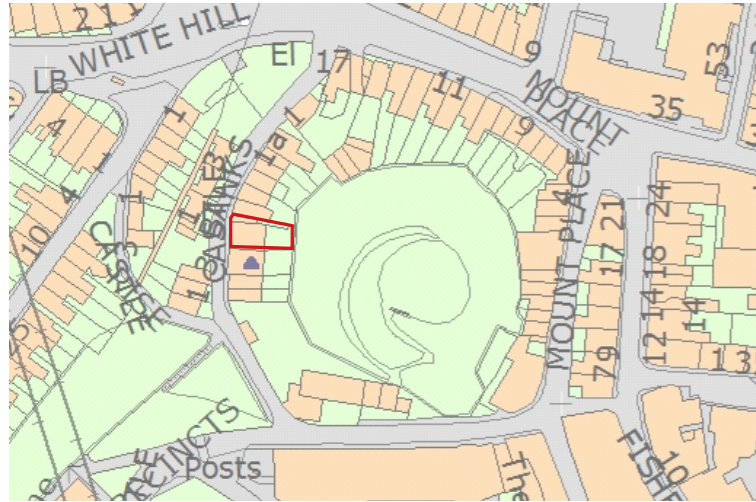


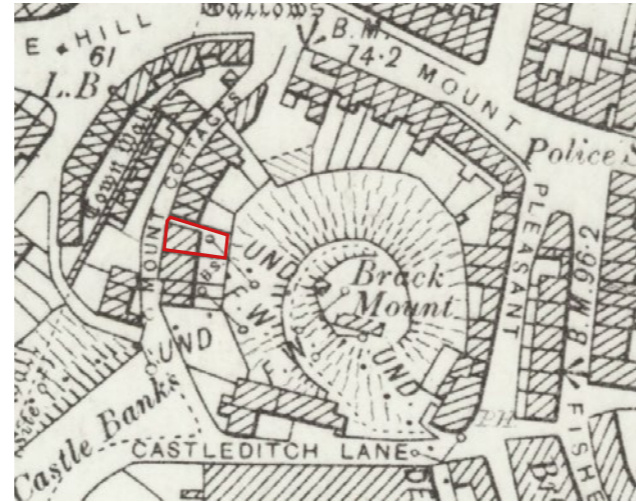
LISTED BUILDING CONSENT PRE-APPLICATION ADVICE REQUEST - THE OLD POOR HOUSE

The Old Poor House, 7, Castle Banks
 Lewes, East Sussex
 National Grid Ref.: TQ 41414 10231
 Grade II Listing
 List Entry No.: 1353010
 Date first listed: 29-Oct-1985

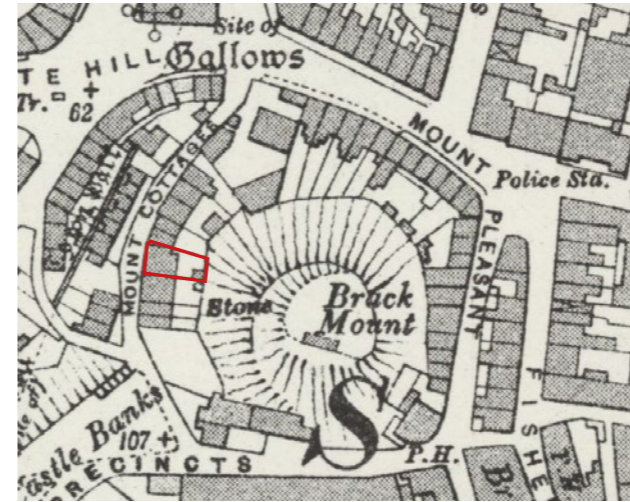
The Old Poor House is estimate to have been built around 1633 and was built to provide a workhouse for the poor of St. Johns parish. "The Lords of the Barony granted a parcel of land lately part of the Lord's waste, called the Castle Banks, for the use of the poor." It was considered "best calculated for the children as it is more centrally situated and we think it in every way adapted with suitable alterations and additions so as to affect a proper division of the Boys and Girls." But in 1835 it was decided that "The house appropriated for the Children is situated in a very unhealthy spot." The building was sold into private ownership in 1839 and subsequently divided into two dwellings.



Site location



OS Map 1:25 inch 1898



OS Map 1:25 inch 1930



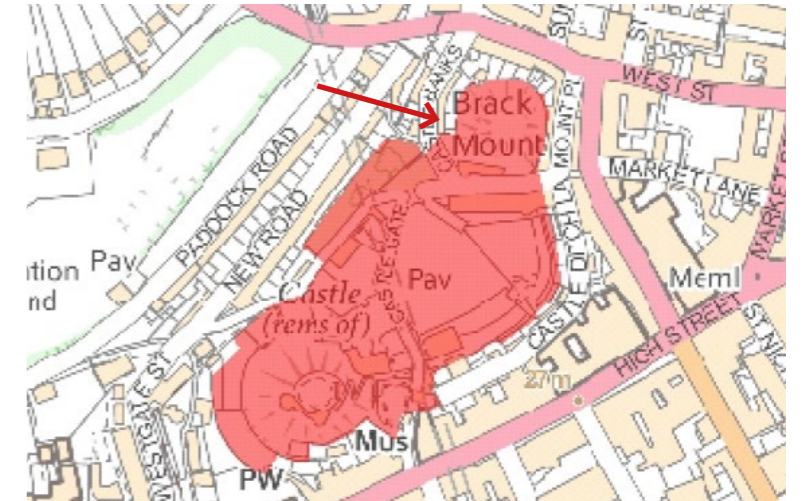
Drawing of The Old Poor House (1928)



Current view of rear garden, with shed structure - composed of walls of differing materials, built at different, unknown dates.



Current view of Brack Mount, with shed roof (bottom right)

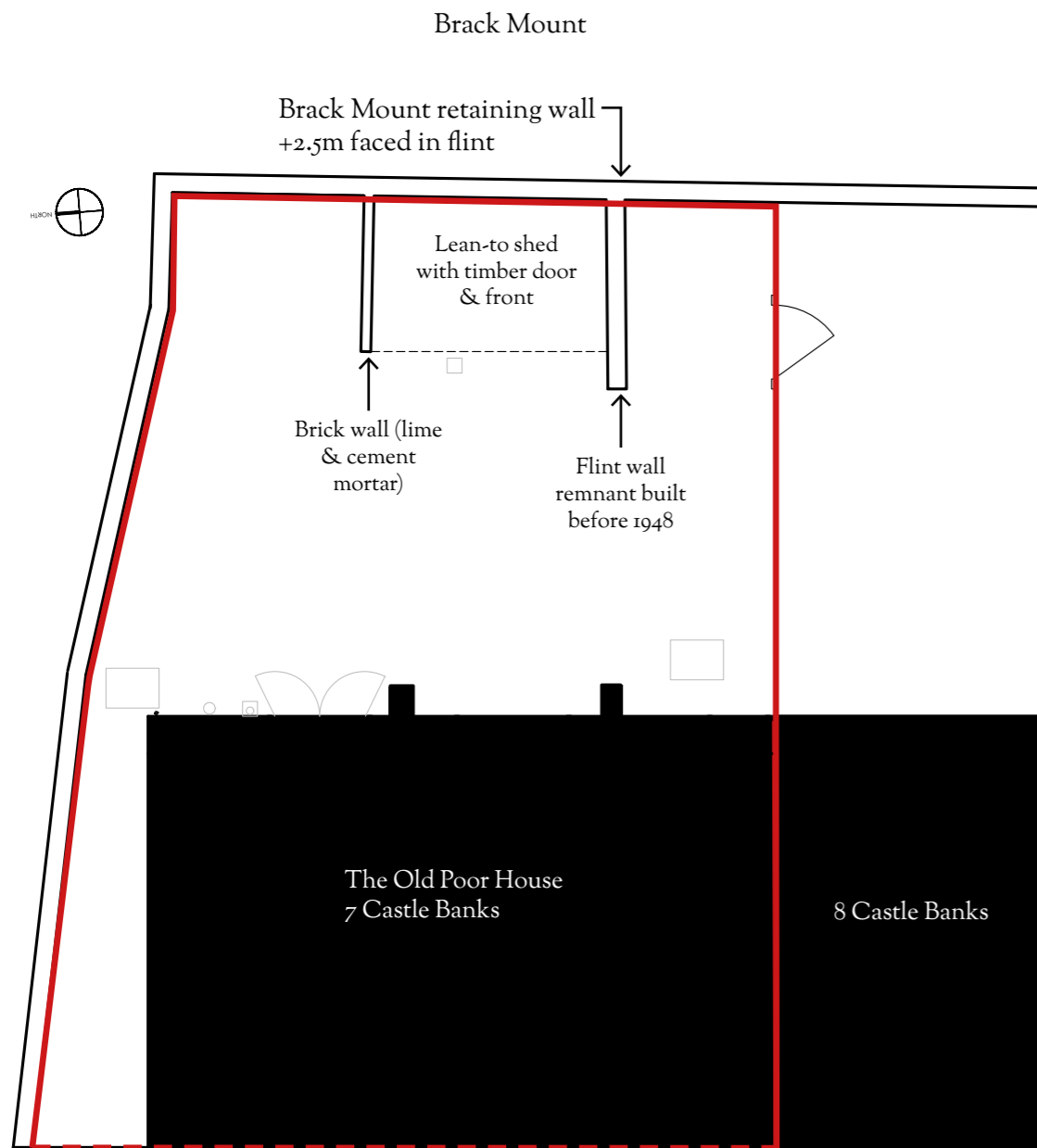


Scheduled Ancient Monument, 1013268: LEWES CASTLE

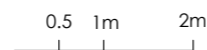
Brack Mount belongs to the Sussex Archaeological Society's Lewes Castle Property and is a Scheduled Ancient Monument. It represents the surviving motte, or artificial mound, of a military motte-and-bailey castle which was constructed, along with a network of other Sussex examples, soon after the Norman invasion. (Boundary of monument in red below).



THE OLD POOR HOUSE - CURRENT LAYOUT & PROPOSED WORKS

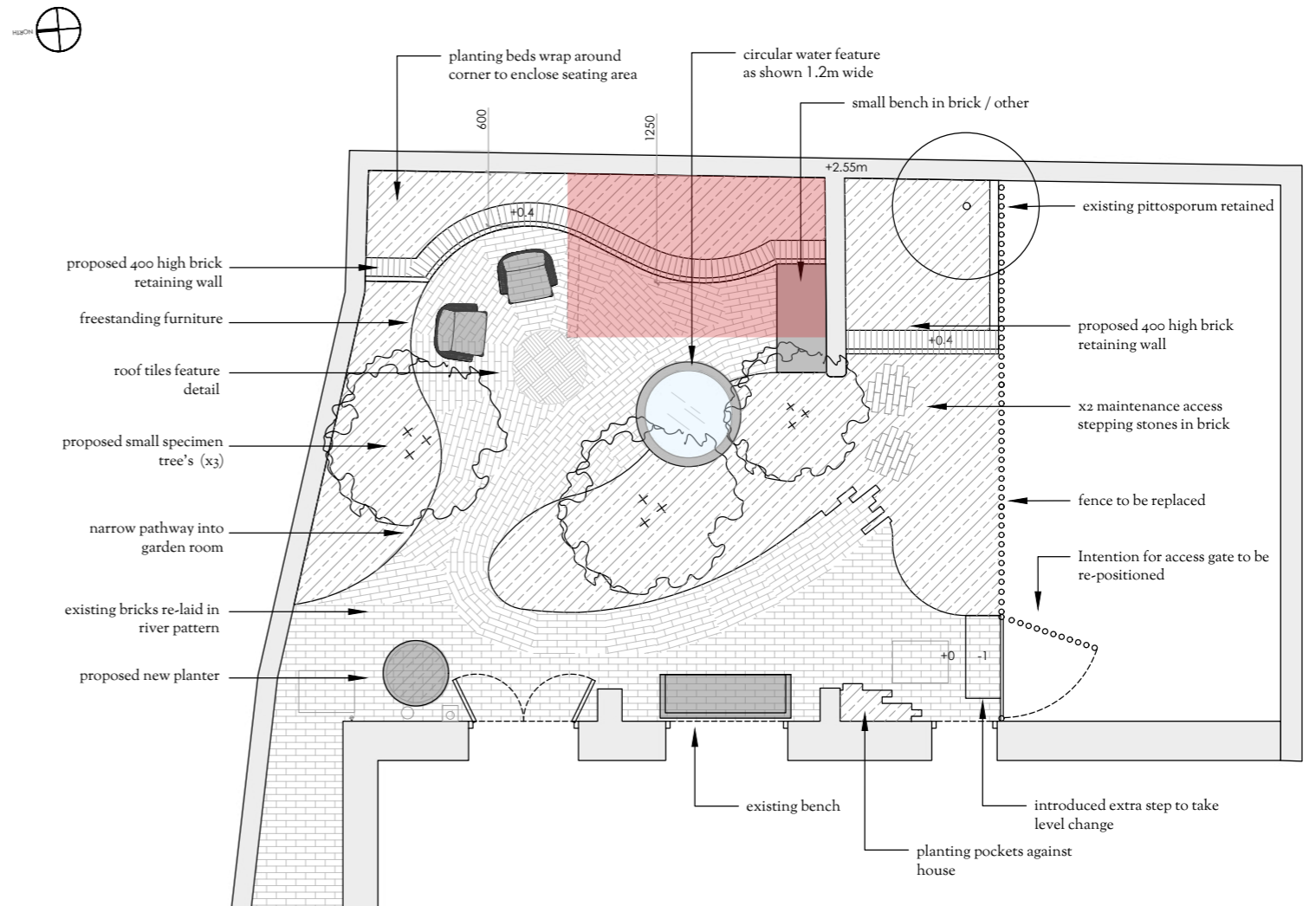


Current layout of garden (site boundary in red)

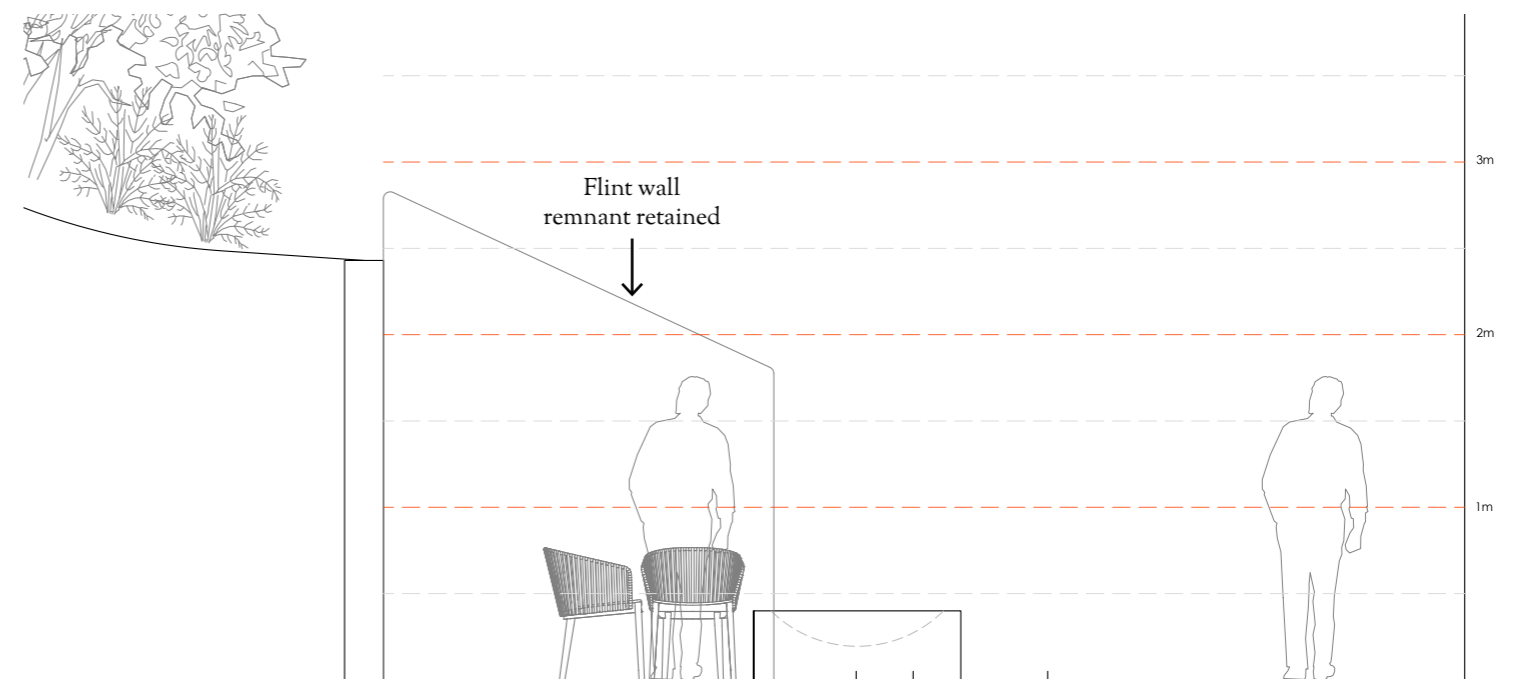


Local Works Studio have been commissioned to redesign and rebuild the small rear garden within the curtilage of The Old Poor House. Proposed works to include:

- Deconstruction of the garden shed's northern-most brick wall, tanalised timber front and tiled roof - the shed is of lean-to construction built against the boundary wall, part of Brack Mount (scheduled monument). A pre-1948 flint wall remnant forms the 3rd wall of the shed and will be left in-situ.
- Repair (if required after deconstruction) to rear wall and listed flint wall, by Bosence Building Conservation and Flintman Company with like-for-like materials. Replacement of cement mortar patches with lime mortar.
- Retention and reuse of all deconstructed materials within the garden to make new hard landscaping elements.
- Replacement of current tanalised timber southern boundary fence with riven chestnut fence.
- Planting to encourage biodiversity and birdlife in the garden.

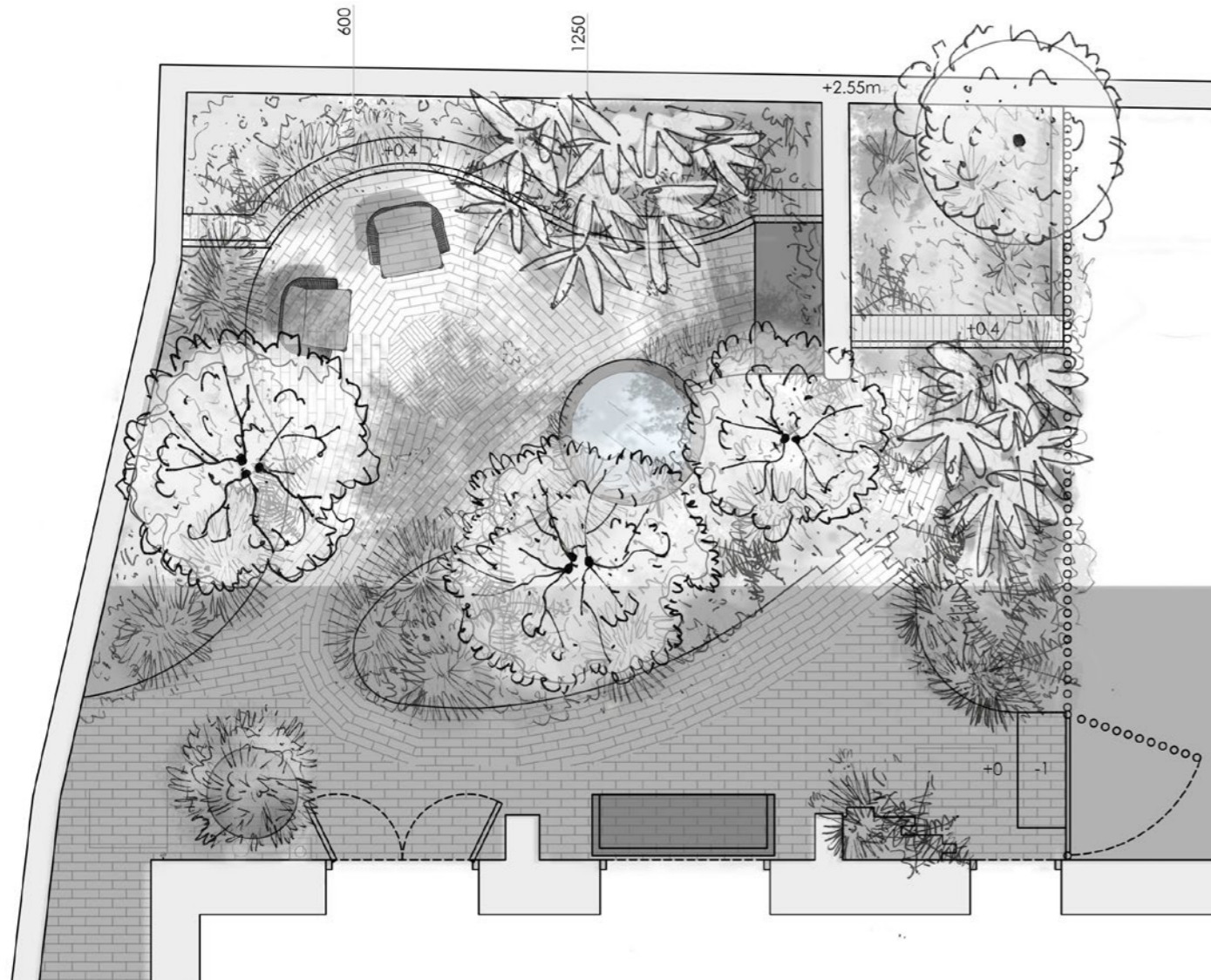


Proposed plan view of garden (footprint of deconstructed shed in pink)



Proposed side elevation (looking south)

THE OLD POOR HOUSE - PROPOSED WORKS



Proposed garden layout plan view

The aims for the new garden

- The creation of a secluded 'inner' destination or refuge within the garden that could provide privacy, shelter and places to sit in sun or shade.
- Visual blurring of the boundary between the mount and the garden, creating the illusion of 'bringing the landscape in' using layered planting.
- Retaining sense of place and character features of the garden, including flint wall remnant and brick paving.
- Reuse of deconstruction materials to make new garden features, including simple water feature, bench and retained walls for planting beds.
- Use of local materials and crafts, including coppiced chestnut poles & laths for fencing.
- Creating habitats for wildlife.



Proposed garden layout sketch views