

# The Old Corn Mill Landscape Design Method Statement

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## Site context

The Old Corn Mill at Gweek is a grade II listed building located on the sweeping bend of the main road in from the west. Our clients live in Flat 1 in the building that has a large courtyard area of outside space on the east side of the building (patio) and a smaller, narrow outside space (terrace) to the west of the building. Both these spaces have boundaries to neighbouring properties and the road.



## Current state - Courtyard

These images show the east courtyard in its current state. The surface is laid to random slate slabs and it has a 4ft stone wall running around the north and east boundaries.

A line of conifers and shrubs have been removed from the raised bed in front of the wall to make room for the now proposed landscape planting plan.





## Current state - Terrace

This image shows the west terrace in its current state.

A line of conifers and shrubs have been removed from the sloping bed along with rotten wooden fencing to make room for the now proposed landscape planting plan.

## Patio garden

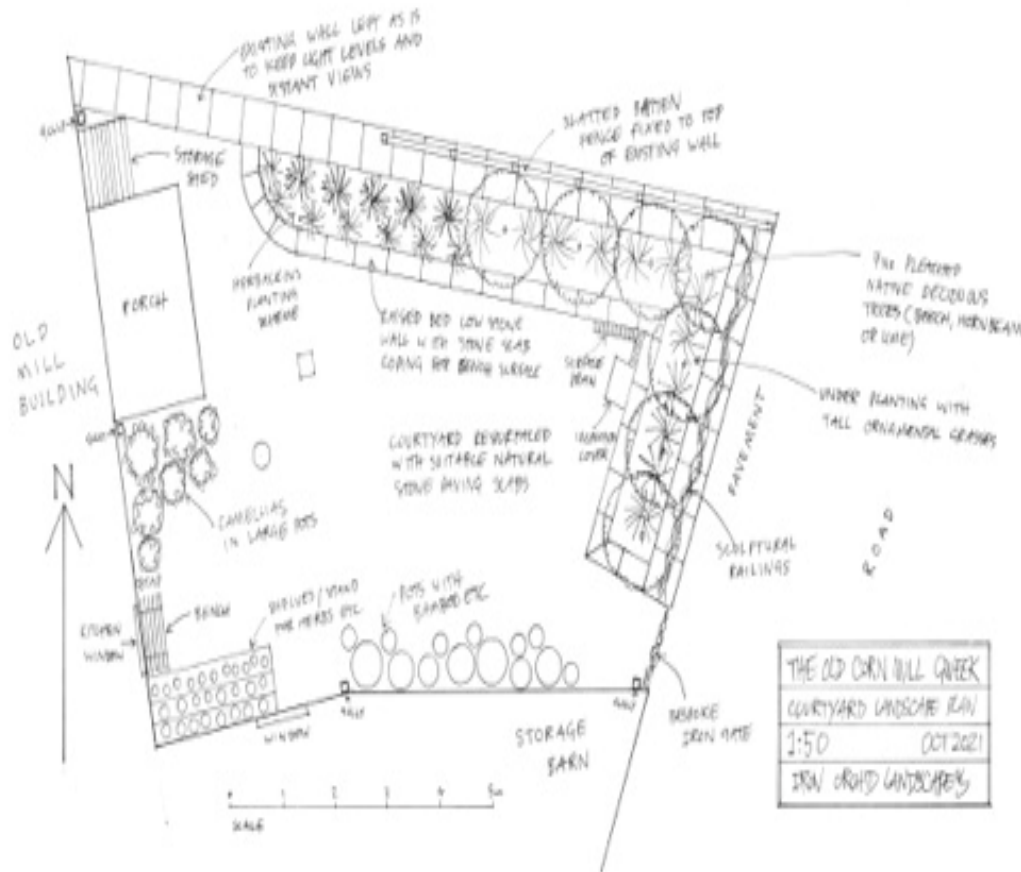
The focus of this area is to create privacy and screening from the road with use of slatted fencing, pleached trees and mixed planting in a raised bed in front of the existing stone boundary wall.

A new secondary low wall will be built 1200mm out from the existing wall giving a bed width of approx. 800mm. The wall will be built from local stone with a slate/stone coping slab at a final height of 450mm above ground level.

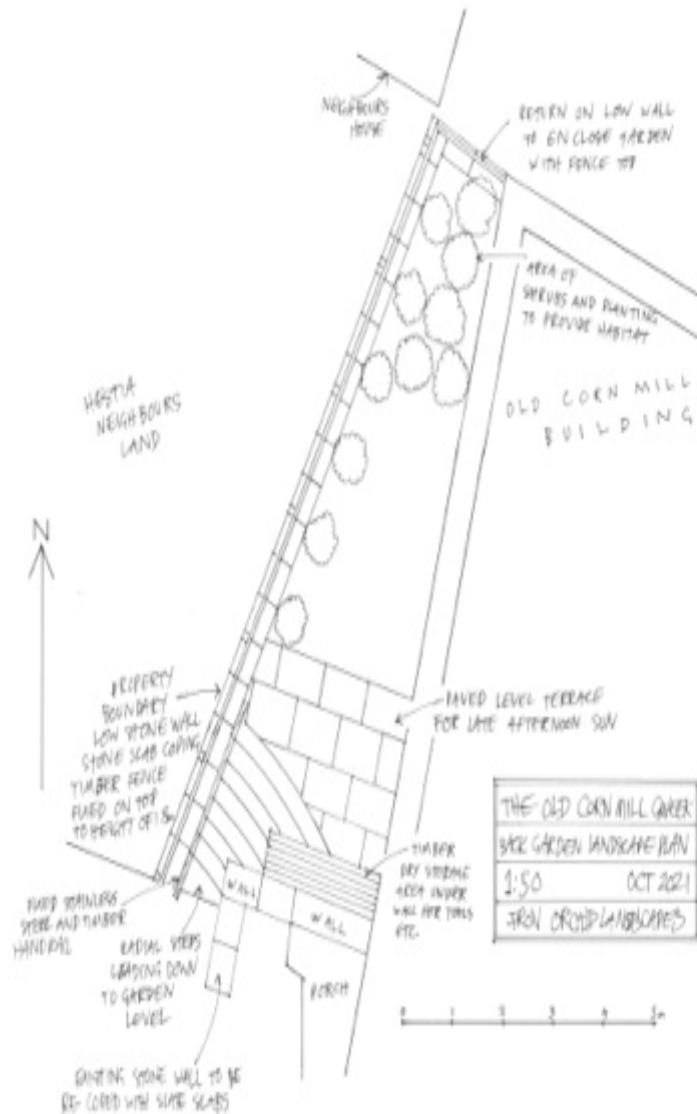
A new surface drain will be installed to take surface rain water from the courtyard area.

The raised bed will be planted with 7no pleached lime/hornbeam trees at an approximate height of 3m. There will be underplanting of tall ornamental grasses and herbaceous plants. The existing stone boundary wall will have a slatted batten fence built on top to the extent of the pleached trees. This will be approx. 800mm high.

A bespoke metal railing will be installed on top of the wall along the pavement/roadside with an additional metal gate for pedestrian access.



## Terrace garden



This is the layout plan for the back space to the west. The boundary will be created with a low stone wall which will be stepped up the slope of the plot. This will be constructed from local stone built on a concrete footing. The footing will be 600mm wide and at least 200mm deep. The stone wall will be approximately 500mm wide and have a varying height due to having to be stepped with the slope of the land. A maximum height would be 750mm. A treated timber, slatted fence will be attached on the coping of the wall and have a maximum height of 2000mm from ground level. The wall and fence will form an 'L' shape that ends at the corner of the mill building enclosing the space.

A flight of curved steps will be constructed from site cast concrete. They will have a hand rail made from stainless steel supports and a hardwood timber rail. The steps will have tread depths of 300mm minimum and risers of 180mm in height. Below the steps a level area will be laid to paving slabs of either porcelain or non-slip stone or concrete. There will be a small timber storage shed made under the niche that is under the porch of the mill.

The area beyond the paving will be planted with shrubs that will create a wild garden area to attract wildlife and create habitat for nature.

Inside the courtyard area there will be a small timber storage shed to the north of the porch. There will be various pots and planters positioned along the walls of the building to the owners' discretion.



The surface of the courtyard could be re laid with a suitable stone or porcelain slab product that would provide a durable non slip surface.





All works to be carried out under relevant risk assessments.

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