

The Ex(A) issued a number of action points from Issue Specific Hearing 3.

ISH3 - AP1 Requirement 3

The Borough Council agree with the wording of Requirement 3 as set out in the draft DCO [REP2-009]

ISH3 – AP3 Requirement 8

The Borough Council suggest paragraph 2(a) in the draft DCO [REP2-009] is amended to: ... *size on planting...*

We question if ...*'proposed planting including details of any'* ... is necessary.

As a result 2(a) would then read:

*the location, number, species, size on planting and planting density of any proposed tree and hedgerow planting and the proposed times of such planting;*

We are pleased the BNG target has risen to 60% but consider there is flexibility between the calculated results and this figure for it to rise further.

The Borough Council does have an issue with paragraph (3). The dead plant maybe in a location we cannot go to so we cannot action this. Plus our resources and skills will lack the time to monitor and ability to identify if the replacement planting is in accordance with the approved plans or agreed alternative. Surely the responsibility refers back to 2(d) as it now includes 'monitoring' as well as 'maintained'. It is therefore, the Borough Councils view that '*in the opinion of the relevant planning authority (as applicable)*' is removed from paragraph 3.