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Addendum addressing recent changes to proposals

Following discussions with Eastleigh Borough Council's planning and landscape officers, a series of changes have been made to the proposals to address concerns. These are set out as follows with a brief description of the changes and the reasoning for these.

- Former plots 1 & 2, sited on the northern side of the site, along with associated car parking and pedestrian access ramps have been removed. This was done in order to remove the large amount of retaining structures previously proposed on the northern side of the access road as it moves down through the site. A split-level retaining wall has also been added in order to further reduce retained heights, as well as provide additional space for landscaping and avoid issues surrounding the veteran tree on the northern boundary.
- The western bank of the attenuation basin has been graded to avoid the need for a near vertical drop at the end of the highway. Additional space has been provided for hedge planting, while reducing risk to residents / the public. A planted island has been introduced in the centre of the pond, in order to reduce the 'large excavation' appearance of the basin. This was made possible by the removal of the impermeable area previously required to drain plots 1 & 2 and associated paths / parking. The surrounds of the basin have been further planted, with vegetated GeoGrow or similar planted bagwork proposed to make up the basin banking, further reducing the prominence of the basin in this area.
- Retaining wall types have been adjusted in order to provide a more natural appearance where visible from public areas. King post timber retaining walls and gabion basket walls are now specified.
- Gardens of plots 1, 2 & 3 (previously 3, 4 & 5) have been tiered in order to reduce the height of retaining structures in this area.
- The pedestrian access has been adjusted to provide adequate space for two rows of planting. The planting areas within the car park have also been similarly adjusted to provide more appropriate planting opportunities.

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