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Gatewen Road, Wrexham, Bellway Homes Ltd

Supplementary notes

The following information is provided in support of Landscape General Arrangement Plan, drawing ref No 1154-029-ENZ-XX-00-DR-L-00-101, as requested by Planning and Regulatory at Wrexham County Borough Council, to describe the changes in the layout from previous submission under Reserved Matters P/2021/0955 [NLP-DMS.FID750688].

The general aims of the amended landscape proposals are to increase in the overall provision of green infrastructure on the site. Across the whole site the areas of new planting were increased to provide greater amounts of new habitats and enhancement of green corridors, connectivity of habitats to attract and enable the movement of wildlife through the site and enhance local biodiversity.

The specification of trees has been amended to include more native trees overall and larger nursery stock sizes such as 14-16cm girth heavy standard trees, to provide 'instant impact' on completion for both an amenity and biodiversity perspective.

Enhancements have been incorporated to the design of green corridors specifically along the proposed sustainable drainage systems (swales) through the inclusion of wildflora suited to wetland and damp meadow conditions in order to attract wildlife such as invertebrates.

Footpath connections from the apartment blocks have been provided to enable people to easily access the public open space with outdoor seating areas and a local area of play to the southeast. Generally good footpath links are provided to the open spaces in various locations for ease of movement for pedestrians accessing from different parts of the site and local footpath network.

Informal footpath has been included which connects the main access road and provides good pedestrian links to the two areas of open space on the site to the south and northeast.

A 'buffer' has been established around the existing trees along the northern boundary in order to address concerns of overshadowing to proposed gardens.

Street furniture including benches has been added to the proposed open spaces to create outdoor seating for residents.