

Landscape Strategy

The landscape strategy will provide a structural planting framework to the site boundary and through the development within the public open space. Structural planting will be in the form of native trees, hedges and shrubs. The landscape strategy for the public open space is to create village green and linear connecting green spaces with meadow grass areas, trees, hedges and shrub groups. Formal play equipment is to be incorporated within these areas in accordance with the LPA requirements providing areas for walking, free and formal play. It is proposed that the formal play equipment should follow the 'natural play' design concept with minimal segregation from the main spaces. Screen planting is proposed to be detailed in accordance with the play area designs so as to enhance the visual impact of the equipment whilst maintaining natural surveillance from the streetscape and homes overlooking these areas. There is scope to incorporate a small community orchard within the public open space subject to agreement with the LPA and adopting agency. The new wildlife habitats will create a diverse framework of habitats in keeping with the local landscape with secondary planting proposed to the private domain. Secondary planting within the private domain is to be of a more ornamental nature with species selected in accordance with the scope and scale of the built environment and with regard to their wildlife value.

The aims of the landscape strategy:

- to reflect the natural and rural setting by way of native planting to the site boundaries and public open space
- provide a screen 'as far as possible' to the new housing from the surrounding area and views onto the site from the main and secondary access points
- maintain views to the open countryside through the development
- to provide a public open space framework that will promote engagement and connection with the natural environment and local habitats
- to create structure across the site and to define ownership of space
- to enhance the visual interest and support / encourage local wildlife into the residential area and mitigate any adverse effect the development may have on local wildlife

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See engineering drawings for proposed levels, retaining walls and setting out details. All dimensions to be checked on site and not scaled from this drawing. This drawing should not be amended without prior consent. Any discrepancies must be reported to the site or technical manager. Etek Design Partnership is not responsible for any unauthorised changes made to this drawing or the consequences thereof.

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KEY

- ### Soft Works
- Planting-Hedges
 - Planting-Sem-Native Mixes
 - Planting-Shrubs
 - Grass-Amenity Seed
 - Grass-Turf
 - Grass-Wildflower
 - Shrub-Climber
 - Shrub-Specimen
 - Tree-Feather
 - Tree-Standard

STRUCTURAL PLANTING

TREES

Native trees are proposed within the public open spaces, site boundary field hedge and areas within the public domain within the development. The proposed trees will provide a framework and structure throughout the development and site boundaries.

Proposed species to include:

- Acer campestre
- Castanea sativa
- Fraxinus excelsior - to be proposed subject to forestry commission guidance on movement / planting restrictions at time of detailed design
- Malus sylvestris
- Pinus sylvestris
- Prunus avium
- Prunus padus
- Quercus robur
- Tilia

HEDGES

The existing native hedge is to be enhanced by way of infilling gaps and new hedgerow planting. The proposed hedgerows will interlink the existing boundary planting and provide structure to the site boundaries.

Proposed species to include:

- Acer campestre
- Cornus sanguinea
- Corylus avellana
- Crataegus monogyna
- Prunus spinosa
- Rosa arvensis
- Rosa canina
- Viburnum opulus

Under seed new native hedge with Emorsgate EH1 or similar approved hedgerow wildflower seed mix.

SHRUB PLANTING

Native mixed shrubs with wildflower seed mix are proposed within the POS areas to create wildlife habitats and create a visual link to the countryside boundary.

Proposed shrub species to include hedgerow species and:

- Ligustrum vulgare
- Prunus cerasifera
- Prunus laurocerasus
- Ilex aquifolium
- Sambucus nigra

Under seed new native shrub areas with Emorsgate EM1 or similar approved general meadow/wildflower seed mix.

DRAINAGE FEATURE / WETLAND HABITAT

Wild grass and wetland habitat is to be created in accordance with drainage & ecological requirements. Ecological tree / shrub planting and fencing shall be detailed and approved as part of the AHS SUDS / public open space adoption process or management company requirements.

* fencing is only to be detailed if dictated by adopting authority.

Swale drainage features to be seeded with Emorsgate EMS or similar approved wetland wildflower seed mix.

If standing water is incorporated within the drainage designs the pond edge is to be seeded with Emorsgate EP1 or similar approved pond edge wildflower seed mix.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

TREES

Street trees will create visual cohesion and link to the built environment within the streetscape so as to form green links across the site and enhance the ecological value within the development.

HEDGES

Evergreen and flowering deciduous hedges are to be proposed to define ownership of space and visual amenity to the streetscape. Limited species of hedges are to be proposed so as to create unity and definition of space to the different housing areas.

SHRUB

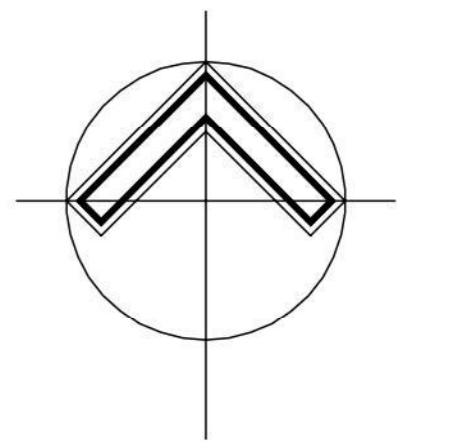
Shrub mixes are to be proposed to define ownership of space and visual amenity to the streetscape.

Tall specimen shrubs with groundcover planting are proposed to focal points and gable ends of dwellings.

Medium height shrub mixes are proposed to screen car parking areas and to create a link between buildings and the streetscape.

Low / medium shrub mixes are proposed to small front gardens or mid terraced dwellings where turf is difficult to manage so as to create diversity of habitat and visual interest in combination with proposed hedge planting.

Detailed soft landscape proposals to be approved by LPA.



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