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**MEMORANDUM  
RYEDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLANNING & CONSERVATION**

**TO:** JUDITH VOKES  
**FROM:** JOHN CLAYTON  
**SUBJECT:** LAND AT CORNER OF FORKERS LANE AND CHAPEL ROAD SETTRINGTON REF:  
09/01372/FUL  
**DATE:** 2 MARCH 2010

This proposal requires the removal of small to medium sized trees considered to be of medium amenity value in this part of the conservation area, and also, the removal of the existing mixed hedge along the eastern and southern boundaries. I consider that the replacement of this somewhat scrappy hedge and replacement with a single species hedge would make a positive amenity contribution to this part of the conservation area. In this case I would suggest that beech would be appropriate.

Although a small number of off-site trees along the western boundary of the site are to be retained, I consider that there is sufficient space behind the proposed new eastern boundary hedge to accommodate two more medium sized trees. I would suggest that Mountain ash would be appropriate, and furthermore that they be positioned some 3 metres off the boundary to ensure that they do not interfere with visibility and traffic as they mature.

Condition

Within the first available planting season following completion of the development, the proposed new hedge along the eastern and southern boundaries of the site indicated on Drawing No.102 Rev. H, shall be planted in accordance with the following specification and shall include two new trees as specified below:

Minimum 45/60cm transplants planted in a double staggered row @the rate of 5-7 plants /metre, mulched along its length to a depth of 50mm and a width of 1.0 metre with well composted woodchips, and incorporating 2 No. standard trees set some 3.0 metres back from the inside of the hedge line and equally spaced between the south eastern corner of the new parking area and the southern point of the proposed new low timber rail fence, in accordance with the following specification:

2No. Container-grown 12/14cm stem girth Sorbus aucuparia (Mountain ash), suitably staked at a point  $i/3^{rd}$  of the stem height of each tree, and mulched with well composted wood chips 50mm deep over a 1-metre circle around each tree.

Reason: In the interests of the early formation of an appropriate boundary to the development in this part of Settrington Conservation area, to enhance the development and in compliance with Policy ENV7 of the Ryedale Local Plan.

John Clayton