

DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PLAN

4.4 Consultation Feedback & Design Development

4.4.1 FEEDBACK AND DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

There has been extensive dialogue with stakeholders, statutory consultees and planning officers during the last 14 months including with the London Wildlife Trust and Council Nature Conservation and Conservation officers. This has proved invaluable in determining the objectives, strategy and detailed proposals. The two Design Review Panels specifically helped to shape the proposals, leading to a more open design with vehicles restricted to the outskirts of the site.



RESIN-BOUNDED GRAVEL



SANDSTONE STEPS



RETAINED LIVING WALL



TIMBER BRIDGE



ESTATE RAIL FENCE



SAWN GRANITE SETS



The hard landscape proposals have a consistency of materiality and style which supports the special semirural quality of the site and context. These are detailed on the drawings and illustrated on the materials palettes.

Vehicular and pedestrian path surfaces consist of a buff coloured resin-bonded gravel laid over tarmac with a metal edge. Thresholds and paving adjacent to buildings are mid-grey granite setts with a plan size of 200 x 100mm which could be increased in size according to the scale of the space. Steps are in sandstone, with a platform lift provided for those unable to use the steps.

pond.

Retaining structures would be formed of brick where adjacent to the buildings to match the style of brick used in each case. To the east of the pond a low timber upstand eases the gradient up to the parking area. Between Plots 1-3 and Plot 4 a retaining living wall is used to provide a green edge to the garden.

Fencing to the external boundaries will be incorporated into the hedges so that it effectively becomes invisible but still provides security. An estate rail fence will be used on the Fitzroy Park boundary with a more secure 1.8m high steel grating fence to Millfield Lane.

STEEL GRATING FENCE

SAWN GRANITE SETS

4.5 Landscape Design

The landscape design proposals are shown on two sets of drawings for hard and soft landscape

4.5.1 HARD LANDSCAPE

[See hard landscaping drawing overleaf]

Bridges over the swale would be constructed of hardwood timber also the boardwalk adjacent to the





PROPOSED STRUCTURAL PLANTING

PROPOSED SHRUBS & HERBACEOUS PLANTING

4.5.2 SOFT LANDSCAPE

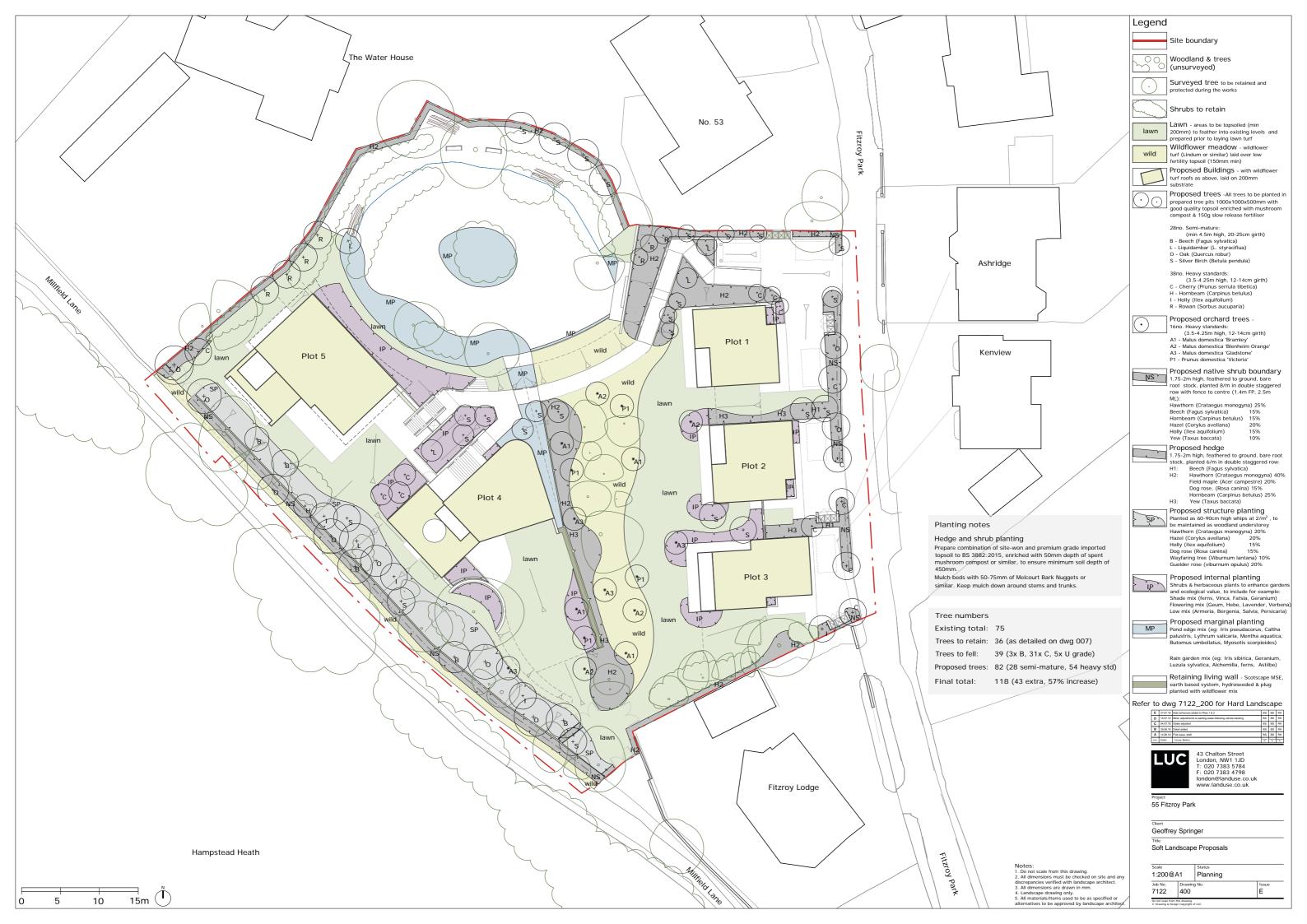
[See soft landscaping drawing overleaf]

The planting palette shows some of the proposed planting and its overall natural character. Many of the plants are English natives or varieties and close relatives, and many more are taken from the RHS Plants for Pollinators list. This will assist both landscape fit and local biodiversity particularly that around the pond, swales, hedge corridors and boundary treatments.

Tree planting will use predominantly native species notably Oak, Beech and Rowan.

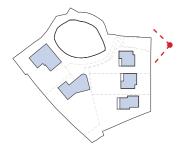
This naturalness will be extended to grassed areas which will feature extensive areas of wildflower meadow turf particularly in conjunction with the orchard in Plots 1-3. The existing orchard trees will be subject of selective pruning to help regain their vigour and extend their lifespan and supplemented by new plantings of old varieties.

The pond will be subject of very careful selective thinning, pollarding and in some cases removal of flanking trees and vegetation with an aim to significantly increase light levels and reduce leaf fall into the pond – both of which will benefit water quality. New marginal planting will be added on some edges to provide a diversity of habitat. Planting along the site boundary will generally be retained or only managed where this would increase its screening. Suitable felled and pruned material will be stacked as log pile habitats.





VIEW 01 - FROM FITZROY PARK

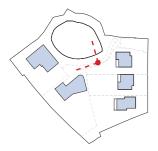


4.6 Visualisations

The landscape proposals have been visualised to give an impression of the design in three dimensions. These were requested particularly to show the treatment around the pond and the relationship between this and the path down to Plots 4 and 5.



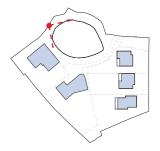
VIEW 02 - FROM PEDESTRIAN PATH LOOKING SOUTH TO PLOT 5



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VIEW 03 - FROM POND LOOKING EAST TOWARDS PLOTS 1-3



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