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Dear Kerry

Re: Proposed Plan Change 52: Screen Planting

Objective

Further to your request, I have reviewed Appendix 4 of the Proposed Plan Change 52. This review was to ascertain if the shelter planting along your eastern boundary would be adequate to provide the visual screening required from the amended planning maps/text.

The amended plan will go a long way to provide you with the screening required from the proposed developments. However I would like to recommend that the following items are addressed so that the long term success of these plantings can be assured.

Chapter 16.4.2 Item iii.a

This item states a reduction in the screen planting from 10m to 5m wide. We recommend that this is increased to 6.5m which will allow for three rows of trees/shrubs to be planted at 1.5m centres. Plants will be set 1m back from any fences which will ensure no browsing from neighbouring stock will damage the planting.

Chapter 16.4.2 Item iii.b

"Plantings are to be maintained with a variety of shrubs and trees"

Maintenance: This can be seen as the most important aspect to good plant establishment and sustained growth. As many of these plants will grow quickly, they have the ability to compete with weeds after two years of growth. It is requested that the screen plantings are maintained for two years weed free following planting. Allowance is also required that annually any plant deaths are replaced during appropriate planting periods.

Species Selection Appendix 16.1

As the proposed screen planting to be installed behind Mahoe will be a sheltered site with little sun, we would like to recommend the following changes to the plant schedule for this area.

Other species that have been suggested in Appendix 16.1 will not do well in such a shaded location.

Screen Planting	Notes
<i>Griselinia littoralis</i>	Currently scheduled.
<i>Myrsine australis</i>	Currently scheduled.
<i>Pittosporum eugenioides</i>	Currently scheduled.
<i>Sophora microphylla</i>	Currently scheduled.
<i>Alectryon excelsus</i>	New tree species - in ^{tree species} agreed.
<i>Pseudopanax laetus</i>	New tree species)

Additional Items

Fencing: At no stage is any mention made of stock proof fencing for the plantings. A requirement for any planting is to ensure that they don't get damaged by stock. As the property next to Mahoe is grazed, consideration needs to be given to installing fencing at the time of planting.

Timing of planting: Consideration also needs to be given to installing this planting during winter 2017. A planting of this kind takes 3-4 years to effectively screen a property from any potential development. At 4 years this planting will be 3-4 m high and be an effective screen to Mahoe from any new development.

Should you wish to contact me regarding the above I can be contacted at (027) 5287008 or at asanson@xtra.co.nz.

Yours sincerely

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From: Barbara Quigley [<mailto:ladybarbara50@outlook.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, 7 December 2016 8:14 a.m.
To: Wendy Thompson
Subject: Fw: Clarification

Hi Wendy here is the amended planting suggestion from Athol Sanson that we spoke about on Monday.
Thanks Kerry

From: Athol Sanson <asanson@xtra.co.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 6 December 2016 9:03 p.m.
To: Barbara Quigley
Subject: Clarification

Dear Kerry

Thanks for your call tonight regarding the clarification around the number of rows I had allowed for in the screen planting. On reviewing this information I had made a typo and the actual number of rows should have been four not three which would have fit into the 6.5 m wide planting zone. Things have been a bit busy and with our pet having to be rushed to Massey on Sunday I was very pushed to get you the letter within your timeframe so a mistake was made.

The information I supplied is based on best practice for this kind of planting. I have completed many planting of this kind in the wider Manawatu region with success.

I am very busy at work at present but will endeavour to supply you or the MDC any further information you may require.

Kind Regards
Athol Sanson