

Dear Lakshmi,

I have commented below on the council's replies and attached a photo by way of illustration.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Kind regards

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B. Reply by the Council to our Proposal

The following information was submitted:

Drawing no.PC501 dated November 2022
Received 16th November 2022

The details were reviewed by the Reading Borough Council Natural Environment Officer. The information provided is not acceptable for the purposes of condition 18 for the following reasons:

- Full dimensions of the planters are required and make-up of the content

Charles Taylor dark wood Trough 1200 x 300 x 300

- Peonies are proposed but no species or stock size or density/number is stated. In any case, RHS advice on these plants is: 'Peonies dislike disturbance, so should be left in their planting positions to develop their full potential. They do not do well on poor or very wet soils or in shade. Being deep rooted, peonies do not make good plants for containers'. It is suggested that an alternative is required.

I suggest a mix of small evergreen shrubs such as: Skimmia japonica "Kew Green" 3litre pot 30-45cm, Leucothoe "Zebliid" , 3 litre pot 30-45cm, Choisya ternata 3 litre pot 30-45 cm and Pieris japonica "Katsura" 3litre pot 30-45cm

This will give a good mixture of leaf colour and shape with seasonal interest.

- **Cranesbill geranium sanguineum is also proposed – no stock size or density/numbers are stated as required**

- Given the limited scope for landscaping on this site, it would seem reasonable to include some evergreen plants to ensure year-round provision of softening/greening

- Maintenance notes are general and refer to elements not included, e.g.trees. All notes should be site specific.

- . All planting is in planters hence regular irrigation will be required forever, along with fertilisation.

**Water to be applied weekly March to October 10 litres per planter or more regularly in hot spells.
Water to be applied monthly November to February unless freezing conditions prevail.**

Clarification would be welcome as to why planting is provided in planters and not in the ground.

This site is best suited to planters as there are services running under the paving. They can also be moved for any building maintenance.

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