

**Installation of package treatment plant at Bellingham Camping and Caravanning Site, Brown Rigg, Bellingham NE48 2JY NP1900034**

**Discharge of Conditions 4 and 6: proposed landscaping and fencing scheme**

**Screening**

The new package treatment plant (PTP) will be partially hidden from the S and W elevations by the existing grass banking into which it will be set (see Application plans/details) and two young red cedar trees. The PTP will be barely visible from outside our property except from a high vantage point. To supplement the secluded positioning we will add screening around the outside of the PTP. Upon completion of the installation we will fence the total area (ca. 40 m<sup>2</sup>) with a simple wooden post and rail fence (1.22 m high). Initially, we will wrap the fence with an artificial green screening material and then plant a double row of mixed bare root hedging (staggered 0.5 m separation) around the outside perimeter. The artificial screen will be installed prior to first use of the PTP. When the hedging has grown sufficiently (see added detail below) the artificial screening will be removed. The surface concrete surround will be softened in appearance using mixed brown/grey gravel. Figure 1 illustrates the scheme.

**Planting Scheme**

We will use a combination of hedging species that offer some cover in the winter months. Some of the species listed (hornbeam and wild privet) provide some evergreen cover whilst the native plants make the ideal habitat for a diverse array of wildlife and offer interest throughout the year with flowers, berries and haws.

- Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*)
- Dog Rose (*Rosa canina*)
- Field Maple (*Acer campestre*)
- Guelder Rose (*Viburnum opulus*)
- Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*)
- Wild Privet (*Ligustrum vulgare*)

Planting bare root hedging plants at 3 per metre in February of this year (2020), in a staggered arrangement, will create a hedge of reasonable density. The species are fast growing and the screening by plants alone should be complete within 2 growing seasons. The hedging will be maintained by pruning and tidying, with replacement of dying plants if necessary over the course of several years.

