

In response to the comments received by the landscape officer (19.09.24) a meeting was held via MS Teams for us to present the landscape plans to the officer to discuss the project and the limitations to works in areas where we have potential soil contamination and TPO trees. This meeting was held to try and agree a way forward and to discuss how we could provide additional enhancements to the landscape in line with the original 'as approved' landscape plan in which the landscape officer made reference to. We have also looked to accommodate the highways requirements as agreed between the architects and the highways officer and the comments made by the ecologist in relation to shrub species and the green roofs. In summary we believe the attached now accommodates the following additional elements;

Two extra trees have been located along the access road to help enhance the tree structure around the site. This is in lieu of extra trees at the entrance junction which cannot be planted due to the underground services.

Large pots with shrubs and ball on stem trees have been provided leading into the building entrance.

An additional triangular area of planting has been added into the design adjacent to the layout.

A mixed native hedge with 50% holly has been provided along the southern boundary to the parking bays to help reinforce screening.

A mixed native hedge has been provided between the garden and the car park to help screening.

Rhododendron and ornamental Cornus have been substituted for native species Elder and Guelder Rose under the existing trees.

An additional timber gazebo has been added into the garden for use by the residents to provide more areas to enjoy.

An additional informal path has been created behind the central curved planter and several new trees added to create a 'woodland walk' as an additional space for the residents to enjoy.

Additional shrub planting has been provided in the garden as a buffer between the private terraces and the communal garden areas.

Additional raised planters have been added into the allotment areas and a potting shed has been added. The smaller raised planter sizes we believe provide a more accessible option for the residents and we have also provided two movable planters for use by less abled residents in wheelchairs.

An additional area of soft landscape has been provided in the far northwest corner of the site.

In general, around the private terraces residents have been provided with raised planters or inground planting beds to help provide a splash of colour and interest at the windows and to create a sense of 'semi' private ownership of the space for those residents that are able to access the outside areas.

Landscape within the internal courtyard area as discussed with the landscape officer has been left as existing grassland and TPO trees and access would be restricted to staff/ maintenance only due to the potential contaminated soils and the limitation of remediation due to the trees.

The lower terrace to the south of this area we feel would provide an accessible terraced area for the residents and the low stone retaining walls have been proposed to provide accessible raised planted areas and a vegetated 'green wall' to help soften the built form.

There is external access from this terrace to the main garden itself south, but the strategy for access points into all of these individual garden terraces and the main garden would be from the internal 'shared' rooms from the building itself as the building would be able to provide controlled level access to all of the lower and upper gardens.

The sedum roof on the cycle and bin store has also been intended and for clarity has now been shown on the landscape plans and subject to detailed design.

A mixed wildflower and grassland green roof is also proposed on the main building which would grow underneath and between the PV panels, this is a 20% increase in the green roof. As a sedum green roof, as proposed in approved plans, would not grow under PV panels. This has also been shown on the landscape plan and subject to detailed design.