

Trees at Churchill Retirement Living, Plymouth Road, Tavistock

Firstly I'm sorry it's taken until now to respond so thank you for your patience. I assessed the landscape scheme back in January but have been keeping an eye on the development as it moves forward as not all the planting is complete yet and I intend to do a thorough check at that point. However, in the meantime and noting the trees that have already been planted, and the observations made by the Town Council, I am confident that it does actually comply with the approved scheme. Whilst I appreciate, and am similarly disappointed, all the existing mature trees had to be removed as a consequence of issues around delivery of the overall project, the replacements will in time return the amenity previously provided. In terms of planting, it is always best practice to plant as small as possible because this nearly always gives the best results, with smaller trees able to establish far faster and better than larger planted specimens, and smaller often end up outperforming the larger planted trees. That said we have secured standards and extra heavy standards in an attempt to bring more immediate maturity to the site – a balance between wishing to secure longer term success and immediate impact. From assessing the trees planted, they do appear to have the correct girths in line with the approved drawings.

We will of course continue to monitor their establishment and planting in order to take action should failures occur but hope that in the medium term the trees will begin to contribute to the wider amenity.

*Happy to discuss further if needed.
Kind regards
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