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Hi Rebecca,

I have taken a look at the submitted landscape related information for this office conversion.

I have not had a chance to visit the site, but it is in a prominent location and the building itself is sizeable (as can be seen in the streetview snapshot below):

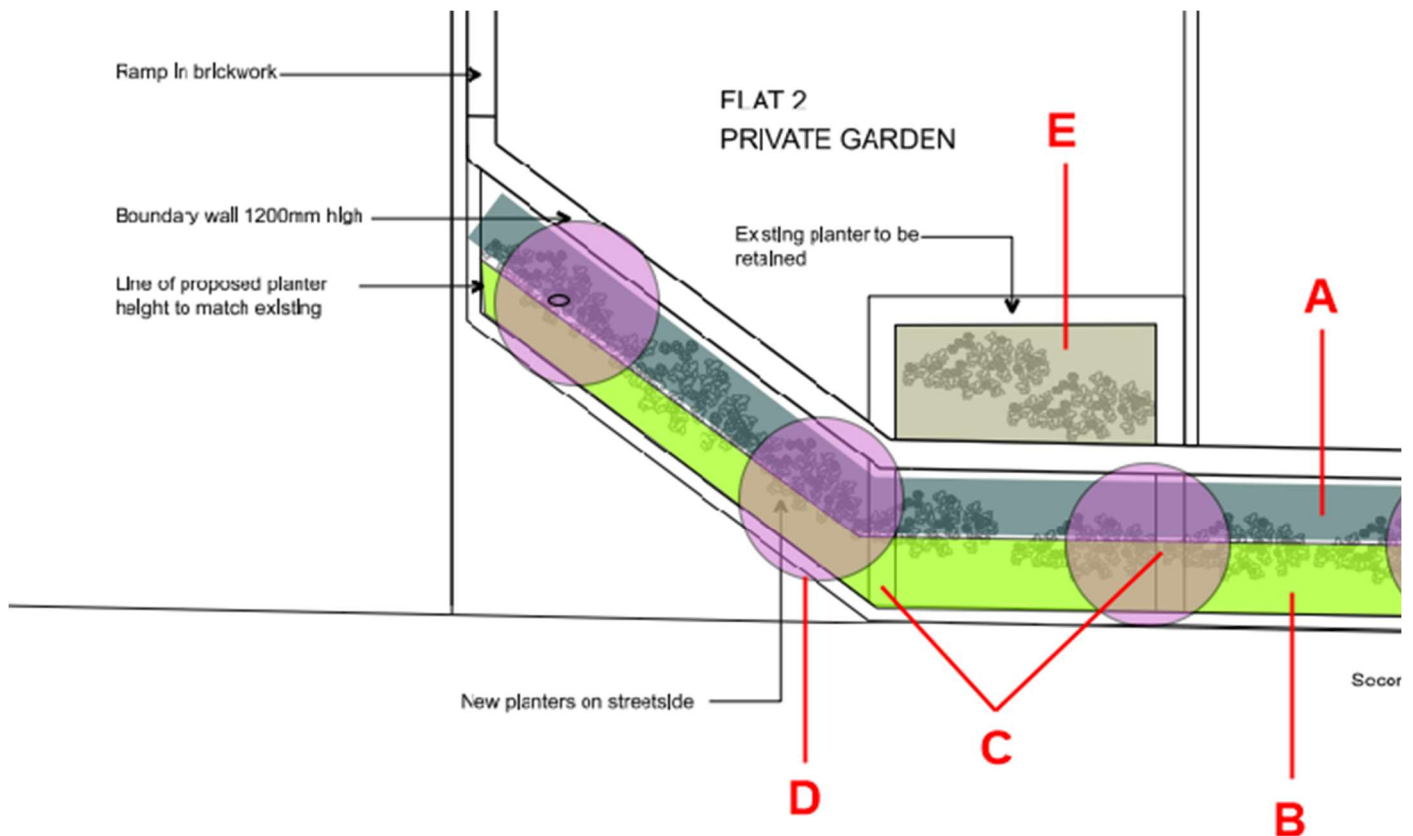


The planting opportunities are limited to a series of raised brick planters, however, the planting should provide some screening for the G.L private gardens and there is scope to introduce some taller species to filter higher level views.

The planting will only succeed if attention is given to providing a good depth of topsoil in the planters (breaking up the base of the planters to a min. of 1m depth). Species selection will also be key as many plant species will not thrive in the drier conditions.

The submitted proposed planting schedule is based on robust evergreen species but the plants selected are rather dull and without a plan it is impossible to understand how these species will be arranged.

I am not sure if it is too late in the day, but an alternative arrangement could be:



Notes

- A** Evergreen hedge trimmed at max. 1.5m - *Laurus nobilis* or *Griselinia littoralis*
- B** Mixed evergreen groundcover - *Hebe* 'White Gem', *Euonymus* 'Emerald ar 'Prostratus' - all 3L pots, 4 plants per sq. m.
- C** Ensure existing brick planter walls & footings broken out down to clean sub
- D** 4 x larger specimens to provide some softening at higher levels - *Amelanchier* option *Osmanthus x burkwoodii* clipped to umbrella form)
- E** *Euonymus* 'Bravo', *Leucothoe axillaris* 'Little Flames' & *Tiarella cordifolia* -

n.b. groundcover planted in groups of 5-7 of single species

This design will provide more visual interest and some softening at slightly higher levels. It will also contribute to softening a rather exposed and unattractive streetscape.

I hope this is helpful but do get in touch should you have any queries.

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