

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
LAND AT YORK STREET GLOSSOP

LANDSCAPE STATEMENT

On behalf of: PROSPECT (GB) LIMITED

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1:00 INTRODUCTION

We have been asked by Prospect GB Ltd to produce a landscape scheme for the site at York Street Glossop and to comply with CFSH Level 3.

2:00 BACKGROUND

The proposed site is presently a disused bus depot with areas of invasive grassland together with some pre-existing trees confined in groupings adjacent some of the rear gardens of properties facing Manor Park Road and adjacent the cricket ground, felled trees and boundary trees to the western boundary properties.

Whilst the visual character of Old Glossop is dominated by a particular vernacular architecture the upland landscape and treescape also play an important part in the visual scene in all parts of the neighbourhood.

The proposal is to construct 19No.dwellings with car-parking and garden spaces conforming with the CFSH Level 3

The site is conventional in layout however we have sought to extend its value by introducing species enhancing trees, shrubs and hedges to complement the other elements such as composting bins and water butts.

2:00 LANDSCAPE STRUCTURE

Refer to Landscape Architects Drawing: 274-01

TREES

Few existing trees can be retained on site however where this is feasible in terms of root spread and canopy spread the trees are to be protected through construction with Construction Exclusion Zones as detailed in BS 5837:2012 and as surveyed by messrs. Cheshire Woodlands consulting arboriculturists.(See arborists report).

It will be necessary to screen the Cricket ground site by planting trees along the boundary line allowing for the ball catch fence @ 9m high but without over-planting the rear gardens we have sought to compromise on the numbers of trees used.

Trees throughout the scheme have been selected for contained size both in height and root demands together with possessing characteristics that attract wildlife.

They have been placed to avoid causing conflict with occupiers to ensure better chances of long term tree retention/growth.

HEDGING

Hedges comprised solely of native understorey types have been used where space allows to extend the ecological value/development of the site.

Principal low-level spatial elements in the scheme are hedges of Ilex and Quickthorn or Ilex and Ligustrum mixed to give a dense low level visual structure to the space created whilst extending the wildlife potential of the scheme through flower, berry or safe cover.

SHRUB PLANTINGS

Species have been chosen primarily for attractiveness to insects and birds as well as providing a basic structure to the houses and front gardens. They have been selected to be robust and growing to a reasonable ultimate size.

Eg: Sedum Autumn Joy- Bees, Butterflies, Hoverflies
Buddleia davidii- Butterflies
Cotoneaster horizontalis- Birds

BROOK AREA

The existing brook area contains a *Salix caprea* and a *Fraxinus excelsior*.

It is proposed to plant the space with infill understory native plants to provide an attractive contained wildlife space of benefit to all local residents.