## 4.5 Hardscape Strategy

## INTRODUCTION

The proposals use materials that brighten and/or soften the hardscape and compliment the built form.

The proposals retain the balanced street approach to Spedan Close and the Southern Access Road. Resin bound gravel is proposed for the road surfaces to brighten and soften the lane appearance of the approach and tie in with the stonework on the proposals. The same surface is used in the arrival gardens to reflect Gertrude Jekyll gardens.

Clay paving denotes key building entrances for Branch Hill House and the proposed development, giving clear direction to residents and visitors.

Hard spaces for the private gardens and southern terraces use composite decking to create a soft and durable quality which brightens up the spaces.

The play area within the Arrival Gardens has a rubber chip mulch safety surface with timber play equipment to reflect the nature of the surrounding woodland. The woodland path and play equipment within the SINC will be made from trees felled on site. Pieces include woodchipped paths, timber log seats, balance beams and wildlife habitat hotels.



