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Hi Danielle,

Please find our response in relation to DC/26/2325/ARM: *Approval of Reserved Matters for a Primary Substation including access and landscaping and compliance with Conditions 10; 13; 17; 30a; 32; of DC/24/2810/VOC (Variation of DC/23/3984/VOC; original application DC/17/1435/OUT) Brightwell Lakes.*

We have concerns regarding the screening capabilities of the proposed trees and vegetation surrounding the Primary Substation building, namely there is little in the way of evergreen species to provide year-round screening capabilities shown on Drawing IDPL LA6326-BP-400 Rev B.

The following considerations have the potential to provide a more robust planting strategy:

- Redline Boundary Amendment (RLB) – can this be altered to facilitate a full wraparound of hedging to the building's perimeter? Currently there appears to be an awkward northerly corner created by the RLB alignment.
- The use of Common Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*) around the perimeter metal fencing should be considered as a defensible evergreen hedge. This approach would provide year-round screening benefits while also enhancing site security through the species' dense, thorny growth habit. This could be adopted in place of the currently proposed ecological hedgerow.
- The use of Scots Pine (*Pinus sylvestris*) within the tree planting strategy that will provide evergreen cover and accord with the wider Landscape Character Area.
- Planting proposals on adjacent land parcels beyond the Red Line Boundary, particularly to the north, should be coordinated where possible to ensure continuity of screening and landscape integration around the Primary Substation. At present, this boundary appears visually weak and would benefit from a more comprehensive planting response.
- Where there is strong intervisibility potential between the southern roadside edge, towards the building (restrictive easement area), care should be taken to provide a robust screening arrangement of trees, shrubs and hedging.
- Low level hedging would be beneficial around the parking bays to provide visual relief of parked cars from the surrounding residential scheme.

We would therefore recommend the planting proposals shown on Drawing IDPL LA6326-BP-400 Rev B are revised to address the above points and provide a more robust, cohesive, and effective landscape screening strategy.

Best
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