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Site security is provided by 2.4m high weldmesh fencing to the outer perimeter and necessary fall guarding at the top of retaining walls.

The proposed landscape includes a triangular area in the north of plot 400 which is a nature area comprising native scrub and wildflower meadow as well as new native trees. This planting contributes to biodiversity net gain.

A staff breakout space is located in the northern part of the car park, to the south-east of Plot 400, where benches are provided within a landscaped setting. Access is via the footpath that runs around the building.

Native groundcover and climbers are proposed along the foot of the retaining wall and further planting is proposed in the car park in the south-east. This planting will comprise a mix of pollen producing and native plants.

A number of soft landscape recommendations have been made:

- Incorporation of wildflower and amenity grassland mixes to boost invertebrate diversity.
- Native tree and shrub planting underplanted with species such as primrose and bluebell to provide structure and seasonal resources.
- Retention and enhancement of boundary woodland/scrub with gapping-up and sensitive long-term management.

Where it is necessary the landscape proposal plans identify trees / tree groups proposed to be removed to facilitate the retaining walls which are necessary to create a flat surface for the building and the service yard. The Barrell Tree Consultancy drawings will be updated to reflect the loss of these trees in due course.

