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**To:** Tim Hartley  
**Subject:** 24/00828/REM - Land south of 295 Main St, Stanton Under Bardon

Dear Tim,

Thank you for reconsulting the National Forest Company (NFC) on the above application.

The application is now accompanied by two detailed landscaping plans (previously a Landscape masterplan was submitted). The area of National Forest planting on the detailed landscaping plan (0.448ha) is considered appropriate. However, in terms of the detail, we recommend the following:

- The woodland species mix shown on the previous Landscaping Masterplan is considered more appropriate, and we would ask that the current landscaping plan is amended accordingly.
- The woodland mix includes standard trees; we typically advise that the woodland is planted as whips at 2m centres to assist with establishment and management.
- We would recommend a shrub mix in front of plots 32-37 to provide more separation and soften the view between the dwellings on these plots and the proposed woodland.
- The standard trees in public areas/spaces should be increased to 14-16cm to make them more resilient (8-10cm is too small and at this size are likely to be damaged easily).
- Directly to the north of the proposed play space is a triangular area which would benefit from one or two additional standard trees.
- We note an increase in the use of prunus spinosa in the shrub mix (from 15% on the Masterplan to 20% on the detailed plan). We discourage the use of prunus spinosa as it is invasive and will take over and dominate the mix. It is also thorny so not suited close to path networks. The applicant may want to consider an alternative species.

Subject to the landscaping details being changed as detailed above, the protection and management measures will need to be agreed, along with replacement planting details in the event of failures (although this could be covered by a condition on the outline).

Kind Regards  
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