



**LANDSCAPING ENHANCEMENTS**

- SITE ENTRANCE**  
Utilize the existing site entrance with established visibility splays and highways access.  
Retain a rural character with timber gate and posts, accessed from a macadam entrance threshold with the highway. The macadam strip drive which meanders through the meadow is agricultural in character with a central grassed margin to reflect the agricultural vernacular.
- WOODLAND DRIVE**  
On arrival at the woodland block and out of public view, the central grass margin of the drive is replaced by a continuous macadam drive for ease of maintenance during the autumn and winter months. As the woodland matures the canopy will close over the drive creating a contrast of experience form the light, open meadow to enclosed woodland drive. The change in enclosure will create a dramatic experience of light and dark which when exiting the woodland will foreground and emphasis the new home in the open landscape.
- SPECIES RICH MEADOW GRASS**  
A species rich grassland is located to the east of the site between the woodland, reinstated hedgerow and wider agricultural landscape. The area of long grass recreates lost meadow grass habitats, encourages biodiversity and wider connectivity between the site and wider ecological network. Mown routes bound the edges of the grassland and drive to provide structure and variety of walking routes. Grassland to be underplanted with seasonal naturalizing bulbs such as Camassia leitchlinii, and native wildflowers including Ox-eye Daisy and Cow Parsley to reinforce the rural character. Specimen deciduous and fruit trees are included to provide varying habitat types and foraging opportunities.
- PROPOSED HEDGEROW**  
**NEXT GENERATION HEDGEROW TREES:10**  
A double staggered mixed native hedgerow would surround the site, recreating lost habitats and provide valuable biodiversity and connectivity with the wider landscape. Species would typically include a mix of fruiting, flowering and scented varieties for year-round interest and the opportunity to support extended seasonal foraging. Typical species would include, hawthorn, blackthorn, field maple, holly, elder, honeysuckle, privet, hazel and dog rose.
- PROPOSED DECIDUOUS WOODLAND**  
Removal of monoculture conifer plantation crop which due to the density has no ground level vegetation and replace with a long term native deciduous woodland.  
Typical species would reflect locally abundant species and include a dominant percentage of oak supplemented with alder, sycamore, beech, a small quantity of sweet chestnut and Scots Pine. A mid-level layer would include larger bushy species to form thickets with species such as holly, hawthorn and hazel. The mid-level layer would be further supported by a rich ground layer of spreading and natural varieties such as wild garlic, ferns and shade tolerant grasses. Within the woodland bird/bat boxes and hibernacula are promoted to ensure opportunities are provided for as wide a species diversity to colonize.
- RETAINED PLANTATION**  
In the mid-term to maintain site privacy, screening and reduce noise levels from the highway a band of conifers are retained. These over an agreed period would be managed out and replaced with Scots Pine once the internal woodland is sufficiently established to maintain enclosure and privacy. The Scots Pine are intended to replicate the historic Deal Rows/Pine Lines and restore typical landscape characteristics.
- WOODLAND GLADE** : Introduction of small woodland glade and intimate walking area. The woodland glade provides opportunities for unique habitats and experience of the newly planted woodland.
- COMPOSTING ZONE**  
Located out of sight and experience of the house this practical zone ensures adequate space is provided to manage soft waste produced on site which can be recycled back into the landscape.
- LAWN ZONE AND FLEXIBLE FAMILY SPACE**  
A generous south facing clearing in the woodland provides a flexible and easy to manage open space. The southern boundary, although adjacent to a Public Right of Way, will be managed to ensure light penetrates the canopy and the space remains inviting to use as the trees mature. At strategic locations breaks in the southern boundary provide views and a connection to the wider landscape, ensuring a link with the rural setting is established and retained.
- EXISTING FEATURE OAK**  
The existing semi mature oak, planted by the client, is retained and permitted space to mature as a feature tree with the setting. The service route wraps around the tree to permit a 360 degree experience which is further complemented by meadow grass, Camassia leitchlinii, Ox-eye Daisy and Cow Parsley to provide animation throughout the year.
- SERVICE ZONE, PERMEABLE GRAVEL** :  
A gravel parking and service space provides a permeable overflow parking, turning and storage space in close proximity to the house, accessed either directly from the garage or via a simple footpath which curves around the species rich flowering grasses. The service zone ensures guest or occasional parking needs do not compromise the arrival setting of the house.
- SCULPTURAL MOUNDS**  
Two sculptural mounds anchor the house into the land permitting a continuous habitat connection the green roof. The elliptical mounds curved profile draws the eye round leading views and movement around the house and landscape whilst providing important screening between the arrival and service spaces. A third mound to the north of the arrival space creates a dramatic statement upon arrival as you exit the woodland. Each mound is planted with species rich flowering grasses to reduce maintenance needs, maintain a softness to the form and introduce animation through the seasons. In the winter months the mown mounds will for a sculptural element and contrast with the wilder wooded character.
- ARRIVAL ZONE, PERMEABLE GRAVEL**  
Upon exiting the woodland, the carriage surface reverts to an informal gravel to slow movement and maintain wider permeability. The fluid form of the material doesn't compete with the architecture or soft landscape setting, whilst simple areas of hard landscape surrounding the building footprint and entrances ensure a fitting level of quality at these transition points. A comfortable scale of space is provide for residents parking which does not compete with views of the house upon arrival.
- HOUSE SETTING**  
The simple mown setting surrounding the house provides a crisp contrast to the organic forms of the woodland, meadows and hedgerows. The curved lawn is soft in character, seeking to contrast and highlight with the structural house form whilst providing a connection to the various mown footpaths which radiate around the site.  
The mature existing oaks are the key anchor features and assist in establishing the house within the site as the woodland and landscape mature.

A - SW construction access stopped up (04/12/24)  
**REVISION DETAILS:**

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