

TABLED UPDATE FOR DEFERRED ITEM 2

19/503511/FULL – Cripps Farm, Plough Road, Minster

The Council's Tree Consultant has provided the following comments –

Based on the photos and plans, it is a pity that the wall has been built so close to the road as it leaves little room for any structured planting that would adequately soften its appearance. I note the previous boundary fence was set back from the road allowing a wider landscaped verge. In terms of the proposed planting, Lonicera is a non-native low growing evergreen/semi evergreen creeping shrub that is suited to such a situation, particularly as there is a height restriction when it comes to sightlines. Given the restrictions in height required by highways for sightlines etc the planting will never fully block/soften the face of the wall, although perhaps the introduction of a climbing plant such as Ivy, wild Honeysuckle or Clematis should be considered if the wall is to permanently stay in its current position.

This confirms my view as set out in the report that the ability to provide landscaping to the front of the wall is very limited and not effective.

My recommendation to refuse the application remains unchanged.