STRATEGIC APPROACH FOR LANDSCAPE PLANTING AND ECOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENT

The overall aim of these landscaping proposals is to provide connections between the existing established surrounding hedgerows, trees, ponds, and grasslands with the wider Strategic Ecological Network of the Wrexham Industrial Estate. The ponds and planting will increase species diversity, start to create a range of linked habitats and provide an uplift in ecological attributes such as pollinator species, breeding sites and wildlife foraging potential.

RE-ESTABLISHING AND ENCOURAGING EXISITING VEGETATION

The approach within these parcels is to encourage the locally established and appropriate vegetation to re-colonise the fields and ponds. The existing grassland will be retained as much as possible throughout and following earthworks, excavations and ground repair, will be prepared to allow for Natural Regeneration. The seedbank contained within the soil should allow the regeneration of grassland and wetland marginal planting. We would advocate selective vegetative propagation for the aquatic planting by taking small transplants of existing vegetation and relocating in suitable conditions within the newly created ponds to allow natural establishment. Grasslands can also be vegetatively extended by taking sprigs' or small areas of grass and transplanting to areas needing coverage. Ongoing maintenance would reinforce the regenerative approach for grasslands and aquatic planting.
If successful regeneration has not been achieved after 2 growing seasons, we would then suggest implementing the wildflower grass and aquatic marginal planting mixes specified on the following drawings. The Wildflower species rich meadow mix is suggested for the western slopes to achieve a diverse flowering mix to support the ground level grassland. These western slopes will be backfilled with 'nutrient poor' subsoils that are available on site to create the right conditions for wildflower establishment. The eastern slopes will have normal nutrient level topsoil backfilled to the given depths shown on the sections for good growth conditions of trees and thicket transplant species. We would suggest seeding the Bent and Fescue grass mix beneath the thicket planting matrix for weed control measures.

PONDS - The ponds follow the principles set out by TEP (The Environment Partnership) Pond and Hibernacula Details (drawing D7215.002A) for Bryn Lane, Wrexham. Ponds to be multi-level with lower ponds depths maximum 1.5m; maximum 1:3 gradient to banks (based on stability of cover material); shallow ledge with regenerative grassland (or seeding as necessary after 2 seasons); marginal planting on 1500mm shelf (regenerative marginals from site); 1:5 banks to tie in with surrounding site levels. Refer to Earthworks notes, Pond Notes and liner specification as part of specialist information across all Networld Sports sites.

EXISTING PONDS existing ponds on site to be protected during earth movement operations to ensure good conditions maintained. Any ditches or smaller linked ponds to be checked with ecologist and engineer to ensure drainage patterns are uninterrupted and condition retained. Selective vegetation can be harvested during the planting season to vegetatively repopulate new pond areas.

BOUNDARY THICKET (SCRUB) PLANTING

These native species thicket areas to be planted on a 1.5m grid layout comprising of smaller whips with Select Standard trees (8-10cm girth) as shown on plan within that grid. A gap of around 3-5m to be kept between the thicket planting and existing site hedgerow to allow maintenance of the hedge, retain the clear margin and prevent thicket growing into the hedgerow. This measure is to ensure that the hedgerow habitat remains as that and the new thicket planting becomes another layered habitat over time. It is recommended to seed Bent and Fescue species within planting matrix for weed control.

HIBERNACULA AND HABITAT CREATION

Hibernacula to be built following TEP guidelines following dimensions, materials and construction recommendations. Butterfly and bee banks and scrapes to be built according to ecologists recommendations. Log and rock piles to be sited as per plan to ecologists specification for material sizes and placement methods.

These proposals outline the bigger picture' objectives of the site planting approach and provide the strategy of how this can be achieved through earthworks modelling, creating the right soil conditions, allowing Natural Regeneration and implementing the correct species to achieve this.

General Notes

1. Do not scale from drawing unless it is a specified setting out plan and you have confirmed it is printed to scale.
2. All dimensions and levels shown must be confirmed by contractors prior to the commencement of construction works.
3. All measurements must be checked on site.
4. Drawings are to be read in conjunction with all other relevant plans, specifications and schedules.
5. All work must comply with the current building regulations.
6. No materials used or methods of workmanship to be employed that do not conform to the current relevant British Standard and Code Of Practice.
7. All plants and materials are subject to availability at time of ordering.
8. Topsoils to be placed to 450mm overall depth in shrub and herbaceous areas and 600mm in tree pits and hedge trenches. Soils should be placed in 150mm layers, firming as you go, over compaction free, well draining subsoil.

Drawing Annotations

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Key

- Existing Fence
- Proposed Tree
- Existing Retained Tree
- Proposed Log Pile
- Proposed Hibernacula
- Retained Trees & Scrub
- Proposed Native Scrub / Thicket
- Proposed Native Hedge
- Retained Wild/meadow Grass
- Proposed Wet Grassland
- Aquatic Marginal Planting
- Proposed Wildlife Pool
- Existing Water
- Redline Boundary





Ponds Retained	*0 (of 0)*
New Ponds Proposed	*10*
Hedgerow Lost	*0 lin.m*
Hedgerow Created	*249 lin.m*
Trees Lost	*0*
Trees Proposed	*38*

0m 10m 20m 30m 40m 50m 60m 1:1000

N

Existing Site Condition

0m 10m 20m 30m 40m 50m 60m 1:1000

N

Proposed Site Treatment

22/09/2025	5	GL	Planting Area annotations added
19/05/2025	4	CB	Layout changes to parcels 2 & 4
02/05/2025	3	CB	Additional Plot added to Site Location and Phasing Plans

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