

North Hertfordshire Council

Tree Officer comments

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Date: 15/01/2026
Planning Officer: Ben Glover
Address: Land Opposite Wymondley Grid Station And To The South
Of Sperberry Hill St Ippolyts Hertfordshire
Subject: Details of Condition : Details reserved by condition 19
(Detailed Landscaping Scheme) of planning permission
reference 24/02455/FP granted 08.01.2025.

1.0 Policy position: NPPF / Local Plan / Supplementary Planning Document

- 1.1** Paragraph 136 of the Achieving well-designed places chapter in the current Framework, addresses the integration of trees within new development. Draft NPPF Policy N3 (December 2025) proposes that trees in new development is included within the natural environment section to ensure consistency and alignment with wider environmental objectives.
- 1.2** North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011-2031 Chapter 11 deals with the natural environment.

Policy NE2: Landscape Planning permission will be granted for development proposals that: a) Respect the sensitivities of the relevant landscape character area and have regard to the guidelines identified for built development and landscape management; b) Do not cause unacceptable harm to the character and appearance of the surrounding area or the landscape character area in which the site is located, taking account of any suitable mitigation measures necessary to achieve this; c) Are designed and located to ensure the health and future retention of important landscape features; and d) Have considered the long-term management and maintenance of any existing and proposed landscaping

2.0 Observations

- 2.1** The submitted landscaping plan appears to provide adequately for the infilling and enhancing of existing hedgerows and the planting of new hedgerows to increase connectivity of habitat. Native woodland to act as screening of the development is provided with a mix of native species as consistent with existing woodland in the area although this is limited and further native

species could be included. Native stock sourced from certified local provenance of seed zone 405 is to be used.

- 2.2 The plan also includes grazing land and buffer zones to be seeded with locally sourced native seed stock.
- 2.3 Planting preparation and methods for new planting and seeding is appropriate and allows for successful establishment.

3.0 Conclusion

- 3.1 The submitted landscaping scheme appears to provide for the planting of new vegetation and its establishment should be aided by a suitable ongoing management plan.
- 3.2 I have no objection to the discharge of the condition.

4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 It is recommended the implementation of the planting specification and working methods as specified in associated supporting Landscaping documents be secured by condition.

Reason: To safeguard and enhance the appearance of the completed development and the visual amenity of the locality, and to comply with Policy NE2 of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011 to 2031.

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