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NMA - LANDSCAPE CHANGES

Dear Will,

Please find below the list of changes that are part of the NMA submission

1. GROUND FLOOR

- a. Climbers removed along Roundhouse exit due to fire risk – a planter remains with some evergreens so soften the view.
- b. One tree (*Betula pendula*) added in front of Block D to bring up the UGF.
- c. Flag pavers originally proposed replaced with setts to support driving engine loading
- d. One cherry tree replaced with Ginkgo in North West corner where it's most shady

2. PODIUM

- a. Climbers removed along Roundhouse exit due to fire risk – a planter remains with some evergreens so soften the view.
- b. Rubber surfacing replaced with pavers due to Broof(t4) fire rating requirements
- c. Added low fence/gate to top of stairs to prevent risk of falling for kids on the playground.
- d. Planter added at the south of Block D to provide privacy and help with UGF
- e. Existing concrete wall to the back of Block D along NR boundary is too high compared to FFL to run grass over it like proposed on the original scheme. Climbers proposed to cover the wall.
- f. The slab was raised in the North West corner of Block A & B which creates a planter too shallow to support proposed tree. A second level of planter has been added to provide additional soil to retain the trees.



- g. Smoke Vents and Generator vents added within the landscape and are to be hidden within the planting/planter edge and finished with a sculptural metal work that match the finish of the planters
- h. Magnolia stellata has been replaced with more drought tolerant species and some native UK species
- i. Additional trees added to help with UGF

3. BLOCK B ROOF TERRACE

- a. Planters along edge of roof terrace removed for maintenance purposes (Davit sockets & window cleaning). Central planter made wider to compensate for the loss.
- b. Cornus kousa do not withstand strong wind and has been replaced by Crataegus persimilis 'Prunifolia' which is more resistant.

4. OTHER ROOFS

- a. Climbers along MEP enclosure removed due to fire risk and maintenance issue.
- b. Green Roof layout reviewed to accommodate MEP equipments and revised Architect's layout.

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