



Scotland's Garden & Landscape Heritage

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FAO: Anne-Marie Turner, Case Officer

Dear Anne-Marie,

23/0153/PP Siting of 4no. glamping units, with new access, drainage, additional native planting and associated works

Scotland's Garden and Landscape Heritage (SGLH) attention has been drawn to the above application which is located immediately adjacent to the Loudoun Castle designed landscape GDL Ref.00269, a designed landscape included in the Inventory of Gardens and Designed Landscapes in Scotland and therefore assessed by Historic Environment Scotland to be of National Significance.

We have reviewed the planning application documents and have the following comments and observations.

The proposed Site Plan Drawing No. 221017-01-02 identifies the existing roadside hedge line to be removed and locates existing trees to be retained. The proposals indicate proposed 'indigenous shrubbery' and 'indigenous trees' and 'new hedges' to compensate for the removal of the roadside hedge and augment the existing vegetation and provide privacy between the individual pods.

Specifically, in regard to the retention of existing trees and hedge lines we would recommend that a tree survey is undertaken to BS5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and

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construction which records their physical condition and importantly plots the Root Protection Areas (RPA) of individual trees based upon a topographical survey.

A planting plan should be submitted which provides information on the proposed tree and hedgerow species, together with size at time of planting and protective measures to aid establishment.

The proposed Drainage Plan No. 221017-01-04 locates proposed drainage runs below the canopies of existing trees and hedge lines.

As previously stated regarding the retention of existing trees and hedge lines we would recommend that a tree survey is undertaken to BS5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction which records their physical condition and importantly plots the Root Protection Areas (RPA) of individual trees to ensure that proposed drainage and associated construction activities does not incur within the RPA's of retained trees based upon a topographical survey.

We would be grateful to be advised of the outcome of this application in due course and request to remain included in consultations on planning applications affecting Inventory and non-Inventory designed landscapes in East Ayrshire.

Yours sincerely,

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