

Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response

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Officer name: Patrick Olshansky
Date:
Application No.: PL/2026/01728
Proposal: Discharge of condition 5 (Hard & Soft Landscaping Scheme) relating to application PL/2024/11637
Site Address: Land to the south of B4042, Long Goss, Little Somerford, Chippenham, SN15 5BW
Case Officer: Audrey Lo

Condition No.	Information required by condition	Satisfactorily addressed (Document & Date)
4	No development hereby permitted shall commence on site until a scheme of hard and soft landscaping has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, the details of which shall include: • location and current canopy spread of all existing trees and hedgerows on the land, including within the visibility splay within the blue line area; • full details of any to be retained, together with measures for their protection in the course of development; • a detailed planting specification showing all plant species, supply and planting sizes and planting densities; • finished levels and contours; • allocated car parking spaces; • all hard and soft surfacing materials; • Replacement of any hedging/boundary treatment within the 'blue line' area which is required to be moved for visibility splays; REASON: To ensure a satisfactory landscaped setting for the development and the protection of existing important landscape features.	See comments below.

I have reviewed LITTLE SOMERFORD PROPOSED LANDSCAPE WORKS SITE PLAN (REV D) and PROPOSED SITE PLAN (REV F): the scheme provides an ecological buffer (including attenuation pond), boundary planting and grassland; there is no BNG requirement and the condition does not require native or ecological planting. *Prunus laurocerasus* and *P. lusitanica* are not listed on Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 but are non-native and known to behave invasively in woodland and hedgerow settings (which would be incompatible with CP50 and NPPF). I do not believe that I have grounds to object based on the wording of the condition, but I recommend that an informative encouraging native/wildlife-friendly substitutions is added to discharge.

Final sign off – all matters addressed:

Ecologist: Patrick Olshansky	Date: 13/04/2026
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