

Landscape Management Plan and maintenance schedule

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Proposed vehicular access from Grange Road for existing dwellings 48, 50 and 52 Grange Road together with gates and piers

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. This document is a condition of a permitted planning application to install vehicle access from existing houses of 48, 50 and 52 Grange Road, onto the public highway
- 1.2. It will outline the scheme to enhance the green feel of the road and to create a biodiversity net gain
- 1.3. It covers differing stages, from installation and planting through to establishment and maintenance.

2. Site setting

- 2.1. The planning area covers three houses on the eastern side of Grange Road
- 2.2. The road frontage is broken hedge row, giving a green feel to part of the area
- 2.3. Nine new houses were built in 2023, directly opposite; all hedgerows and existing vegetation were removed and residents in the front two houses now use the frontage as their personal gardens, with no hedgerows or designated green space and limited planting, giving an urban feel, while the eastern side remains green in nature.
- 2.4. The residents of 48, 50 and 52 removed two sections of hedge (17m) prior to application which did not contravene planning rules.

3. Landscape Design Objectives

- 3.1. To soften the openings with sympathetic planting
- 3.2. Retain the green feel of the eastern side of this section of road
- 3.3. To provide security and privacy to the applicant's homes
- 3.4. To create habitat for wildlife, especially due to the extensive removal of hedgerows within the local area

- 3.5. Provide a biodiversity net gain
- 3.6. Adding native species wherever possible
- 3.7. To make a positive impact on the street scene

4. Biodiversity Improvement Measures

- 4.1. Installation of 3 swift boxes across the three properties
- 4.2. Installation of 3 bat boxes across the three properties
- 4.3. Installation of 4 amphibian and bug hotels, across all three properties
- 4.4. Installation of 9 bird nesting boxes, across the three properties
- 4.5. Installation of 48 linear meters of new hedging
- 4.6. Installation of a pond at 48 Grange Road, managed for wildlife, measuring approx. 3m by 2m

5. Landscape Management

- 5.1. **The planting of 48 linear meters of hedgerow.** Species for each section are shown within The Landscape Layout Plan, but include Common Yew, Holly, Crab apple, Privet, Hornbeam, Dog Rose, Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Oak, Honeysuckle, Non-native Griselinia and Red-Robin
- 5.2. **Planting phase-** within 12 months
 - Planting at suitable density for a thick hedgerow according to supplier's recommendations in depths suitable for each species
 - Potted species will be planted at any time but during autumn / winter if bare rooted.
 - Mulching with woodchip to retain moisture and suppress weeds
 - Water accordingly and as required during establishment
 - Planting will be carried out by the applicants with plants sourced from responsible suppliers.
- 5.3. **Growing phase-** 1 to 5 years
 - Water accordingly if required
 - Monitor health and replace any dead specimens
 - Cut growing tips once required height is reached, to encourage side growth
 - Re-mulch if required
- 5.4. **Mature- Maintenance phase-** Beyond 5 years
 - Replace any dead specimens and monitor health
 - Cut on a three-year cycle, rotating top and each side
 - Maintain highway visibility through more regular cutting, if required
 - Ensure growth does not encroach the pavement, sight lines or highway
- 5.5. **Bird box Locations**
 - Bat boxes- To be located on the south facing walls of each property, up against the eaves
 - Swift boxes
 - 48- to be located on the northeast external wall, high against the eaves
 - 50- as it is a semi-detached property, it will be located on the northeast wall of number 46, high against the eaves, with approval in place from the homeowner.
 - 52- to be located on the northeast external wall, high against the eaves
 - Bird boxes- to be installed at suitable locations around the rear gardens, across all three properties, avoiding south facing, or exposure to sun.
- 5.6. **Wildlife Pond** (48 Grange Road)
 - Located in the rear garden, in semi shade
 - Approximately 3m by 2m and 90cm deep with varying levels and a gradual slope to one side for amphibian access.
 - Lined and back filled with stones

- To be planted with native plants such as brook lime, marsh marigold, water mint and common reed
- No fish or filtration
- Nearby to a bug and amphibian house plus log piles
- A third of the vegetation to be removed annually if required, placing on the side for two weeks before disposing.
- The pond will be managed for wildlife

6. Summary

- 6.1. This report describes the landscape setting and purpose of this plan
- 6.2. Highlights the measures proposed to enhance biodiversity
- 6.3. Covers the approach to installation and maintenance
- 6.4. The plan will be adopted and implemented by the residents of 48, 50 and 52 Grange Road
- 6.5. Links directly to the Landscape Layout Plan, which shows species and location of biodiversity improvement measures