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**Re: Landscape Plan Buffer Plantings  
310-316 Erb Street West  
City of Waterloo**

Dear Sir:

This letter is to confirm the desired intent of the vegetation proposed within the landscape buffer zone along the north property line for the development at 310-316 Erb St. W., Waterloo. The plantings selected include Eastern White Cedar, Alpine Currant and Boston Ivy, all species which can tolerate the shady and dry conditions likely found in this location. A mix of vines, deciduous shrubs and coniferous trees were used to create an aesthetic variation in the screening of the parking garage wall, with a massing of Boston Ivy to eventually cover and conceal the concrete, forming a vegetative wall. In addition, Eastern White Cedars are able to reach heights of 10 metres under ideal growing conditions and would eventually screen lower sections of the development from residences to the north.

The assumption during the design process was that no fence would be placed along the residential property line - which may inhibit the successful establishment of the plantings - as eventually these species combined would create a dense screening buffer up to the approximate growing height of the Eastern White Cedars (10 metres). Additionally, our landscape plans describe in detail the maintenance requirements for all landscape works, including vegetation, during the twenty-four month establishment and warranty period.

Please contact the undersigned should you require additional information regarding the above.

Yours truly,

**ABOUD & ASSOCIATES INC.**

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