

**PLOT 5, COFTON CENTRE
GROVELEY LANE, LONGBRIDGE**

**LANDSCAPE DESIGN
STATEMENT**



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Landscape Design Statement

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Introduction

The landscape strategy has been carefully considered to support the commercial objectives of the proposed development, whilst also creating an attractive setting for employees and visitors. The proposed planting consists of a wide variety of species to offer year round visual interest in the form of colour, foliage, flowers, berries, seeds and scent. The diverse range of planting types will also provide a valuable habitat for wildlife.

Development Frontage

From the road views of the building will be broken up by rows of evenly spaced 'street style' trees alternating in species. The trees will be planted within a clipped Hornbeam hedge that will help screen the car park area and its associated vehicular activity.

Car Park Areas

Within the car park resilient low groundcover plant species are used to soften the kerb lines around the car park bays without restricting access into and out of vehicles and visibility of drivers. Specimen shrubs are positioned in key locations to create focal points within the planting areas and to provide additional form and structure. Two tall, columnar form Beech trees have been strategically positioned to break up views of the building elevation and provide a valuable green landscape element comparable in scale to the built form.

Amenity Area

An outdoor seating area is positioned directly opposite the office entrance to provide a place of refuge and seclusion for employees and visitors to enjoy. The area contains a total of six benches and a pocket of ornamental planting with a large columnar Beech tree as its focal point. The seating area is separated from the noisier nearby car park, service yard and cycle shelter areas by Hornbeam hedges to create a private and quiet retreat for relaxation and contemplation.

Perimeter Landscape Treatments

Around all boundaries of the proposed development the majority of the existing individual trees and tree groups have been retained where possible. Along the northern boundary embankment it is proposed that any gaps within the existing vegetation are bolstered with new native transplant species to create a continuous landscape feature that helps separate this new development from the neighbouring site and to provide a valuable wildlife corridor.

Along the eastern boundary, native thicket mix planting will bridge the gap between the existing vegetation and supplement the large area of existing trees outside the site. Individual native and conifer trees similar to those species found on site will be positioned within the thicket mix planting to provide extra structure and add to the overall understorey cover type found on site. There are limited opportunities for planting along the southern boundary to the service yard due to the necessity of it operating as a working environment. The area is maximised solely for the use of heavy good vehicle operations and parking and will be unseen from the road. It is considered that an unplanted open boundary would be the preferred approach given the high security measures seen along the neighbouring site's perimeter where visibility seems paramount. Towards the entrance the large area of thicket planting containing native tree and conifer species is positioned to both screen the neighbouring developments and supplement the large area of existing planting to the rear of the IT Fleet Automotive building.

Entrances

There are two proposed entrances into the development and the arrangement of trees planted within clipped Hornbeam hedgerows is mirrored along both sides of each entrance to create an attractive point of arrival into the site. From within the site the considered alignment of the hedge, low groundcover and tree planting will assist pedestrian movement towards the building entrance and accentuate views of the building façade.

Overview

The landscape scheme described above will help to integrate the proposed development into the existing area and visually enhance the setting for employees and visitors. Throughout the design process every opportunity has been taken to maximise the soft landscape component within the proposals whilst allowing the site to function effectively and efficiently as a working environment. The proposed planting strategy will add to the existing landscape habitat and consist of a diverse mixture of species for the benefit of both the sites users and wildlife.