

TILLY DALLAS

Garden Design

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Dear Bethany,

We have adjusted our planting scheme taking into account a number of queries raised by yourselves. We have opted for a planting scheme that will not only benefit local residents but will also improve the biodiversity of the area and give year-round interest with plants of varying heights.

The climbers growing along the balustrade will flower at different times throughout the year providing nectar for pollinators throughout the seasons. The early flowering Clematis 'Ruby' will provide the pollinators with nectar in spring and early summer; with *Trachelospermum jasminoides* providing nectar throughout the summer and a second flush of flowers in the autumn if mild; whilst *Lonicera periclymenum* 'Graham Thomas' provides nectar all summer long.

As the *Trachelospermum* and *Lonicera* are evergreen they will give the terrace a sense of enclosure and afford some screening from the levels below. These climbers will extend along the length of the balustrade and completely cover it if maintained correctly whilst not compromising the structure of the terrace. They are also both heavily scented.

The sedum matting will add another green component to the terrace whilst providing a nectar source for many insects such as bees and bumblebees. This is a lightweight planting solution.

The *Pittosporum tobira* shown on the planting plan will give some privacy to the flats in the opposite building as they are large, bushy and evergreen. When planted they will be 1.5m tall and approximately 1m wide; if maintained correctly they can grow to a height of 4m with an ultimate spread of 2.5m over several years but will likely grow to 3 meters in this depth of soil. With the raised planter height of 0.75m these will add a vertical element of 2.5m from initial planting.

All plants chosen are excellent as roof terrace plants withstanding windy and sunny conditions whilst also being low maintenance.

The choice of planting will improve the aesthetic whilst giving privacy, improving the availability of habitats and food for the local insect life, and without exceeding load bearing capabilities of the terrace.

All the best,



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