

LAND AT COLLIERS ROW, HEOLGARRIG

NOTES ON LANDSCAPE PROPOSALS

This paper accompanies the 'Structure Planting Plan' (CR/01) and the Plot 4 'Planting Plan' (CR4/02) and supplements the planting and management proposals detailed in the 'Landscape Master Plan' for the whole site, and the 'Landscape and Ecological Management Plan' for Plot 4, both by Pryce Consultant Ecologists.

To ensure that the proposed development is practical to build and to maintain, a few modifications to Pryce Consultant Ecologists' proposals are considered necessary.

As each plot of land on the site will be in separate ownership, with no communal areas of landscape, it is unrealistic to require home-owners to adhere to specific maintenance regimes within their own gardens. Therefore the proposed planting is intended to be able to thrive whatever maintenance regime is carried out.

Species selection has been limited to a few species that are:

- readily-available;
- attractive to both humans and wildlife;
- robust enough for the poor soil conditions;
- require only limited aftercare;
- do not grow too large for gardens;
- have non-invasive root systems.

Plants should be of British origin but not necessarily of local provenance as these are not readily-available and the habitats of the site are not of sufficient importance to warrant special treatment.

Close planting distances for new hedges is specified to allow rapid filling out and to allow for some failure of growth as they develop.

No post-construction protection for the hedges or remnants of woodland is specified in order to allow them to develop naturally and not become unsightly or restrictive to growth if left unmanaged.

Boundary fences that do not require regular maintenance (painting, replacement of rotting timber, etc.) will reduce the likelihood of hedges being trampled or removed for access in the future.

The seed mix specified for all garden lawns and drive verges - Emorgate's EL1 - is a flowering lawn mix which contains slow-growing grasses with a selection of wild flowers that respond well to regular short mowing, rather than a higher-growing meadow wildflower/grass mix.

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