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LANDSCAPE STATEMENT

To accompany a planning application for proposed development at:

TAMELLA
BROOK LANE
BOTLEY

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Purpose

The purpose of this landscape statement is to make clear the prevailing intentions for how the landscape is ‘treated’ to ensure the site successfully accommodates the type of development being proposed.

The overarching intention of the landscape proposals as a whole is to support the formulation of a coherent and attainable vision for the proposed development of the site by the communication of pertinent design solutions that illustrate how the landscape can contribute towards a successful development.

Proposed Development Summary

The proposed development seeks to demolish an existing dwelling and erect a replacement dwelling with associated landscaping and other ancillary works. Please refer to further information provided by others (architect, planning consultant, etc.) as part of the planning application for further detail regarding the proposed development.

Landscape Vision

The proposed development site is within the Botley Farmlands and Woodland Landscape Character Area (LCA). The boundaries of the LCA that are of particular relevance to the proposed development are defined by the urban edges of Botley and Hedge End. The site is within this gap between settlements and is described in the LCA assessment as fragmented fields of pony paddocks and disused land with some arable land, smallholdings, and manorial style buildings. The landform is typical of an undulating valley and also features valued woodland areas.

Given this context the landscape proposals seek to ensure that the proposed development can be sympathetically grounded in this setting by conserving and enhancing the prevailing character of the area through, in particular, native tree and hedge planting, as well as the appropriate specification of hard landscape treatments and means of enclosure. Regarding native tree and hedge planting specifically, this includes the reinforcement of the western and northern boundaries which serve to soften and screen the proposed development; enhance its character and that of the surrounding landscape; align to the prevailing ecological/landscape types of the surrounding area; and contribute positively to the wider green infrastructure network of the area as it responds to 21st century challenges.

Opportunities for planting have been maximised and provide a blend of ecological, aesthetic, and climatic benefits. All planting is proposed to be native/naturalised and/or is selected to ensure a range of ecological and aesthetic benefits are met. A range of growth habits, flowering times and types will be chosen to support a range of biodiversity and work within and elevate the site’s existing ecological framework. In the pursuit of sustainability best practice, the planting regime and landscape as a whole has been designed so it requires a low intensity maintenance regime that supports the creation and ongoing provision of an attractive scheme with long term sustainability at its core.

