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Dear Mr Evans,

Land At The Rear 2 Hangmans Lane Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 1SU
HBBC Ref: 24/00201/TPO
New/Replacement Tree Planting Proposal

Further to Trevor Mastin's conversation with Emma Baumber, Senior Planning Officer with Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, regarding TPO application 24/00201, I am pleased to submit a detailed replacement planting proposal.

The new/replacement trees will be planted between November and early March in the first planting season after the trees are felled. They will be sited where there is sufficient room for them to fulfil their potential without interfering with the new structure/s while contributing to the future visual amenity of the area. Easy access will be available for future maintenance.

The New Trees

I have recommended a mix of species to avoid the creation of a monoculture.

- X3 River birch
- X3 Weeping willow
- X2 Grey alder

The proposed position of the trees is shown on the plan in Appendix 1 in the context of the proposed new layout for the site.

Depending on the quality of the existing soil, the trees should be planted into topsoil that will be imported to a minimum depth of 1m. The topsoil should be a well-structured clay loam and the ground under it de-compacted. The contractors must be cautious when digging taking care not to disturb/damage utilities. They should take expert advice from the local power, water and telecommunications company where there is uncertainty as working around electric cables and pipes is dangerous.

The trees will be bare root nursery standard size. They will be roughly 2-3m in height with an 8-10cm girth and placed into pits of roughly 700mm x 700 mm. The pits should be large enough to accommodate the root ball with the top of the root ball level with the existing ground. The trees will be supported using the single short stake method inserted into the ground at an angle as described in the following diagram 1 to avoid damaging the roots. A single tree tie with spacer between the stem and stake or similar will be used to secure the tree for up to three years as described in diagram 2.

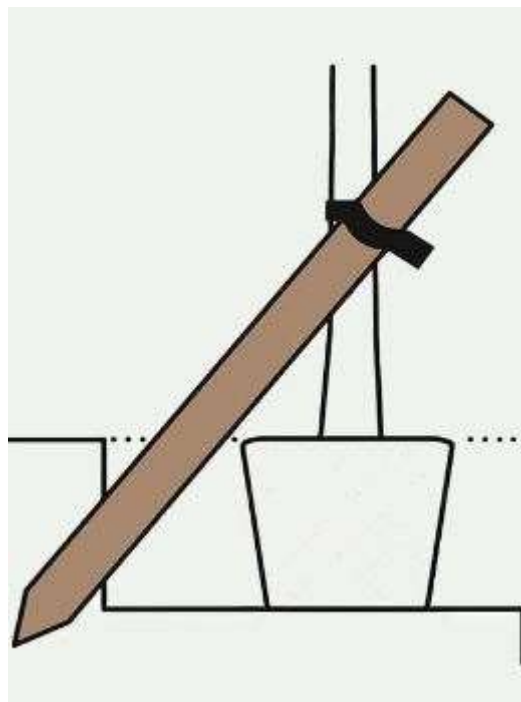


Diagram 1



Diagram 2

An irrigation watering system should be installed. A perforated pipe should be coiled around the roots with an access point for watering at ground level as described in diagram 3. This will deliver water directly to the roots. Well composed woodchip should be applied around the trees to roughly 1m radius to control weeds to an approximate depth of 30-40mm taking care not to build up around the base.



Diagram 3

Post Planting Maintenance

The trees should be watered twice a week during dry periods between April and September until established. Roughly three standard domestic buckets of water should be applied per tree via the soil around the base and pipe. The ground should be wet but not left waterlogged. The woodchip mulch should be maintained, and regular weeding carried out up to three times a year. The stakes and plastic tree ties should be removed after three years.

Any replacement tree that dies within five years of planting will be immediately replaced.

You should not disturb nesting birds or bats during the tree felling and planting works. You should take advice where necessary.

I trust that you find this helpful. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix 1 Planting Plan

- River birch (*Betula nigra*) – Depicted by the yellow circle
- Italian alder (*Alnus cordata*) – Depicted by the blue circle
- Weeping willow (*Salix babylonica*) – Depicted by the orange circle





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