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To: Colin Godfrey
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Dear Colin

My neighbour alerted me to the fact that there is a revised plan for the land belonging to no 1 The Square. Having reviewed the revised plan, I have the following comments:

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I welcome the removal of the orchard planting from the land behind numbers 6-8 inclusive.

However, the proposed planting of wild cherry trees (I had previously assumed 'cherry' meant 'sweet cherry') on the far boundary is wholly inappropriate, as they are far too large for this space and would significantly obstruct the open aspect and reduce light to the existing gardens. I quote the Woodland Trust that: "Mature trees can grow to 30m (almost 100ft!) and live for up to 60 years." In addition, they are quick growing: "A fast growing tree, it can easily reach 10m (30ft) in 10 years" and can have a spread almost as great as their height.

Further, I was disappointed to see that the rowan trees on the far west boundary (running behind no 8) are still on the plan. From over 25 years' experience of the westerly winds here, which are becoming more severe as a result of climate change, I am certain that three rowan trees on that boundary will be totally ineffective as a wind break for the vegetable garden, or indeed at all. A better solution would be to provide a wind break of some sort, possibly a close-knit hedge or wall, to the vegetable garden itself.

In conclusion, I can see no justification for the planting of any trees on the land immediately behind numbers 6-8, which as previously explained, would impede the open aspect and reduce light to these gardens, and certainly not those in the proposal which are far too large for the space.

I will also upload these comments as an attachment on the website.

Best wishes
Julie Chambers

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