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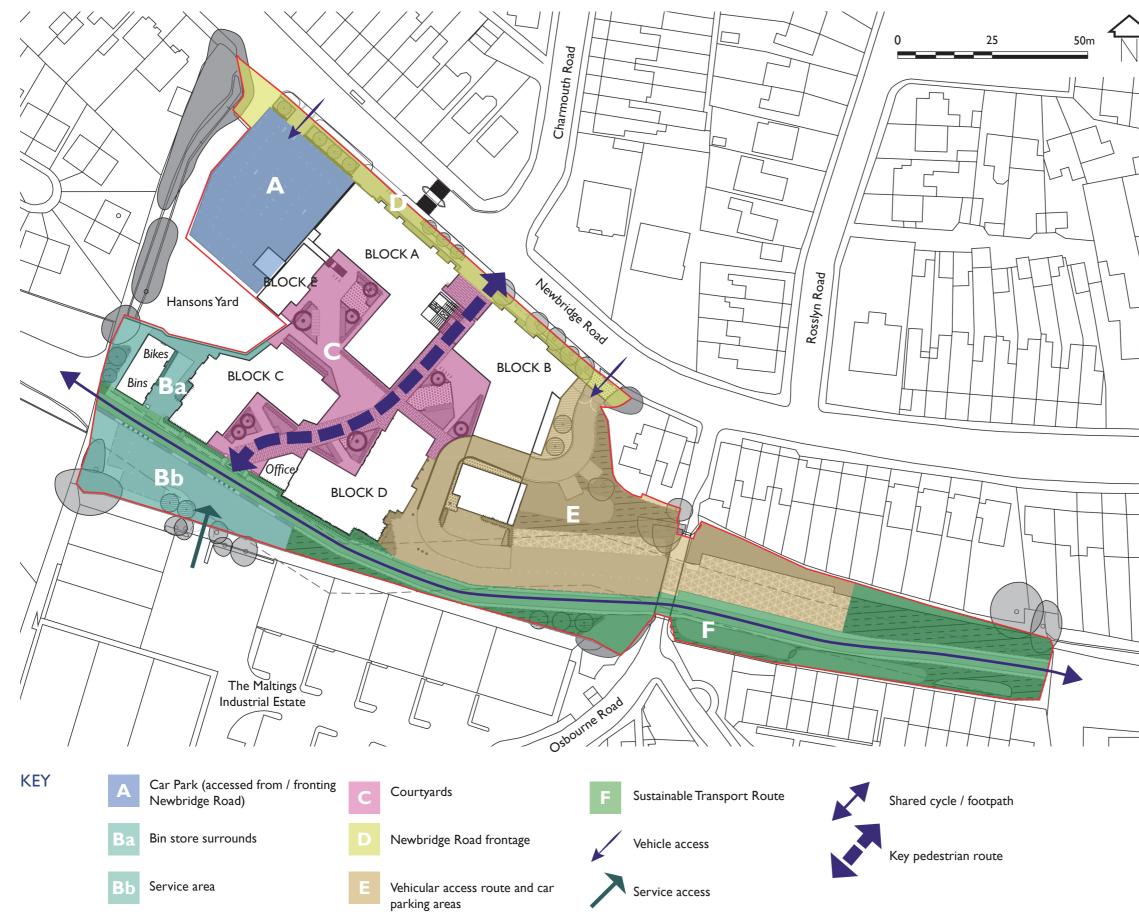
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# I.0 Landscape Typologies

## **PROPOSED LANDSCAPE TYPOLOGIES - PLAN**



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### INTRODUCTION

The overall landscape design strategy takes holistic approach to the site. The design strategy is informed by:

- Landscape appraisal of site and context.
- Ecology survey and recommendations for biodiversity enhancements;
- Arboricultural assessment;
- Below ground conditions; former quarry floor/ wall, and services (sewer along former railway line);
- Historic use of the site as a quarry with former railway line passing through;
- Drainage strategy;
- Requirements and opportunities for site access and circulation for pedestrians,
  cyclists and vehicles.

### **DESIGN PRINCIPLES**

- High quality landscape design responding to the context.
- Careful accommodation of required access and circulation through site – especially key public route and sustainable transport route.
- Retention of as many trees within the site as possible, especially higher quality (BS.5837 Cat. B).
- Provision of elements of green infrastructure as an integral part of the development, including with respect to enhancements to habitats – especially habitat corridor.
- Provide a strong landscape/ external realm theme to provide good legibility through site.
- Reference to previous site use as a quarry and alignment of railway line, eg. Opportunity for interpretation.
- Use of above ground planters to avoid poor below ground soil/ growing conditions eg. former quarry 'floor'.
- High quality lighting of public realm, with sensitive approach to key ecological assets.

# **PROPOSED LANDSCAPE TYPOLOGIES - DESCRIPTION**

#### CAR PARK (ACCESSED FROM / FRONTING NEWBRIDGE ROAD)

- Retained car park;
- Removal of disused built form;
- Reconfiguration of parking spaces;

#### SERVICE AREA AND BIN STORE SURROUNDS

- Located at southern boundary adjacent to, with access from The Maltings Industrial Estate to minimise requirement for service vehicles to access rest of site;
- Minimised area to facilitate safe turning;
- Accommodates limited area of parking, avoiding/ minimising impact to existing mature tree;
- Adjacent soft landscape to comprise native species, where space is available;
- Proposed paving materials to include asphalt surfacing.; ٠
- Proposed tree/ shrub species to include Hazel; Hawthorn; Blackthorn; Field maple; Rowan; Crab apple; Wild Cherry; Oak; Hornbeam.

#### COURTYARDS

- · High quality group of linked courtyards with strong unifying theme and design;
- Strongly featured and bold paving design/ pattern;
- Strongly defined key pedestrian routes;
- Use of raised planters as key features/ elements, incorporating seating and soft landscape;
- High quality lighting proposals;
- Accommodation of required emergency access;
- Proposed paving materials;
- High quality pre cast concrete block paving including elements of/ with strong contrast;
- Proposed tree/ shrub species to include Himalayan birch; ornamental cherry; Hebe; Geranium; Rosemary; Lavender; Honeysuckle; Flowering currant; Lilac; Mexican orange blossom.

#### NEWBRIDGE ROAD FRONTAGE

- Creation of a high quality public realm frontage;
- Increased area/ width of pavement to frontage of new build;
- Defined/ delineated paved area at entrance to key pedestrian access through the site;
- Inclusion of delineated crossing point at vehicular site access points;
- Introduction of new bus shelter:
- Retention of some existing trees along frontage;
- Proposed tree planting within existing soft landscape and within raised planters at western end of frontage, to soften streetscape;
- Raised planter to include evergreen shrubs to provide some local concealment of parking;
- Proposed paving materials to include high quality pre-cast concrete block paving (unadopted areas);
- Proposed tree/ shrub species to include white beam, sweet box, hebe, cherry laurel 'Otto Luyken'; pieris; spindle.

#### VEHICULAR ACCESS ROUTE AND CAR PARKING AREAS

- Provision of required (new) vehicular access from Newbridge Road;
- Route utilises (in part) existing route, with ramp down from Newbridge Road to lower part of site;
- Route design/ alignment minimises vegetation removal;
- Soft landscape treatment adjacent to access route to comprise predominantly native species;
- Very carefully considered, ecologically sensitive and minimised lighting, especially along former line of railway;
- Proposed paving materials to include asphalt;
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- Road to lower part of site;
- predominantly native species;

### SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT ROUTE

Provision of required (new) vehicular access from Newbridge Road;

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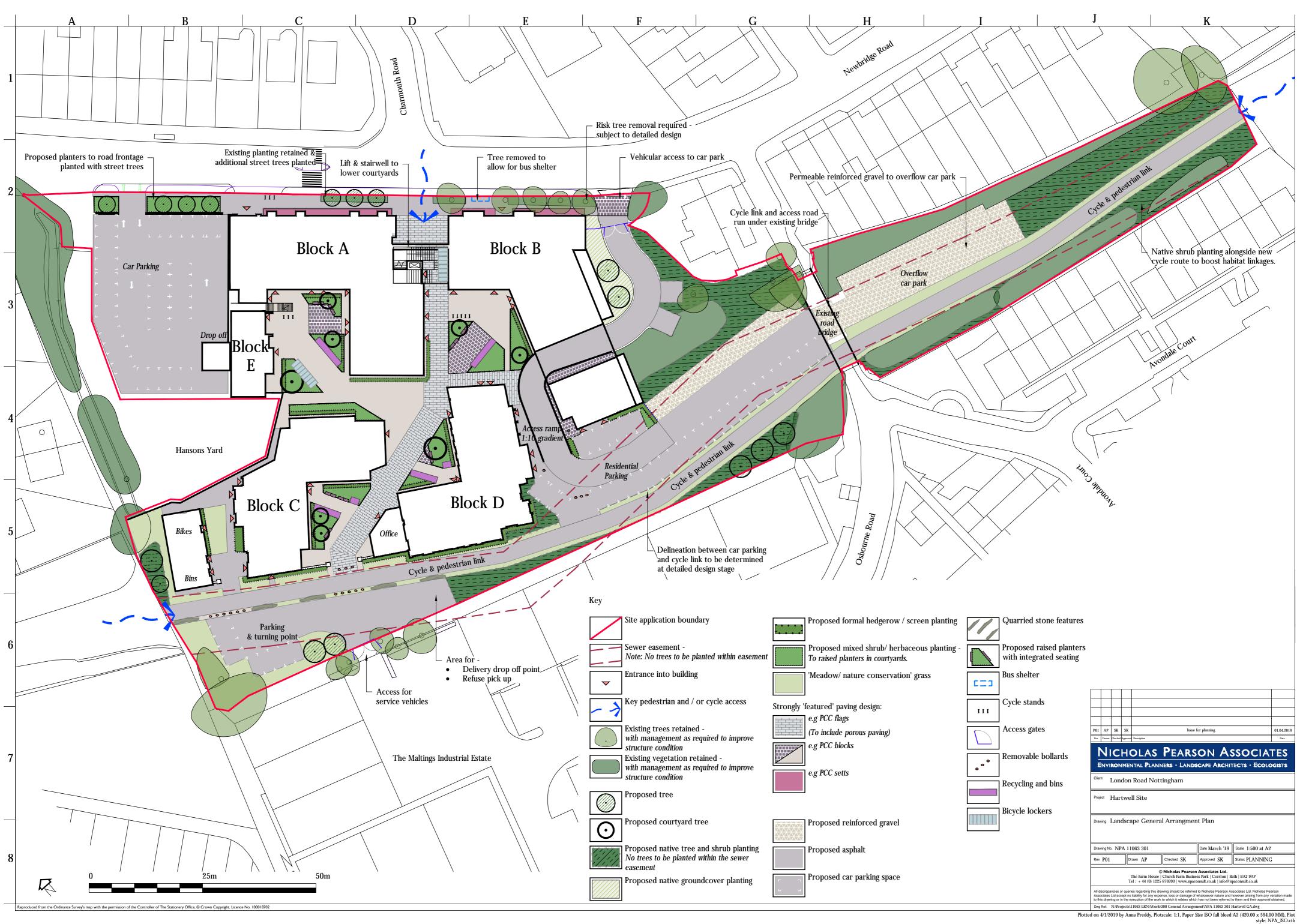
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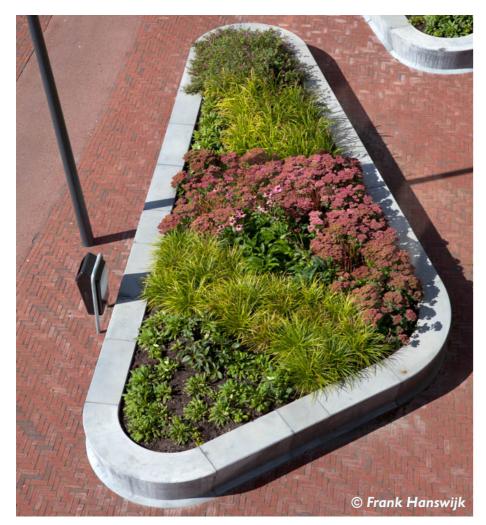
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# 3.0 Landscape Concept Images

# COURTYARD CONCEPT IMAGES



Raised planter to courtyards



Resting spot integrated into planters

Tree planted within raised planter



Communal seating areas integrated into planters



## SOFT LANDSCAPE EXAMPLE IMAGES



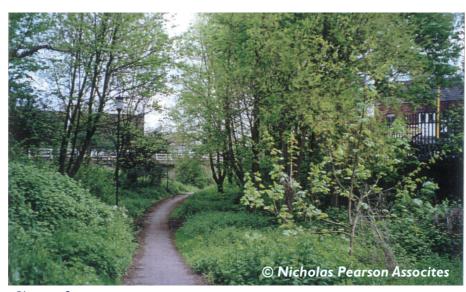
Screening to private residences



Seasonal interest to raised planters



Evergreen shrubs to Newbridge Road frontage



Planting for nature conservation



Multi-stem trees

### PLANTING STRATEGY

- Use of a variety of species to provide varied structure, form and interest through the site;
- Overall selection to provide biodiversity value and interest (form, structure, colour, scent) through the year, especially within courtyards;
- Native species selection based upon biodiversity recommendations, and appropriate for local conditions (calcareous soils);
- Soft landscape at site boundaries, where possible, to provide local softening, visual amenity and nature conservation value;
- Where possible, within development parameters, native planting is proposed to provide an enhanced, linear corridor through the site for bats;
- Sewer and easement; no tree planting within easement, shrub planting only.

# HARD LANDSCAPE EXAMPLE IMAGES



Concrete blocks to wider courtyards



Concrete 'cobbles' to private outdoor



Concrete blocks to communal seating areas



Permeable flags to key pedestrian route



Example permeable reinforced gravel





Stone features act as bollards