

Landscape Design Note

Boyer Planning – Land at Chatham Street, Reading.

19th February 2021

1 Frontage Landscape Design

- 1.1. The Landscape Frontage is formal in design with a patchwork of geometric planting blocks used to blend in and surround the metal tree planters. Contemporary steel planters with fastigate tree species of Maples and Cherry's sit amongst the planting, adding a vertical element up the frontage of the building with positions to sit between the windows.
- 1.2. A refined planting pallet using a collection of evergreen ornamental shrub and herbaceous planting adds texture and colour all year round. The frontage planting is framed by a formally clipped 0.5m high evergreen sweet box hedge which will provide both a formal edge alongside the pavement, and provide a sensory aspect to the design with a strong scent from the flowers in early spring.
- 1.3. Blocks of feature shrub planting provide repetition through the planting scheme and connect to the courtyard to the rear.
- 1.4. Linear paving of silver tones run towards the entrance, directing the eye through the walkways. This paving material is then replicated around the developments paving surfaces to ensure consistency through design.

2 Courtyard Design

- 2.1. The design principle of the courtyard design is to create a contemporary courtyard design which provides access to the apartment frontages from the parking court, while creating more intimate seating areas for the residents to sit and enjoy as a landscaped space.
- 2.2. The same paving material blends from the turning head into the space with pavers being staggered and set in gravel to soften the transition into the courtyard. The soft planting pallet of grasses, ferns and evergreen shrub planting line the walkway and surround three seating spaces defined by the change in paving surface.
- 2.3. Vertical design elements such as multistem Amelanchier trees provide a more private area and help break up the spaces. Pleached Hornbeam Trees provide formal blocks of planting to help screen views to the south. These are all underplanted with soft planting blocks which provide opportunities to be uplit for residents to enjoy in the evenings.
- 2.4. Where access is required but space is limited, we have introduced slate chippings along the western end of the apartments which incorporates feature evergreen specimens. These ensure an attractive outlook is achieved by windows on the ground floor while still being accessible.

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