



- Site Boundary.
- HMP East Sutton Park Land Ownership Boundary.
- Existing mature trees, hedgerows and scrub.
- Proposed wildflower grassland/meadow planting.
- Proposed native tree planting.

- Retain and manage all existing mature trees and hedgerows at the boundaries of the Site, which limit and screen views.
- Proposed areas for wildflower grassland/meadows using a Kent wildflower seed mix, appropriate to local landscape character, to increase biodiversity.
- Proposed area for species-rich grassland/wildflower grassland/meadows to provide foraging opportunities for birds and bats.
- Proposed new native trees, including Field maple, Common alder, Silver birch, Hornbeam, Beech, Holly, Wild cherry and English Oak to screen (at maturity) glimpse views from Public Footpath KH320 to the south).
- Proposed native hedgerow (including a mix of Hazel, Field Maple and Sallow) in keeping with guidance set out within the Maidstone Landscape Character Assessment Supplement. (2012). At maturity, this will soften glimpse views to the accommodation units from Public Footpath KH320 to the south.
- Proposed native tree planting (see 4 for proposed species).



Proposed Landscape Strategy

The proposed overall vision for the Site is to conserve and manage all existing mature trees, hedgerows and shrubs adjacent to the Site, particularly at the boundaries of the grounds of HMP East Sutton Park, which limit and screen views from local roads and footpaths. This is in keeping with the landscape guidelines for Sutton Valence Greensand Ridge (35) Landscape Character Area, as set out within the Maidstone Landscape Character Assessment: Sensitivity assessment (January 2015). Areas of wildflower grassland/meadows (using a Kent wildflower seed mix) are proposed within existing areas of amenity grassland, adjacent to the accommodation units. There is also potential to introduce areas of species-rich grassland which will increase foraging opportunities for birds and bats and increase biodiversity adjacent to the Site. New native trees are proposed to the south of accommodation units (within the wider grounds of HMP East Sutton Park). These are positioned to screen (at maturity) glimpse views from Public Footpath (KH320 - Viewpoints 3, 4 and 5) which is located approximately 670m to the south of the Site. Maidstone Landscape Character Assessment Supplement (2012) identifies that Kentish trees include Field maple, Common alder, Silver birch, Hornbeam, Beech, Holly, Wild cherry and English Oak. It is suggested that a mixture of these native trees are planted. In addition, a native hedgerow is proposed to the north of the car parking area (5), to further screen potential glimpse views towards the accommodation units. Hazel hedges are a locally distinctive feature of the Sutton Valence Greensand Ridge Landscape Character Area. A proposed hedge mix for the Site should include Hazel (70%), Field Maple (20%) and Sallow (10%), planted at 35cm spacing in a double staggered row.

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