

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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Re: Planning Application P/19/0001
From: Landscape Architect
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The retention of an affordable housing scheme (8 flats) and associated off-street parking. Re-grading and engineering works to provide a reinstated landscaped embankment on land to the north east of the flats at Former Labour Exchange Penydarren Road Merthyr Tydfil

In respect of the above application please find the following observations:

Imported Fill

Imported fill proposed for the embankment to be treated as soft landscape is of an unknown nature. This will have a bearing upon the properties of the growing medium. Measures should be put in place to ensure that all fill is clean, free from contamination and of a known source. It is noted that a top soil depth of 100mm is to be place over the entire site (excluding a narrow strip to the rear of the retaining wall), Planting will be in contact with substrate fill therefore confirmation of the nature and origin of fill material is required.

Species Selection

Assuming that the soil and substrate are free draining, the specification for planting would be appropriate with the exception of Cotoneaster species which we would advise against as a general precaution to prevent the spread of this genus.

Aftercare, short and longer term management

It is noted that the management plan extends to a period of 5 years. The success of the proposed scheme is dependent upon a longer term management strategy. In this instance owing to the size of the species at time of planting, the desire to see the successful remediation of the slope and the establishment of semi native tree and shrub cover, a management plan extending to 25 years is required. Such a management plan should be prepared in accordance with standard condition LA4.

Tom Bramley – Landscape Architect