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Subject: DL 10/4/25 - NEW Somerset Planning North: 37/25/00011/EF Land at Junction 24, North Petherton, Bridgwater, TA7 0AH - CLARIFICATION REQUESTED

Ellena,

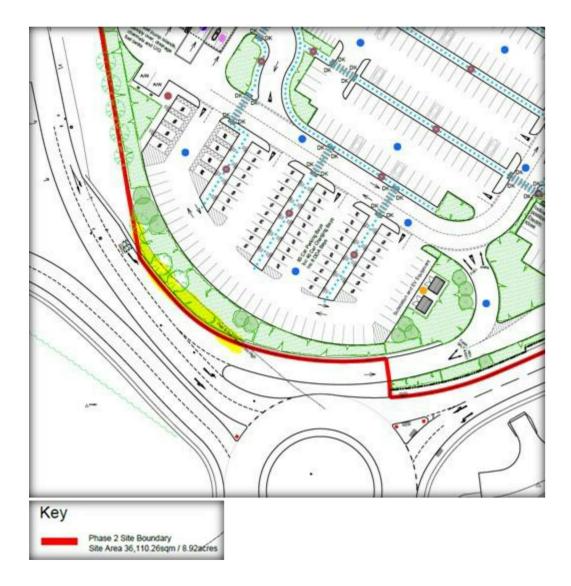
37/25/00011 – Approval of the details of landscaping for the creation of a new Motorway Service Area and ancillary uses including all supporting infrastructure, at Land At, Junction 24, North Petherton, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6

Thank you for consulting National Highways on the above application.

We have reviewed the information provided and request the below clarification and/or revisions please.

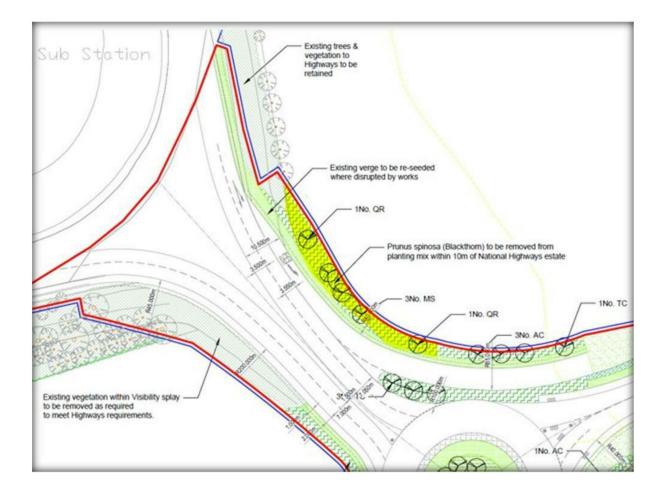
National Highways estate

The *Proposed Site Layout Plan Drg No. 62a* (dated 30.10.24) shows the 'Phase 2 Site Boundary' extending beyond the existing Post & Rail Fence that is the boundary of the applicant's land title, as highlighted in snip below.



The 'Phase 2 Site Boundary' therefore extends into National Highways Land Title ST268626. Can the applicant please confirm that they have obtained the required agreement for these works on our estate with our Third Party works Team thirdpartyworksswarea@nationalhighways.co.uk

The 'Phase 2 Site Boundary' also conflicts with the site boundary shown on the *Phase 1 - Proposed Soft Landscape Plan (Sheet 1 of 5) Rev F* where we have reviewed planting proposals shown in the snip below (October 2022). Clarification on this is requested please.



Planting

The *Landscape Plan Rev P01* presents 'Planting Schedules' inset on the drawing and includes species that we have previously advised must not be planted within close proximity to the National Highways soft estate, as listed below.



The following species <u>must not</u> be planted on or within 10m of our estate:

- 1. Blackthorn (Prunus spinosa)
- 2. Goat willow (Salix caprea)

- 3. Crack willow (Salix fragilis)
- 4. Dogwood (Cornus sanguinea)
- 5. Italian alder (Alnus cordata)
- 6. Cherry (Prunus sp)
- 7. Quaking Aspen (Populus tremula)
- 8. Wild Privet (*Ligustrum vulgare*)

In addition, the following trees <u>must not</u> be planted in a position where at maturity they would be within falling distance of the carriageway or any significant National Highways asset:

- 9. Silver Birch (Betula pendula, Betula pubescens)
- 10. Austrian Pine (Pinus nigra)
- 11. Poplar (Populus sp)
- 12. Oak English/Sessile (Quercus robur, Quercus petraea)

We look forward to receipt of the above clarification and revised plans to enable us to support the application.

Kind regards,

Sally

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