

4.3 LANDSCAPE CONTEXT MASTERPLAN

HERNHILL WALLED GARDEN

PROPOSALS



KEY

- Existing tree structure retained
- Existing hedgerow structure outside the site
- Restore existing hedgerow and enhance species diversity.
- New native species-rich hedgerow. Species mix in accordance (SLCAG) to include: Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), Hazel (*Corylus avellana*), Field Maple (*Acer campestre*), Dog Rose (*Rosa canina*) and Dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*)
- New hedgerow trees. Species mix in accordance with (SLCAG) to include: Field Maple (*Acer campestre*)

- Existing amenity grassland
- Porous local natural aggregate surfacing
- Safeguarded walled garden structure
- Road-side verge, grassland strip and orchard margin enhanced to a species-rich flowering meadow and managed for diversity.
- Fruit orchard context preserved
- Strategically positioned bat boxes
- Strategically positioned bird boxes
- Timber hibernacula (horizontal and vertical)

(SLCAG) Site Landscape Character Assessment and Guidelines

LANDSCAPE SETTING ENHANCEMENT

- 1 Existing hedgerow structure is restored and enhances the ecological connectivity of the landscape setting.
Ecological value of the existing grassland is enhanced and managed for species richness. This improves the biodiversity and habitat value of the immediate setting.
- 2 The access and existing bungalow parking area is rationalised to relocate vehicle parking away from the road-side and improve the current access arrangement.
- 3 New native hedgerows with hedgerow trees are established to the roadside to screen the bungalow parking and enhance the local landscape character.
- 4 The structure of the walled garden is restored and stabilised to safeguard the longevity of this historic feature.
- 5 The lane-side verge is preserved to conserve the character of the lane.
- 6 Views out from neighbouring properties are enhanced.
- 7 Leyland Cypress tree adjacent to the bungalow removed to enhance setting of the site & character of the lane.
- 8 Line of Leyland Cypress to south of bungalow removed & hedgerow restored to enhance landscape character.
- 9 Brush wood generated from the management and re-alignment of the existing hedgerows is recycled to create vertical and horizontal piles (hibernacula). These are established within the enhanced grassland strips outside the walled garden, to enhance habitat suitability for invertebrates, reptiles and amphibians.
- 10 Bird nesting boxes and bat boxes suitable for both hibernating and roosting are strategically positioned within the existing trees and walled garden structure.
- 11 The enhanced landscape setting and improved quality of the landscape elements within the walled garden enhance the visual amenity from visual receptors from Staplestreet Road (VR5 and VR10 - Landscape and Visual Appraisal) and from the south (VR9 and VR11).

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