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LANDSCAPE PROPOSALS IN ASSOCIATION WITH PROPOSED EXTENSION AT OX PASTURE HALL HOTEL, LADY EDITHS DRIVE, SCARBOROUGH.

ASSESSMENT

The site is situated off Lady Ediths Drive, Scarborough in an area which is open countryside and woodland. The countryside hotel sits in its own grounds, which are well landscaped.

The site is not readily visible from the nearby road and settles well into the surrounding countryside due to the landscaped gardens which contain numerous mature trees and shrubs.

The current proposal is to build an extension which was approved in 2009. Trees & shrubs in the area where the extension is proposed were identified in my report of 10th April 2009 and shown on plan No DER/101/1.

The approval granted in 2009 required a landscape scheme to be submitted prior to work commencing. This scheme is now attached (see plan DER/137/A) and should be read in conjunction with this report.

LANDSCAPE PROPOSALS

1) Trees & hedge to be removed

In order to accommodate the new extension it will be necessary to remove four of the existing trees and a short section of laurel hedge. The trees to be removed are described in the detailed tree survey of 2009, Two are cherries, one sycamore and one holly. Although it is acknowledged that removal of these trees will lead to some loss of amenity it is considered that this is largely confined to users of the hotel. I would suggest that the proposed replacement with four extra heavy standard trees will adequately compensate for any landscape features lost. A short section of laurel hedge will also be removed, however the prunus hedge on the western boundary is to remain. A new section of hedge is recommended to be planted on the north western boundary, this will continue the hedgerow along this boundary and provide additional screening to the fuel tanks. Once again in my opinion, more than compensating for the removed section of hedge.

2) Proposed planting

a) Trees ~ the four trees chosen for replanting are as follows

1 No Acer Platanoides Crimson King ~ This strong growing Maple has shiny purple leaves and red shoots on new growth. It is anticipated that this will provide a striking feature in the lawned area to the side of the entrance drive.

1 No Betula ermanii ~ this tree is of upright habit and is suggested as one of the most suitable for this location quite close to the new extension. The attractive fresh green foliage is a contrast to the white/pink bark.

2 No Carpinus betulus ~ these two hornbeam trees will be similar in appearance to beech but the tree is smaller and less spreading, however the appearance is less ornamental than the other two trees and they will appear as natural features in the countryside. They will offer some softening to the hard surface presented by the new extension particularly if viewed from a distance away in surrounding countryside.

b) Hedge ~ The proposal is to plant a hedge in a triple row, the two outside rows adjoining open farmland to be of common Hawthorn (Crataegus monogyna), this will present a natural appearance similar to

many hedges found in the surrounding area. The row of plants forming the inside of the hedge are to be of Laurel (*Prunus laurocerasus*), this will provide a solid all year round green leaf screen of a more ornamental nature compatible with some of the other planting within the hotel grounds.

LANDSCAPE PROPOSALS SPECIFICATION

Trees ~ The planting of Four Extra Heavy Standard trees is recommended

Specification as follows ~ Girth at 1 metre 14 to 16cms, stem height 1.8 to 2.10, overall height at time of planting 4.25 to 5.0 metres. Trees secured with appropriate stakes & ties. An approved planting compost to be incorporated in the tree pits.

Hedge Shrubs ~ All to be 60/90 cms at the time of planting, *Crataegus* to be open ground and planted in a double staggered row 6 plants per linear metre.

Prunus laurocerasus to be in pot size minimum of 3 litres, and to be planted 600mm apart.

Planting is to be carried out during suitable weather conditions in the first planting season following completion of the extension.

PROTECTION MEASURES

Prior to the commencement of any demolition or construction works, protective metal fencing should be erected in the position indicated by a red line on plan No DER/137/A.

The purpose of this is to ensure that no damage occurs to the branch network or rootzone of trees which will be retained. The galvanised metal fence shall be firmly fixed to the ground and remain in place until all construction works are complete.

These fences create exclusion zones where none of the following activities will be permitted

- a) No excavation of any kind
- b) No tipping or temporary storage of any materials
- c) No tracking of any type of machinery
- d) No swinging of crane jibs or machinery arms in the air space above the zones.

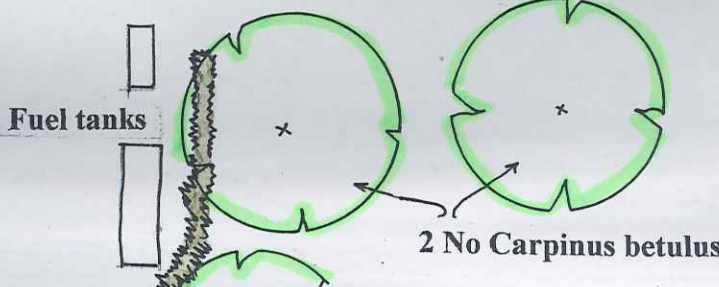
The development recognises that trees which remain close to the extension will require the passage of normal water levels to the tree root system, and the above measures are intended to ensure this takes place.

CONCLUSION






To finalise, I would suggest that this planting scheme, together with protection measures for the trees & shrubs which are to remain, will ensure the development takes place without undue loss of amenity to the areas immediately around the hotel and the countryside which surrounds it. The provision of a good quality landscape planting as part of the redevelopment will in my opinion compensate for any trees & hedges which have been removed.

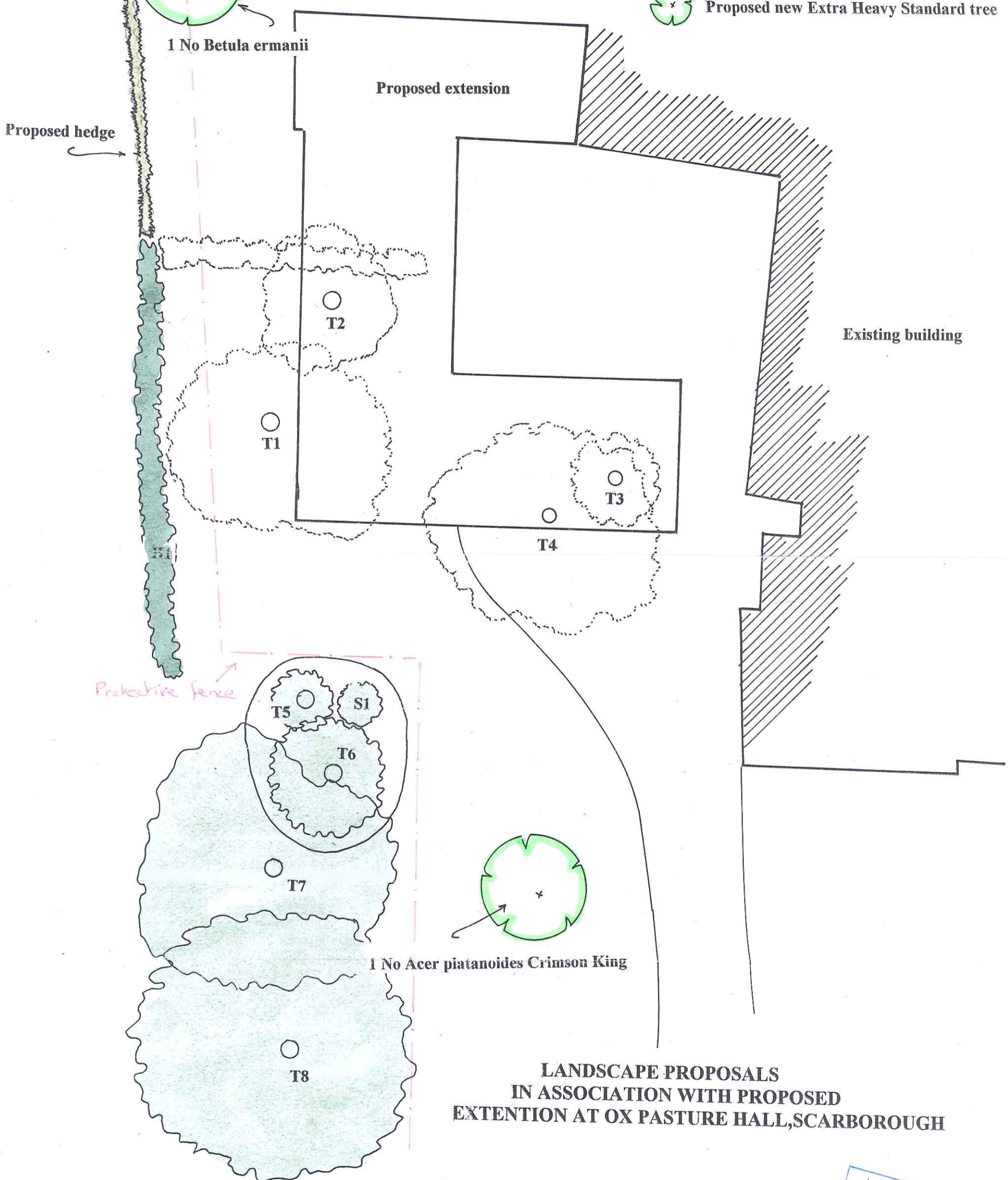
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KEY TO LANDSCAPING

-  Existing tree or hedge, to be removed
-  Existing tree to be retained
-  Existing hedgerow to be retained
-  New hedge to be planted
-  Proposed new Extra Heavy Standard tree



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