

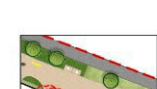
North Littlehampton: Phase 5

Landscape Strategy

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The landscape and design objectives are to integrate the proposed development into the surrounding landscape, and provide defining characteristics throughout the development. Landscape character areas are proposed to help provide distinctiveness within and around the site, whilst respecting the landscape setting.

- 1**  **The Avenue:** The primary access road, The Avenue, arcs across the site in a west-east direction, dividing it in two, creating a prominent linear feature before curving south-eastwards to form an edge to the development. Trees along the road edge would be planted, combined with a shrubs/ hedges, to create consistency along its length which would emphasise the role of the road and provide contrast to the less formal structure of the adjoining residential roads. The road verges allows for the selection of medium-sized trees to be positioned away from residents' properties. Proposed shrubs/ hedges would provide continuity along the length of the road.
- 2**  **SuDS:** These would provide the backbone of both the green/ blue infrastructure within the development and provide connectivity across the site between the Central Wetland in the south-west and the Water Meadows at the north. They would provide sustainable drainage features within the development. Soft landscaping will determine the character of these areas, with an emphasis on species that are tolerant of the unpredictable water conditions. Large trees will provide separation from the adjacent residential areas, while species rich meadows and wetland planting would deliver both a range of habitats and seasonal variation.
- 3**  **Central Wetland Edge:** Adjoining the proposed development to the west is the proposed Central Wetland. It includes native species and aquatic plants, in addition to grasses that would be left to grow long over time and flower. The properties along the western edge of the development overlooks the Central Wetland. The proposed landscape would create a transitional zone from the residential area to the Central Wetland with medium-large sized specimen trees being positioned along the wetland edge, and smaller trees interspersed within shrub planting closer to the residential properties. To increase diversity and visual interest, the larger zones for soft landscape would include species rich grass/ wildflowers as appropriate.
- 4**  **Water Meadows Edge:** Adjoining the proposed development to the north is the existing water meadows relating to the Black Ditch further north. Again, the properties here overlook the water meadows. The proposed landscape would mimic the proposals fronting the Central Wetland, to achieve a transitional zone between the development edge and the water meadow edge.
- 5**  **Streets:** Leading off the Main Avenue are a series of roads, connecting to the residential buildings. The semi-formal connectivity role would be reflected in the landscape, with scattered small street trees and low shrub planting in the narrow front gardens. Due to the limited planting space, a strong colour pallet would be encouraged to emphasise the planting areas.
- 6**  **Shared Surface Areas:** These are the most informal of the residential areas on the site, with pedestrians and vehicle traffic sharing the same space. To aid in creating an environment that is both pleasant and safe for all users, trees would be used where possible with an understorey of vibrant low-level planting. The soft landscape would provide a suitable setting to Local Areas of Play (LAP) and plant species would provide structure, texture and colour.
- 7**  **Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP):** The LEAP is positioned towards the south-eastern edge of the site with overlooking properties. The LEAP would include a combination of metal and timber play features, with swinging, climbing, jumping and turning experiences. These elements would provide a minimum number of seven play experiences. Surface finish materials would be rubber mulch safety surfacing.

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