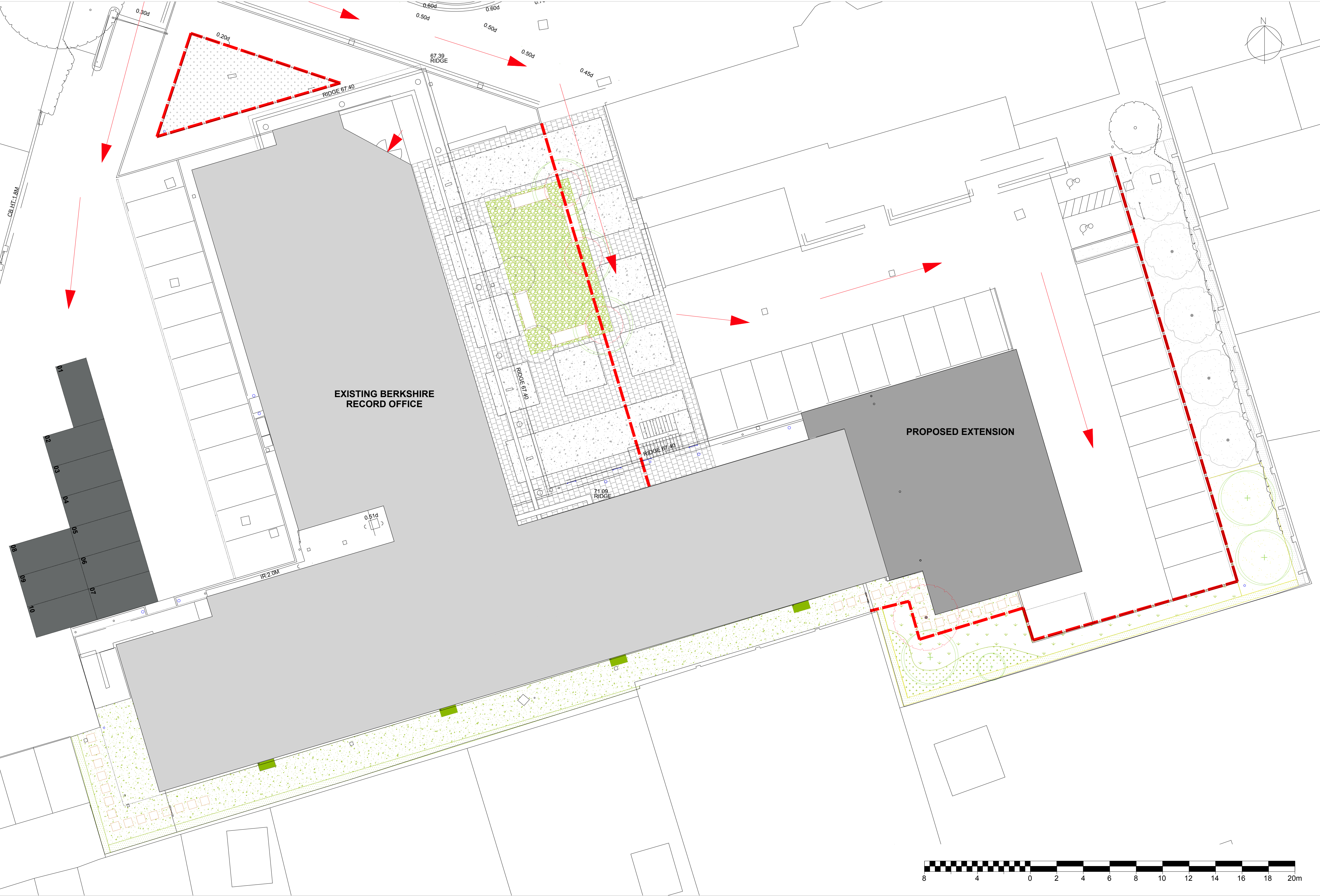
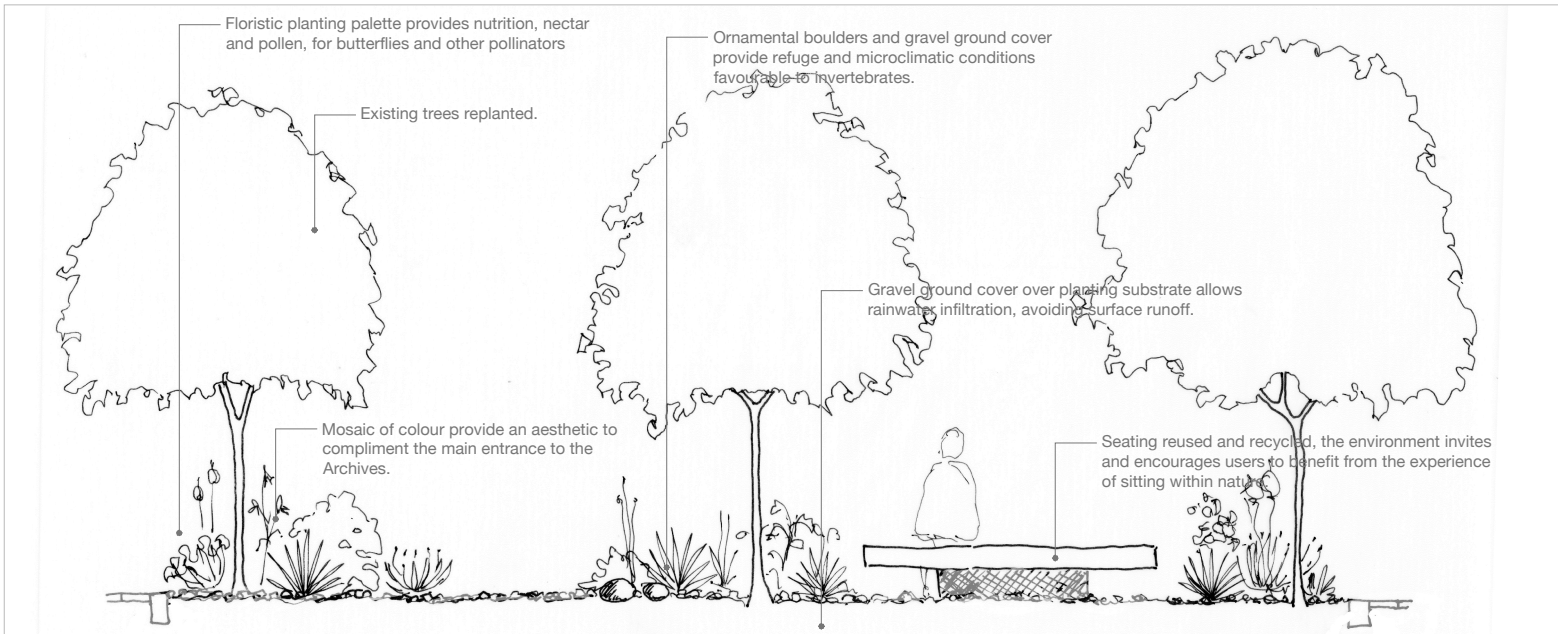




- Features of the Landscape Proposals:**
- Sustainable drainage**
- The introduction of a permeable gravel garden and 'stone meadow' allows rainwater to infiltrate into the ground, avoiding excessive surface water runoff.
- Planting**
- Planting has been selected to attract invertebrates and valuable pollinators to the grounds. It comprises flowering plants, grasses with seed heads, known to attract pollinating insects. It also provides some organic material for nesting and feeding.
- 'Stone meadow' provides a planting substrate similar to a brown roof where native plants compete successfully in the low nutrient conditions. The seeding proposed here will kick-start the development of a valuable mosaic of herbaceous plants and mosses.
- Climbing plants supported by boundary walls and fencing, create another dimension to the wildlife habitat.
- Materials**
- Existing trees, hard materials and street furniture are protected and re-used where possible.
- Ornamental boulders and a gravel ground cover offer hollows, cavities and bare ground to provide a variety of refuge, shelter and habitat opportunities for wildlife.
- The gravel garden will provide a green space that requires low maintenance.
- Function**
- The experience of arrival at the entrance and enjoyment of the environment surrounding the Royal Berkshire Archives will be enhanced.
- Pedestrians benefit from easy access and circulation around the building and car parking.
- Pedestrians are invited to enjoy the seating amongst attractive planting and find shade under the mature trees.
- Key**
- Existing tree
 - Existing tree to be removed and replanted
 - Existing shrub and perennial planting bed
 - Existing lawn/wildflower grassland
 - Existing climbing plants
 - Proposed shrubs
 - Proposed climbing plants
 - Proposed herbaceous perennial plants
 - Proposed 'stone meadow' with paving slabs
 - Proposed tree
 - Proposed gravel garden
 - Sustainable urban drainage planter
 - Reused seat
 - Reinstated concrete with exposed aggregate
 - Reinstated block paving
 - Tree protective fencing - to be in place during the construction period, and removed when planting can commence after this period.
 - Planning application boundary



Section through Gravel Garden