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I have outlined below some comments regarding this application:

I note that the tree report was carried out in July 2019. Since this time the Ash dieback disease has become widespread and is likely to have affected the Ash trees at this site. Of particular concern is T3 which is a large ash and should be re-surveyed before works commence. If it is infected this is likely to have to be removed and should be replaced.

The Soft Landscape Plan does not provide any information regarding the planting species to be used and a fully detailed planting plan including details for the rain gardens should be provided by the applicant.

The loss of two Field Maple trees to the front of the of the school is unfortunate as they enhance the setting of the school within the setting of the conservation area. Additional tree planting should be included in front of the school to replace these trees and to help integrate the school into the local landscape setting.

Can you please clarify if the ornamental hedge is new and to replace the existing hedge to the front of the school, I assume it is but I can't see any notes on the plans indicating that the hedge is to be removed? Again the loss of the hedge is unfortunate as it currently provides and important landscape feature in the context of the setting of the school. The ornamental hedge to the front of the school should be replaced with native hedge and managed to the same height.

Trees are very important within school grounds, providing shade for children and habitat for wildlife. Additional trees should be added within the school grounds where possible, particularly on the north/ western side of the 'pitches'.

Kind regards

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