

Landscape Design Plans

Churchill Retirement Living | Planning Issues

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## **DESIGN PARAMETERS**

The site is currently occupied by some buildings surrounding a central car park which shall be demolished. The site will be redeveloped into retirement living apartments. The site sits level with the frontage, lower than the housing to the north and higher than the railway to the eastern boundary. Access on to the site will be from Station Road to the northwest corner of the development and off street parking provided. Pedestrian access will be provided adjacent to the vehicle access. The main entrance to the building is off the parking courtyard to the north of the building. Proposed trees will enhance the natural screening between the proposed and existing developments where required. The Owners' lounge and associated patio is on the northern elevation of the proposed building. An outdoor seating area with outdoor garden timber furniture in the rear garden space will be provided for the owners lounge. . Constraints including existing service easements and engineering features will need to be considered. Overall, the proposed landscape design is at a domestic scale, creating homely spaces allows for small social gatherings and quieter contemplative resting places. The inclusion of local ornamental blossom trees will add visual appeal to the garden areas and link the scale from the buildings to the garden shrub planting. Elements of herbaceous planting will be proposed throughout the scheme for seasonal interest and increase biodiversity. Bat and Bird boxes could be integrated in to the building as well as on existing trees to be retained which are present on site.

## TREE PLANTING STRATEGY

**Boundary trees** on the boundary of the site to provide screening to adjacent properties. Trees close to railway to be selected to suit national rails guidelines





Carpinus betula 'Frans Fontaine'

Pyrus communis 'Chanticleer'



Street/Garden Trees are planted on the southern boundary to soften the building elevation and garden areas, chosen for their compact canopy and seasonal leaf colour.





On the road frontage facing the western boundary, will be planted with an evergreen hedge. This will create a boundary to the road, and delineation between the public and private. The planting style for the amenity spaces will be more formal with seasonal interest and a strong year-round evergreen presence. Use of ornamental hedging and topiary specimens will offer instant impact and cohesive structure to the planting beds. Large specimen shrubs chosen for their tone and texture will give an established appearance upon implementation. Flowering shrubs including fragrant perpetual flowering shrubs, grasses and topiary planting provides a visual aid toward the access and egress points to the building. Proposed planting on the northern elevation of the building will be chosen for their shade tolerance given the height and shadow cast by the building. Geometrical and organic shaped planting beds filled with topiary, semi evergreen and herbaceous plants with seasonal interest to provide an attractive garden experience. Smaller local variety and locally sourced fruit trees provide focal points at a small domestic scale whilst boundary tree planting provides screening and enclosure for the residents. Bulbs and herbaceous planting will provide seasonal interest to the site including bee friendly flowering species. Climbers including clematis and honeysuckle will be proposed on boundary treatments. A native hedge and wildflowers on the southern and eastern boundary will provide refuge for local fauna. A diverse selection of proposed plant species will provide an overall enhancement to biodiversity with the site having the potential to attract a greater range of invertebrates and therefore providing foraging/nesting habitat for notable urban species.





Hemerocallis 'Stella d'Oro'





Anemone x hybrida 'Honorine Jobert'



Aucuba japonica 'Variegata'





Erica carnea Springwood white

Cornus sanguinea Dogwood



Acer campestre 'Streewise'



Prunus Amanogawa Ornamental Specimen Trees are planted within the rear garden to provide small scale trees of seasonal interest.



Magnolia stellata 'Royal Star' Fruit Trees planted close to flowering species shrubs. Sourced from local nurseries of local variety.

Station Road, Great Shelford



Malus varieties

Phormium varieties Hebe 'Mette

Bergenia cordifolia

'Purpurea'

Sample ornamental shrub beds.

Cistus 'Sunset'



Hydrangea arborescens 'Annabelle





Topiary cone and clipped topiary spheres

1.2m high evergreen hedge to frontages

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