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Peter,

14/00096/WASFUL –Proposed Waste Transfer Station, Lower Ecton Lane, Great Billing

In respect of the Memo from Tina Cuss of the 18th February, I attach for your information;

- a) Updated Landscape and Visual Appraisal (FPCR)
- b) Phase I and Fauna Report – Revision 1 (Whitcher Wildlife)

The updated Landscape Appraisal (FPCR) considers among other matters, the issue of Cumulative Impact along with the other landscape related issues you sought clarification upon.

The updated Ecological Appraisal addresses the remaining outstanding issues.

In respect of the issue of ‘lighting’ your suggestion of a suitably worded condition requiring specific details to be submitted (and approved) prior to any installation appears sensible.

With regard to additional tree screening, the matter of utilising the flood embankment along the northern boundary of the site has been discussed and agreed with the Environment Agency.

Accordingly, it is proposed to widen the bund to provide a 4m top width. Tree planting will be established on the TOP and will comprise of a native broadleaved species mix, using a combination of 40-60cm transplants and pot-grown stock. All plants will be protected by individual guards. Planting operations will generally be undertaken in accordance with the document “Handling and Establishing Landscape Plants” produced by the Horticultural Trades Association and the Committee for Plant Supply and Establishment in its revised format in March 2002.

The proposed species mix will be planted at between 2m and 2.5m centres but clearly such detail could be the subject of a suitably worded planning condition;

Species	Common Name	Percentage of mix
Betula pendula	Silver birch	20%
Prunus avium	Wild cherry	20%
Sorbus aucuparia	Rowan	20%

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Corylus avellana	Hazel	10%
Quercus rober	Oak	20%
Corpinus betulus	Hornbeam	10%

Plantings will be undertaken during the period November-March inclusively. Frost and snow need not prevent planting provided that the plant roots are not frozen and neither frozen ground nor snow are dug in with the roots. Planting will not be carried out in water-logged conditions. All species will be planted in groups of 5 to 7 plants, with groups randomly distributed throughout the planted areas. Plant material will be supplied from nurseries within the British Isles; wherever possible nurseries will be selected providing stock of local provenance. Plant material will be healthy, vigorous and sound transplanted nursery stock with well formed heads and roots. Plant material will be packed at the supply nursery to ensure that there is no drying out during transportation to the site. After delivery if planting is not carried out immediately the bare-rooted plants will be heeled in by placing the roots in a prepared trench and covering them with earth which will be well watered to avoid air pockets forming around the roots.

All bare-rooted transplants will be notch planted using mattocks or other such suitable tools. The notch will be as vertical as the substrate will allow and be deep enough to accommodate the roots hanging freely. If required prior to closing the notch 75g of slow release fertiliser (Ficote 140, Sierra Micromax or similar) will be added per transplant. The notch will be closed and the soil well firmed in around the roots. Care will be taken to ensure that roots are not exposed above the soil surface and that depressions are not formed around the stems such that ponding of water can occur. All plants which are damaged, dead or seen to be seriously retarded in growth will be replaced and replacement plantings will be completed by the end of the March following the initial planting.

Yours sincerely,

John Gough
Planning Manager

cc. Tina Cuss (Northamptonshire County Council)

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Updated Landscape and Visual Appraisal (FPCR)
Phase I and Fauna Report – Revision 1 (Whitcher Wildlife)
Plan GB/14/02 Revision C – Site Layout Plan
Plan GB/14/05 – Potential Extension to Flood Embankment