

Plot 1, 9 London Road
Riverhead
TN13 2BH

Landscaping Statement

October 2021

Proposed Landscaping Scheme

This landscaping scheme is to be read in conjunction with:

1. The planting schedule
2. The landscaping drawing

The landscaping scheme has been designed to complement the proposed new house and its setting and to enhance the Conservation Area. The planting will soften the hard landscaping and create a welcoming feel to the front of the property.

The landscaping scheme has also been developed to improve the biodiversity of the site and improve habitats for wildlife including trees with berries and plants to attract insects and birds.

Trees

The new trees indicated on the landscaping plan have been chosen as native species and to create a focal point within the rear garden. The trees are located in the corner of the garden to limit any effect of tree roots on the new property or neighbouring properties and limit loss of light to the new houses.

The trees will be:

Rowan

Silver Birch

The new trees will encourage insects into the garden including moths within the tree canopies, ideal for bats. Once mature the trees will provide nesting habitat for hole nesting birds. The trees nectar and fruit will encourage bees, insects, birds and small mammals will eat the seeds. The red berries of the rowan tree will encourage birds into the tree canopy.

Silver Birch trees support in excess of 300 insect species, as well as moths, all of which will encourage bats and wildlife into the garden.

The red berries of the Rowan tree will provide food for birds and other insects encouraging bats into the garden. The tree will also provide a stunning feature during the autumn with its leaves turning purple/red.

A weeping cherry tree, *Prunus 'Kiku-shidare-zakura'*, is indicated to the front garden. The tree will provide a stunning focal point to the front garden but will be small enough not to affect the adjacent parking area or new driveway and will require limited upkeep. The tree provides beautiful cherry blossom in the spring and the leaves change colour in the autumn.

Tree Maintenance

Selective pruning is to be undertaken prior to planting and then as required after 3 years and then reviewed every 3 years.

Hedging

A low level hedge of *Lonicera ligustrina* var. *pileata* will be provided along the line of the existing side boundary fence to the front of the property. The plants are low maintenance, will provide a dense evergreen screen and can be easily cut and shaped to soften the fences appearance. The plants have red or black berries in the autumn which will attract insects and birds into the garden.

Hedge Maintenance

Weeding is to be carried out regularly around the base of the new hedge. Annually, the hedge is to be trimmed to remove any lead shoots until the hedge fills out and can then be clipped to maintain the required height and shape.

Border Planting

Planting will be provided to the front of the property to create demarcation between the parking area and the front garden of Plot 1. Planting will also be provided along the driveway and will create a separation between the front gardens of Plots 1 and 2.

The borders will have a mix of plants to encourage insects into the garden and provide year round structure. The chosen plants have a compact habit which is easily maintainable.

The borders contain herbaceous plants which will encourage insects, hover flies, bees, moths and butterflies into the garden. Due to the dense growth of the plants it provides perfect protection for wildlife and the flowers and seed heads will provide food. The insects will provide a feeding habitat for birds and bats but also encourage other wildlife e.g. hedgehogs into the garden.

Maintenance of the borders is required in the autumn months. Post flowering selective pruning should take place to promote form and flowering after two years growth. After four years lift and divide perennials. Flowers should be dead headed and remove any diseased or poorly-performing plants. The soil should be improved with well-rotted manure or compost.

Lawn

A small section of lawn will be retained at the front of the property adjacent to the parking area to enable additional space for passengers to alight their vehicles.

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