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Dear Ms Hazelton

Planning Application: 21 Aberdare Gardens

Thank you for your email of 13 March requesting further details in relation to the planting scheme at the above property.

You specifically requested:

- details of species, sizes and planting densities – in particular the specific type of prunus and the girth of the plants (having previously provided details of height); and
- an initial scheme of maintenance.

The details are as follows.

Species:

1. **Prunus (Laurel / Prunus laurocerasus Rotundifolia):** The plant is an evergreen. Each planter (three planters on each side of the roof terrace as shown on the planting plan previously submitted [Drawing: DM/MvBuP/001]) will be bought and planted as a pre-grown plant of a certain maturity, providing full visibility screen from the outset.
Each planter will contain plants that at the time of purchase will be around 1.55-1.60m high. The plants in each planter will initially be approximately 70- 80cm in width and be planted in a space of app 1m.
The plants grow robustly / fast (approximately 45cm per year); the planting width will allow the plants to fill the space to the plants in (2) below while at the same time grow upwards.
The plant is of bushy nature, so it is difficult to predict how many main stems will make up each of the above planters (somewhere around 3 to 7 in each case).
The plants will be planted in planters / pots that will allow for the necessary growth to app 1.1m in width and up to 1.8m- 2m in height. Further growth would be cut back.



2. **Ceonathus impressus Victoria:** The plant is an evergreen. The planters (three plants on each side) will fill the space between the Prunus planters and will be the end plant facing the house. Each plant consists of a plant of certain maturity, providing visibility screen from the outset. Each plant will initially be planted to be approximately 1.5m in height. Each plant will initially be about 55cm in width and be planted in a space of app 80-90cm. The plants grow reasonably fast (app. 25cm per year); the planting width will allow the plants to fill the space to the plants in (1) above while at the same time grow upwards. The plant is of a shrub nature and will be approximately 2 to 4 stems grown into, and spread in growth across, a 4-lattice trellis that comes in the planter / pot. The plants will be planted in planters / pots that will allow for the necessary growth to app 80cm in width and up to 1.8m to 2m in height. Further growth would be cut back.
3. **Camelia and Wysteria:** These will be a single plant each. They will be planted as plants of an initial maturity of app 1.5m in height. The Camelia will be of app 1.8 to 2m in circumference. The Wysteria will be on a small trellis forming part of the planter / pot. Its width will initially be approximately 40- 80cm. Their primary purpose is to provide ornamental support as well as limited end-of-terrace visibility screen. In the case of the Wysteria, over time, the plant will also provide ornamental influence over the railing into all directions.

Maintenance:

All plants will be initially installed / planted in the form and format set out above in planters / pots that allow for growth. The pictures of the Prunus and the Ceonathus actually contained in the planting plan are of the actual plants (at the respective nurseries) identified and intended to be supplied (subject to continued availability upon finalisation of the application).

Thereafter, the plants will be carefully fertilized and trimmed, during growth season no less than every 45 days, to ensure the plants grow into, and having achieved maximum intend growth maintain, a well structured screen. Watering will be manually to ensure sufficient support while preventing overwatering which is of specific importance for the Ceonathus until it has become well established. A trusted local gardener has been identified to provide ongoing support.

We trust that this information is sufficient and look forward to your imminent decision.

Yours sincerely

David Gurtler
Director