

Landscape Proposals: Addendum addressing recent changes to proposals

Following discussions with Eastleigh Borough Council's Planning and Landscape Officers, a series of changes were made to the proposals to address concerns. These are set out as follows with brief description and reasoning behind changes.

The former plots 1 & 2, along with the associated car parking and pedestrian access ramps, have been removed to reduce the quantum of development and hard surfacing on the site and allow for a reconfiguration of retaining structures and additional planting. This configuration has allowed the inclusion of a split-level retaining wall, thus reducing the impact of the previously taller retaining structures, with the introduction of an extensive area of native tree and understory planting to the intermediate level. This has also ensured the long-term protection of the veteran tree on the northern boundary.

Opportunities for new tree planting have been maximised across the site, with trees of varying sizes at time of installation to provide a layered appearance to the planting from Day 1, particularly at the focal point at the corner of the roadway ahead as one enters the site.

Concerns were raised about the profile of the attenuation basin and its prominence in the scheme. To address this, softening of attenuation basin has been undertaken to allow the reduction of gradients where possible, provide a more organic shape and introduce planted island, along with denser native planting to upper edges, all screened from the development, with the introduction of native hedging against the roadway. A fence has been introduced around the basin within planting to increase safety for residents.

Climbing plants have also been introduced to soften the appearance of the acoustic fencing to the southern boundary of the site.

Types of retaining walls have been amended to introduce finishes with a softer appearance than those previously proposed; the proposals are for king post walls around the majority of the site where walls are public facing, a mixture of brick and king post in private spaces such as back gardens and gabion walls to the northern retaining walls that are visible from Goslings Turning.

The retaining walls will also be planted with climbers to ground level to soften the appearance wherever possible.

To increase safety, guard rails are provided, with the appearance of these proposed to be simple and dark in colour to be recessive; these will be included in locations only where absolutely necessary to minimise visual clutter.

Photographs illustrating winter views have been provided to illustrate key views into the site from the surrounding area including Providence Hill, Goslings Turning and the footpath linking the two.