

4.8 Softworks Strategy

INTRODUCTION

The proposals retain much of the existing open space and where possible enhance it. The proposed design aims to replace non-native and invasive species with native species already found on site in the local area and encourage an understorey to develop within the woodland.

Ornamental planting is located along Spedan Close and within the arrival gardens for residents to walk past before entering the development. The plants are likely to be a mix of native and none native species that will help to improve biodiversity and tie in to the Gertrude Jekyll planting concept. Feature topiary rings and balls will strengthen the concept further.

A Holly (Ilex aquifolium) hedge is proposed along the Southern Access Road to defend the Southern Terraces and relpaces a line of poor quality holly trees currently in the same location.

MANAGEMENT

The proposals aim to ensure that all landscape elements can establish and mature successfully in order that the long-term design intent can be realised. They aim to establish a landscape appropriate to the site, it's context and materiality of the wider site, its environs and in keeping with the objectives of the initial Landscape Masterplan for the development. Where possible, existing trees and vegetation will be retained and maintained.



KEY

- Existing Tree to be Retained
- Proposed Tree Planting
- Ornamental Ground cover and herbaceous planting
- Amenity Lawn
- Feature Topiary balls and rings
- Mixed Shrub Hedge
- Ivy Hedge Planting
- Bulb Planting
- Woodland Ground cover and Understorey