

Landscape Strategy

Proposed dwelling at White Hart House, Hacton Lane



Site Description

The proposal site consists of a hard surface which was used as a car park when the adjacent White Hart House was a public house and a narrow band of soft landscape of just a few metres width with various trees and shrubs around its periphery.

A hedgerow consisting of mainly hawthorn surrounds the site on the west south and east sides. The garden of White Hart House adjoins the site. It features some elegant flowering and ornamental trees over a tranquil gravel and paved area. The hedgerows and adjacent garden provides a sheltered micro-climate with a small amount of shadow.

Soils on the proposal site are loamy with naturally high groundwater which typically supports arable grassland, woodland and wet acid meadows.



Photo 2. Landscape edge to hard surface



Photo 3. White Hart House and site boundary



Photo 1. Hard surface with accumulated materials



Photo 4. Rear garden of White Hart House and site boundary

Development Proposal

The landscape around the proposed dwelling will provide an enhanced the curtilage with a variety of ornamental trees, shrubs and perennials. A sensory garden would benefit the future resident from interaction with planting and features on several levels.

Soils beneath the existing hard-standing would be compacted and remediation is recommended. New imported top soil to a depth of 300mm in excavated areas would promote successful establishment of lawn and shrub areas.

The entire garden space would be wheelchair accessible with level paths, without steps , and lawns. A raised pond would allow the water feature to be touched and sensed and allow marginal planting and wildlife in and around the pond to be seen closely. Water within the feature would be circulated with opportunity for a small cascade or fountain.



Photo 5. Raised water feature with surrounding sensory plants



Photo 6. Raised water feature with tactile plants

Ornamental shrub borders would include tactile species with a range of leaf and flower textures. Olfactory plants give fragrances of flower and foliage throughout the garden. Rosemary and lavender, roses and lilac, sweet box and fragrant viburnum are placed around the lawn areas to gently scent the air.

A bird feeding stations would be placed in the garden and another nearer the house to be viewed from indoors when weather is inclement.

A series of raised planters are to be located at the front of the dwelling accessible by surrounding footpaths. Raised planted make gardening easier for wheelchair users and allow flowers and vegetables to be grown and easily managed.

The front of the dwelling is configured with a wide curved path leading from the drive and parking space bordered by low flowering shrubs, which may include seasonal plants for added interest.

A new native hedgerow would be planted along the boundary between the proposal site and the rear garden of White Hart House to the north. Small canopied native trees would be included within the hedgerow to provide some aerial habitat for birds and soft screening between the two dwellings.

The existing full height gates would be renewed providing security and privacy to the curtilages of both dwellings. A new fence would provide a boundary between the gates and start of the hedgerow.

The existing hedgerow around the proposal site would be conserved. The height of the hedgerow would not be reduced to maintain boundary security and privacy, particularly as quarrying works are to commence in due course. Existing trees are to be retained.



Photo 7. Borders within hard landscape for flowers and vegetables

A small number of additional trees would be planted in the garden. These would be of relatively small mature size to prevent overshadowing and resulting pressure to fell. However some additional canopy cover would add to the sensory experience and provide shading in the pre-dominantly south facing garden.

Paved areas on the south side of the dwelling allow level threshold outdoor flow for residents surrounded by ornamental shrub borders.

The proposal would significantly enhance the site from its existing condition and introduce planting of native and non-native trees and shrubs which would extend the flowering season, creating a tranquil and restful space throughout the year.



Recommended Species

- Garden trees*

 - Betula pendula 'Darlecarlica'
 - Malus x floribunda
 - Prunus spp

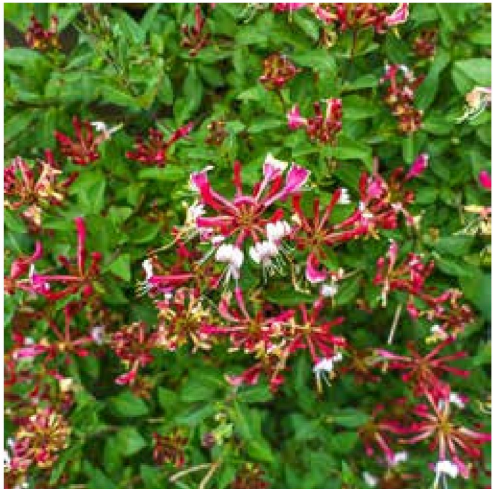
Large shrubs

 - Viburnum opulus
 - Photinia x fraseri 'Red Robin'
 - Escallonia 'Apple Blossom'
 - Buddleia davidii
 - Viburnum x burkwoodii
 - Philadelphus 'Belle Etoile'

Ornamental shrubs

 - Hebe spp
 - Rosa spp
 - Euonymus spp
 - Hydrangea spp
- Sensory plants*

 - Miscanthus sinensis
 - Lavandula spp
 - Rosmarinus spp
 - Cistus spp
 - Lonicera x periclymenum
 - Helichrysum italicum
 - Verbena spp
 - Helenium
 - Echinacea
 - Eremurus
 - Eryngium
 - Astilbe
 - Brunnera
 - Delphinium
 - Stipa gigantea
 - Stacy's byzantine
 - Penstemon



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LEGEND

- Driveway - tarmacadam
- Paved areas
- Pathways - resin bonded aggregate
- Lawn sown
- Ornamental shrub
- Garden trees
- Native hedgerow
- Raised planter
- Raised pond and marginal planting



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