

LANDSCAPE STRATEGY MASTERPLAN



**KEY**

- Red line boundary

**HARD LANDSCAPE**

- Parking court, Tarmac.
- Paths and patios, flag or similar and approved. Colour: 'Buff'
- Patio furniture
- Central Seating Feature
- Gravel over geotextile

**SOFT LANDSCAPE**

- Existing Trees
- Existing Hedge
- Entrance Streetwise Trees
- Proposed native tree
- Proposed evergreen tree
- Proposed small ornamental tree
- Proposed pleached trees
- Topiary specimens, *Ilex crenata* or *Laurus nobilis* cones
- Large specimen shrubs, Thuja 'Smaragd', Phormium 'Jester', Hydrangea of various varieties
- Ornamental shrub, herbaceous and groundcover planting
- Native hedging
- Evergreen hedge
- Amenity grass areas
- Hedgerow Wildflower grass corridor enhancing ecological networks
- Drift of spring flowering bulbs
- Native canopy/ sub canopy planting

TREE PLANTING STRATEGY

**Street Boundary**  
Trees are planted on the pedestrian entrance of the site, chosen for their compact canopy and seasonal leaf colour. Trees are suited to being planted close to highways.



*Acer campestre* 'Streetwise'

**Native trees on the southern boundary** will provide visual mitigation and support local biodiversity



*Carpinus betulus*



*Betula pendula*

**Evergreen trees** will provide year round visual mitigation and support local biodiversity



*Pinus sylvestris*



*Ilex aquifolium*

**Ornamental trees** within the amenity areas will add vertical seasonal interest to the shrub beds throughout the development.



*Magnolia stellata* 'Royal Star'



*Cornus controversa* 'Variegata'



*Sorbus aucuparia* 'Autumn Spire'



*Photinia x fraseri* 'Red robin' - Pleached

**Central Courtyard trees** around the central amenity space seating area to provide vertical interest and screening. They will have an upright habit and light canopy to prevent overshadowing.

DESIGN PARAMETERS

The Site is currently a former Care Home and proposals are to develop the land into retirement living apartments and associated amenity space. Vehicular access is off Broadwater Road to the north of the Site. The main entrance to the building is from the access road and parking courtyard to the west. The Site is relatively flat with level change on the southern and eastern boundary including existing trees and a lawn area. Existing boundary treatments are to be enhanced or new ones proposed where they are not present with additional planting/screening to be added behind. The additional planting on the boundaries is strategically placed to address overlooking views in and out to neighbouring properties. Proposed evergreen ornamental hedges are designed and positioned to delineate the parking court from Owners Lounge and central courtyard patio area. The Owners' Lounge and associated patio is on the central/southern western elevation of the proposed building. A hard landscape entrance feature adjacent to the pedestrian entrance features outdoor seating, with planting to direct pedestrians towards the entrance. Smaller patio areas associated with individual apartments have been provided throughout. Overall, the proposed landscape design is at a domestic scale, creating homely spaces which allow for small social gatherings and quieter contemplative resting places. Elements of herbaceous planting will be proposed throughout the scheme for seasonal interest.

PLANTING PALETTE - PLANTING PHILOSOPHY

Existing vegetation on the southern boundary provides a vegetated setting to the car park and development. This boundary requires enhancing to become a biodiverse native ecological corridor. Specifically, specimens and native trees such as *Carpinus betulus*, *Pinus sylvestris* and *Ilex aquifolium* provide visual screening to infill any inward looking views. Proposed native hedge planting on the southern and eastern boundary of the main site provide ecological corridors around the development. Planting within the car park aims to reinforce this boundary and help to delineate the access road and parking area. Compact canopy street trees such as *Acer campestre* 'Streetwise' provide a vertical interest without overshadowing the car park with broad canopy. These are under planted with ornamental evergreen hedge row or low growing flowering ornamental shrub planting and groundcover. Proposed planting on the northern elevation of the building will be chosen for their shade tolerance. On the northern boundary clipped hedging and shrub planting are proposed to create layers of attractive vegetation to visually screen and filter views beyond. The planting style for the amenity spaces will be more formal with seasonal interest and a strong year round evergreen presence to ensure structure and a 'green' landscape setting is maintained. Use of ornamental hedging and topiary specimens will offer instant impact and cohesive structure to the planting beds. Large specimen shrubs chosen for their tone and texture will give an established appearance upon implementation. Flowering shrubs and herbaceous planting add colour, seasonal interest and ecological value. Climbers including clematis and honeysuckle will be proposed as part of the screening treatment for the sub-station. Proposed small ornamental trees aim to add colour and vertical structure to the scheme as well as improve connectivity and biodiversity across the Site. A diverse selection of proposed plant species will provide an overall enhancement to biodiversity, with the site having the potential to attract a greater range of invertebrates and therefore providing foraging/nesting habitat for notable urban species.

<i>Bergenia cordifolia</i> 'Purpurea'	<i>Hemerocallis</i> 'Stella d'Oro'	<i>Anemone x hybrida</i> 'Honorine Jobert'	<i>Aucuba japonica</i> 'Variegata'	<i>Erica carnea</i> 'Springwood white'	<i>Cornus sanguinea</i> 'Dogwood'
<i>Phormium</i> varieties	<i>Hebe Mette'</i>	<i>Cistus</i> 'Sunset'	<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> 'Annabelle'	<i>Ilex crenata</i> or <i>Laurus nobilis</i> topiary cone	<i>Low Evergreen hedge</i>
<i>Narcissus</i> 'February Gold'	<i>Choisya ternata</i> 'Aztec Pearl'	<i>Nandina domestica</i> 'Fire Power'	<i>Wildflower Turf Mix</i>	<i>Rosemarinus officinalis</i>	<i>Native Buffer</i> <i>Viburnum opulus</i> 'Compactum'

Sample ornamental shrub bed.



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