The plant room

Taxal Edge, Macclesfield Rd,
Whaley Bridge, High Peak

Landscape Design Ethos

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1.0   Introduction

1.01   This document sets out the general design principles for the proposed soft works at the site.

1.02   The document should be read in conjunction with The Plant Room drawing PR/20/GC04/GA/01.

2.0   Design Objectives & Aims

2.01   The design intension is to provide a high-quality, bio-diverse environment that; –
- Enhances the existing landscape qualities of the area;
- Promotes better quality ecological trends on site, such as creation of Green Corridors and an increase in species diversity;
- Enhances the character of the proposed development;
- Enhances the ecological range and potential for wildlife.

2.02   The existing site comprises a run-down, large detached property, which was a former children's care home known as Taxal Edge. Within the curtilage of the house is car parking, garaging, the remains of a former gymnasium and associated grounds.

203   The site is surrounded to the north, west and south by established woodland. To the east of the site is a residential cul-de-sac known as Beech Rise.

2.04   The design proposals include for the demolition of the former care home and garaging to build 7no. new dwelling houses. Two sets of semi-detached houses and three detached plots are proposed, one with a detached garage/office. The proposals also include for the erection of a detached garage/office for the existing adjacent dwelling house, also in the ownership of the applicant.

2.05   The landscape proposals include for the additional planting of 23no. heavy standard trees to mitigate for the removal of a small group of trees within the site, which is necessary to allow for the construction of the 7no. dwellings.

2.06   Additionally, the planting of 100no. native transplants is planned on the edge of the adjacent woodland (to the north of the site) also in order to mitigate for the loss of trees within the site. The planting species chosen are designed to create an understory of holly, hazel and rowan to the edge of the existing woodland.

2.07   Supplementary boundary planting along the eastern side of the access road is also suggested, which is semi-native in character. This is designed to create a more definitive and robust edge to the scheme whilst also to filter any views of the new development when seen from the adjacent valley areas to the east.

2.08   In the north of the scheme and adjacent to the access road is a small wooded area where shade tolerant grass is proposed to further enhance the area and provide more diversity for birds, bats, small woodland mammals and invertebrates in the area.

2.09   Finally, the applicant recognises the importance to the wider area of the existing large mature trees within and adjacent to the site, in particular the stand of protected beech. The applicant is committed to preserving and enhancing the current wooded areas and to invest in managing and maintaining them to ensure longevity.

2.10   The client also recognises how impacting the loss of any of these existing mature trees would be to the amenity and character of the local and wider area. The proposals will include for the additional planting of a number of heavy standard trees including oak and field maple on the site. The intention of these trees is to allow them to establish and mature so that if in future any of the elderly mature trees, on and adjacent to the site, are lost these establishing trees will lessen the impact that their loss may have.