

**DESIGN RATIONALE**

The existing garden comprises of different adjacent areas:  
 - an Orchard to the southeast  
 - a walled garden to the southwest  
 - an expanse of lawn with hedges to the west  
 - a large front garden with large, mature trees towards the north.

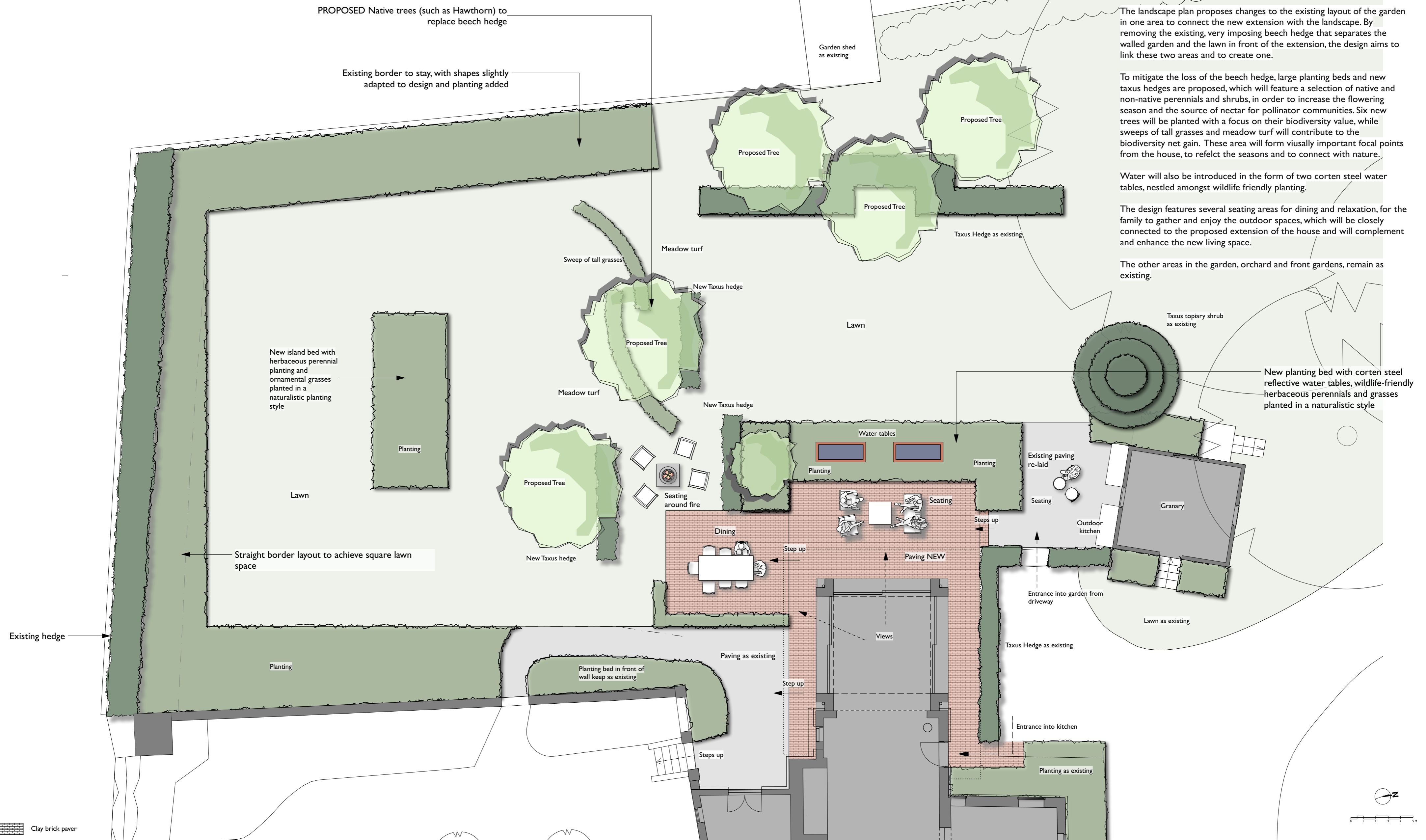
The landscape plan proposes changes to the existing layout of the garden in one area to connect the new extension with the landscape. By removing the existing, very imposing beech hedge that separates the walled garden and the lawn in front of the extension, the design aims to link these two areas and to create one.






To mitigate the loss of the beech hedge, large planting beds and new taxus hedges are proposed, which will feature a selection of native and non-native perennials and shrubs, in order to increase the flowering season and the source of nectar for pollinator communities. Six new trees will be planted with a focus on their biodiversity value, while sweeps of tall grasses and meadow turf will contribute to the biodiversity net gain. These areas will form visually important focal points from the house, to reflect the seasons and to connect with nature.

Water will also be introduced in the form of two corten steel water tables, nestled amongst wildlife friendly planting.

The design features several seating areas for dining and relaxation, for the family to gather and enjoy the outdoor spaces, which will be closely connected to the proposed extension of the house and will complement and enhance the new living space.

The other areas in the garden, orchard and front gardens, remain as existing.



-  Clay brick paver
-  Planting border
-  Hedge
-  Stone paving as existing
-  Lawn

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