



GOSBROOK ROAD, READING

LANDSCAPE STRATEGY

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PLANTING STRATEGY

The following sets out the strategy for the planting proposals across the site. In preparing the detailed planting proposals, careful consideration has been given to the function of the different spaces, the species choice and the planting space available.

- The planting strategy focused on the following objectives:
- To retain the existing the mature tree at the northwest corner of the site,
 - To provide rain garden raised planter along the building facade to catch and retain the rain water from the roof
 - To introduce a range of trees and specimen shrubs to bring volume and shade within the communal garden,
 - To provide ecological opportunities with wildlife friendly planting through utilising a combination of species that encourage pollinator and bird,
 - To provide a green and attractive frontage,
 - To use a range of plants both, native and ornamental, that take in consideration the specificities of the different space (eg. flood/shade tolerant species) to ensure year round sensory interest.

The Illustrative Landscape Strategy opposite illustrates the overall layout. The plant species proposed, along with their characteristics are illustrated on subsequent pages.

This document is to be read in conjunction with the Hard & Soft General Arrangement Plans - A311 GA01 for details of the location of species, their sizes and specification along ongoing management.

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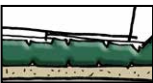
Existing trees to be retained - refer to arboricultural survey for details



Proposed trees



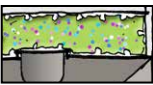
Proposed specimen shrub planting



Proposed hedge and evergreen planting



Proposed shrub planting - species selected to enhance biodiversity



Proposed biodiverse planting mix in rain garden planter



Proposed flowering lawn

SURFACES AND STREET FURNITURE STRATEGY

The hard landscape strategy sets out the material palette as agreed through the design consultation process. Permeable paving is proposed throughout the parking court to address the engineering requirements for drainage across the site.

The choice of surface materials and street furniture will assist in defining the different characteristics and uses of the spaces around the building with permeable block paving within the car park area and permeable resin bound gravel to the pedestrian area. The communal garden to the front will be accessible through a path of stepping stones set in gravel.

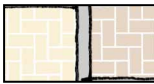
Two benches will be integrated into the communal garden to offer formal seating. The front garden will offer informal play opportunities for toddlers with a combination of grass mound, play boulders, logs and simple timber play equipment.

Finally, bat and bird boxes are proposed throughout the development, located as advised by the project ecologist. They will be place in the existing tree or will be integrated to the building facade.

Images of the different surface material, street furniture and biodiversity measure are illustrated in the following pages.

This document is to be read in conjunction with the Hard & Soft General Arrangement Plans - A311 GA01 for details of surface materials, furniture and biodiversity measures.

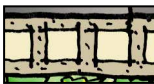
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Permeable paving to car park area



Permeable resin bound gravel to pedestrian area



Stepping stones set in gravel to provide access to garden



Gravel to maintenance access



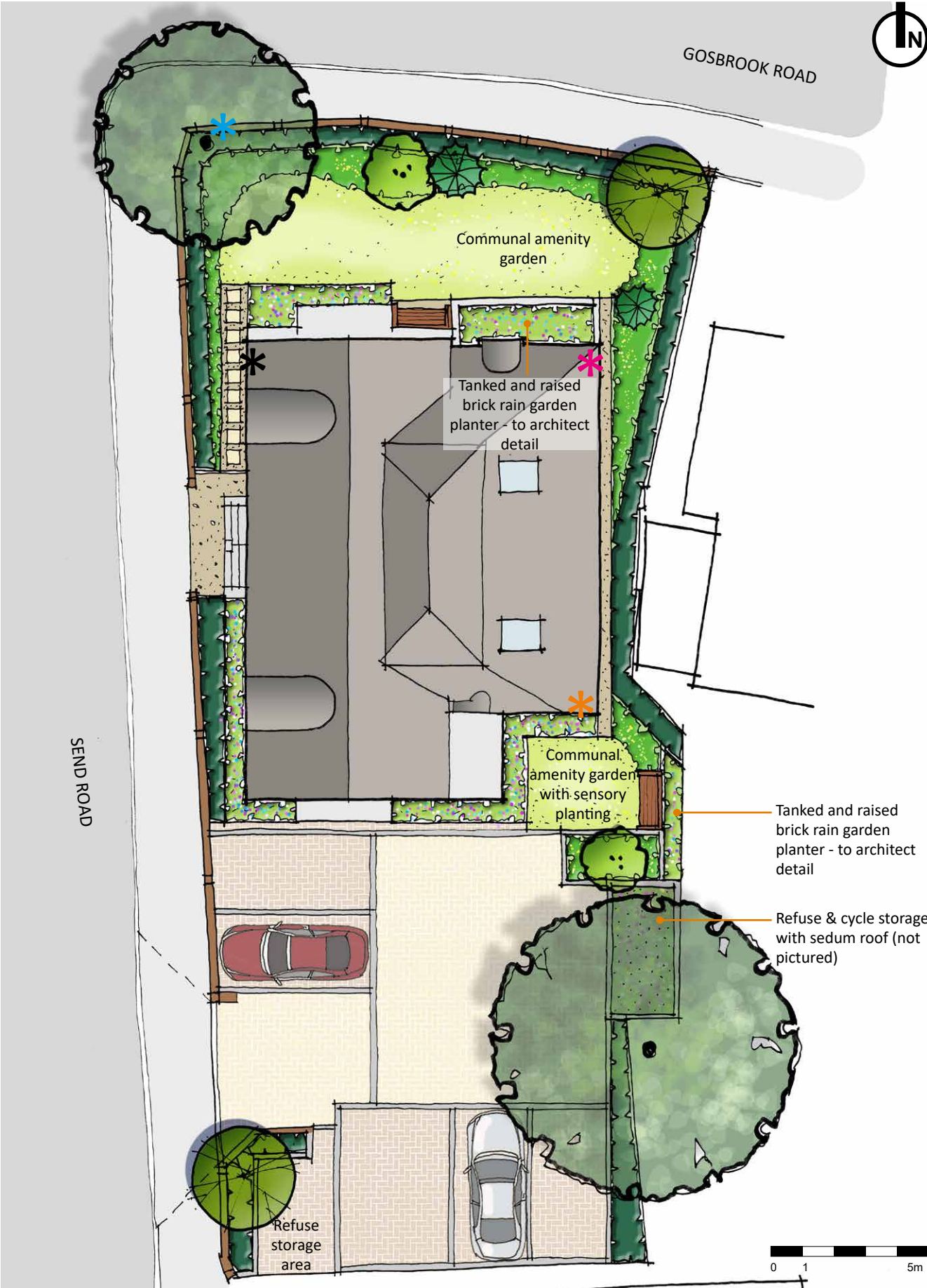
Proposed seating



Bird boxes - Tits, sparrow and swift - 1no of each



Bat boxes - 4nos



Illustrative Landscape Masterplan
Not to scale @ A3

PLANTING CHARACTERISTICS

 Pollinator friendly

 Occasional flood tolerant species

 Sensory species

 Bird friendly

 Shade tolerant species

 Ornamental species

 Native species

TREES & SPECIMEN SHRUB

- 1- *Amelanchier lamarckii* - Juneberry
2- *Betula utilis jacquemontii* - White-barked Himalayan Birch
3- *Cornus florida rubra*



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RAIN GARDEN PLANTER

- 1- *Acanthus mollis*
2- *Ajuga reptans* 'Catlin's Giant'
3- *Anemone x hybrida* 'Honorine Jobert'
4- *Echinacea Purpurea* 'Magnus'
5- *Helleborus orientalis*
6- *Iris sibirica*
7- *Nepeta* 'Six Hills Giant'
8- *Asplenium scolopendrium*



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BIODIVERSE SPECIES - FRONT GARDEN

- 1- *Choisya ternata* 'Sundance'
2- *Cornus alba* 'Sibirica'
3- *Crocsmia x crocosmiiflora*
4- *Euphorbia amygdaloides robbiae*
5- *Lamium maculatum* 'White Nancy'
6- *Persicaria amplexicaulis* 'Firetail'
7- *Rudbeckia fulgida deamii*
8- *Schizostylis coccinea* 'Major'
9- *Dryopteris filix-mas*
10- *Molinia caerulea arundinacea* 'Transparent'



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BIODIVERSE SPECIES - SENSORY GARDEN

- 1- *Lavandula angustifolia* 'Munstead'
2- *Sarcococca confusa*
3- *Aster* 'Little Carlow'
4- *Crocsmia* 'Solfatare'
5- *Stachys byzantina* 'Silver Carpet'
6- *Verbena bonariensis*
7- *Miscanthus* 'Kleine Fontane'
8- *Stipa tenuifolia*



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FLOWERING LAWN (WITHOUT GRASSES)

- 1- *Galium verum*
2- *Leontodon hispidus*
3- *Leucanthemum vulgare*
4- *Lotus corniculatus*
5- *Primula veris*
6- *Prunella vulgaris*
7- *Ranunculus acris*
8- *Trifolium pratense*



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PROPOSED HEDGES AND EVERGREEN

- 1- *Eleagnus x ebbingei*
2- *Osmanthus burkwoodii*
3- *Osmanthus delavayi*
4- *Pittosporum eugenioides* 'Variegatum'
5- *Viburnum tinus* 'Eve Price'



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Permeable paving to parking bays - Marshall's tegula priora; traditional colour (or similar approved)



Permeable paving to car park turning areas - Marshall's tegula priora; harvest colour (or similar approved)



Permeable resin bound gravel to pedestrian area - SureSet winter gold colour (or similar approved)



Stepping stones set in gravel to garden access - Marshall's saxon texture; natural colour (or similar approved)



Gravel to maintenance access



Flush granite style kerb to car park area - Marshall's Conservation kerb; silver grey colour (or similar approved)



Block paving to parking bay - Marshall's tegula priora; pennant grey colour (or similar approved)



Timber edging along footpath



Metal edge raised planter - Kinley Planterline Bespoke; CorTen steel (or similar approved)



Timber bench - Woodscape Tooting backrest seat; FSC certified timber (or similar approved)



Proposed bird boxes in existing tree - Schwegler Nest Box 1B (or similar approved)



Proposed sparrow boxes integrated to building facade - Schwegler Sparrow Terrace 1SP (or similar approved)



Proposed swift boxes integrated to building facade - Schwegler Swift Box No. 16 (or similar approved)



Proposed bat boxes integrated to building facade - Schwegler Bat Tube 1FR (or similar approved)