GREEN INFRASTRUCTUE STATEMENT – (November 2024-Rev: B)

To Support a Planning Application for the creation of a Community Amenity Space and Interpretation of the former J C Edwards Brickworks Site, for Llangollen Rural Community Council (boundary wall with the A539) on Llangollen Road, Trevor, Wrexham, LL20 7TN (nearest postcode)

Overview:

Chapter 6 of Planning Policy Wales (PPW). Those changes have now been incorporated into PPW12.

Paragraph 6.2.12 of PPW12 requires a green infrastructure statement (GIS) to be submitted with all planning applications. PPW states GIS should be 'proportionate to the scale and nature of the development proposed and will describe how green infrastructure has been incorporated into the proposal. In the case of minor development this will be a short description and should not be an onerous requirement for applicants. The green infrastructure statement will be an effective way of demonstrating positive multi-functional outcomes which are appropriate to the site in question and must be used for demonstrating how the step-wise approach has been applied.'

"Planning authorities must protect trees, hedgerows, groups of trees and areas of woodland where they have ecological value, contribute to the character or amenity of a particular locality, or perform a beneficial green infrastructure function"

The site is a brownfield site of approximately 275m2. Previously the main offices of J.C.Edwards it is now cleared of buildings, apart from the brick boundary feature wall fronting the Llangollen Road. The site forms part of a larger area of emergent damp woodland trees and understorey comprising mainly Poplar, Willow, Birch, Ash, and Sycamore. The site was cleared of scrub and understorey herbaceous plants in 2023.

The main trees within the site consist of emergent tree species of Birch, Poplar and Elm. These are all low value specimens in arboriculture terms. There are several specimen saplings of emergent Oak trees.

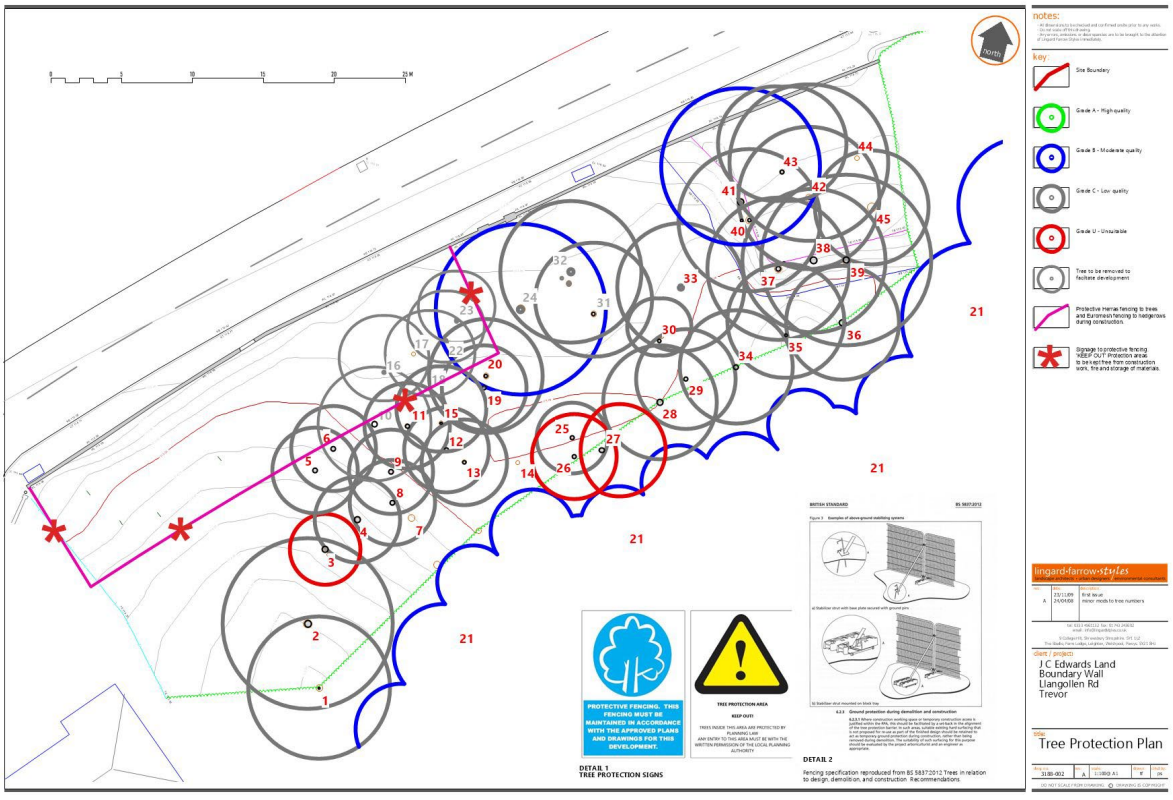


Figure 1 : Existing Planting Record

Ensuring green infrastructure is retained and enhanced within developments, reduce negative impacts to biodiversity that would otherwise arise from a development as well as providing opportunities for biodiversity enhancement. The accompanying Planting Plan produced by Lingard Farrow Styles LFS-3188-004 revA seeks to outline the scope of the proposals, the areas of enhancements with the planting of trees and seasonal planting that will offer wildlife access to nectar, berries and seeds at various times of the year. An emphasis has been placed on the specification and use of native species. The information also includes a 5yr Maintenance Plan to assist Llangollen Rural Community Council with the continuing upkeep and evolution of the space as an asset that will improve opportunities for wildlife and habitat improvements in this location.

The green infrastructure elements included in the scheme include:

- Wildlife friendly planting including a perimeter hedge.
- A landscape management scheme and aftercare specification to promote wildlife habitat creation.
- Suds pedestrian paving.
- Inclusion of wildlife friendly features.

In addition, it is considered that the juxtaposition of the site with the adjacent native woodland will enhance the 'green corridor' along Trevor Road.

A wide range of shrub and herbaceous and tree planting is included in the landscape planting proposals (see Lingard Farrow Styles dwg no 3188-004 revA. This includes plant species that have been selected for their wildlife friendly value, in terms of food source throughout the seasons.

The further community value of this planting will the decorative and sensory value provided to visitors throughout the seasons.
Where possible local provenance plants will be specified for the landscape scheme.

The planting proposals also include the provision of four new trees to mitigate against the loss of the existing emergent trees. These include Amelanchier (Serviceberry) and Silver Birch.

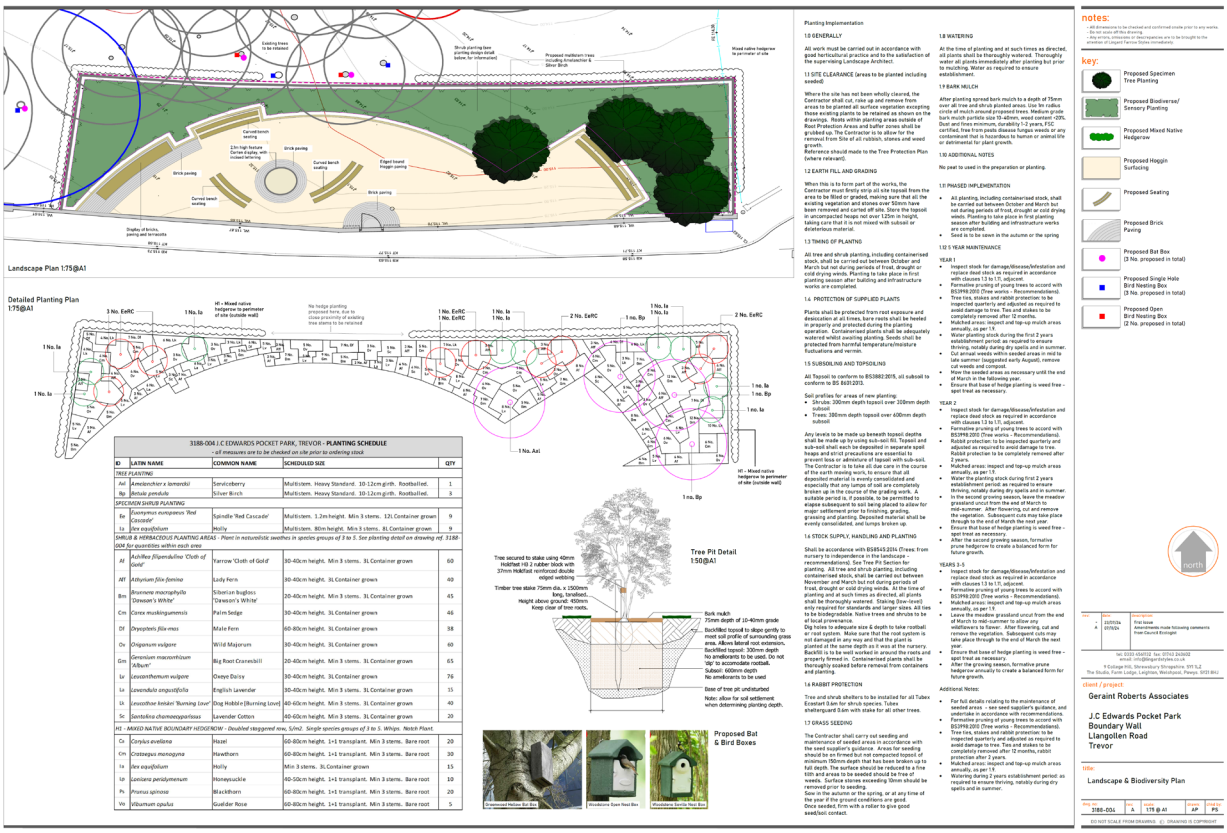


Figure 2 : Proposed Landscape Design of the New Public Amenity Space