haywood

Signed by: Ben Haywood

Head of Development Services