

Solent View Lodges – Supporting Statement for Landscape

The application proposes the alteration of existing plans for the erection of three new residential units, plus a newly proposed community facility, in the grounds of an existing extended property (no. 42), with associated external works to include soft landscaping as illustrated by the accompanying plan (drawing no. 1579-3001 revision 02).

Existing Site

Since the previous application was made, the extension of No. 42 and the construction of new buildings has begun. Trees that were flagged for removal have been felled, or retained where possible if the planned loss was thought necessary due to site layout constraints (rather than for arboricultural reasons).



Landscape Proposals

It is proposed that the loss of existing trees will be mitigated by the planting of 9no. extra heavy standard specimens of different species, located to provide amenity value for the site and wider surroundings: two Liquidambar (Sweet Gum) are proposed within a key courtyard location near the entrance to the scheme; six small Malus (Crab Apple) are to be dotted around the site to provide boundary screening and seasonal interest without overshadowing; one Sativa (Sweet Chestnut) is to be located away from the new buildings in an amenity area to the north where it can provide ecological benefits and have space to reach its full mature size.



The landscape scheme around the existing building has been extended since the previous application. Whilst still containing roses with simple groundcover, complementing the character of the property, additional shrubs and groundcover have been included for variety and seasonal interest. Throughout the rest of the site, new planting beds will consist of a mixture of ornamental species that will provide year round interest through scents, colours and textures for the enjoyment of residents and visitors whilst also providing a strong structural framework for the grounds.

Existing boundary treatment of closeboard fence will be retained to the east and south, whilst new closeboard fence at 1.8m height will be erected to the west to define the boundary and screen the motel. Along the northern boundary a new black coated chainlink fence will define the boundary, fronted on the site side by a new hedge of native Privet. Where the removal of vegetation along the southern boundary has been necessary, losses shall be mitigated by the planting of new evergreen Portugese Laurel in a large size around remaining trees and shrubs, to provide a measure of instant screening and green infrastructure. Other evergreen shrubs and low spreading groundcover shall be included in front of the Laurel for interest and as a transition in height.

Hard surfaces (as detailed by others) are proposed to consist of: bitmac to new areas of driveway and pedestrian pathways, with old bitmac being resurfaced to match new; porous gravel surfacing to parking bays to provide a 'no-dig' construction profile within the rootzones of retained trees; 'buff' coloured slab paving to patio areas and non-slip safe fall rubber surfacing to new access ramps and paths.