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CLAYTON FIELDS, EDGERTON.

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ECOLOGICAL DESIGN STRATEGY - BATS.

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1. INTRODUCTION.

1.1. Planning permission has been passed for the development of the Clayton Fields site in Edgerton, Huddersfield.

1.2. Condition 14 of the planning permission states:

'No development shall take place until a comprehensive written mitigation strategy detailing how the development shall be completed without harm to any bat species, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. Development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved method statement.'

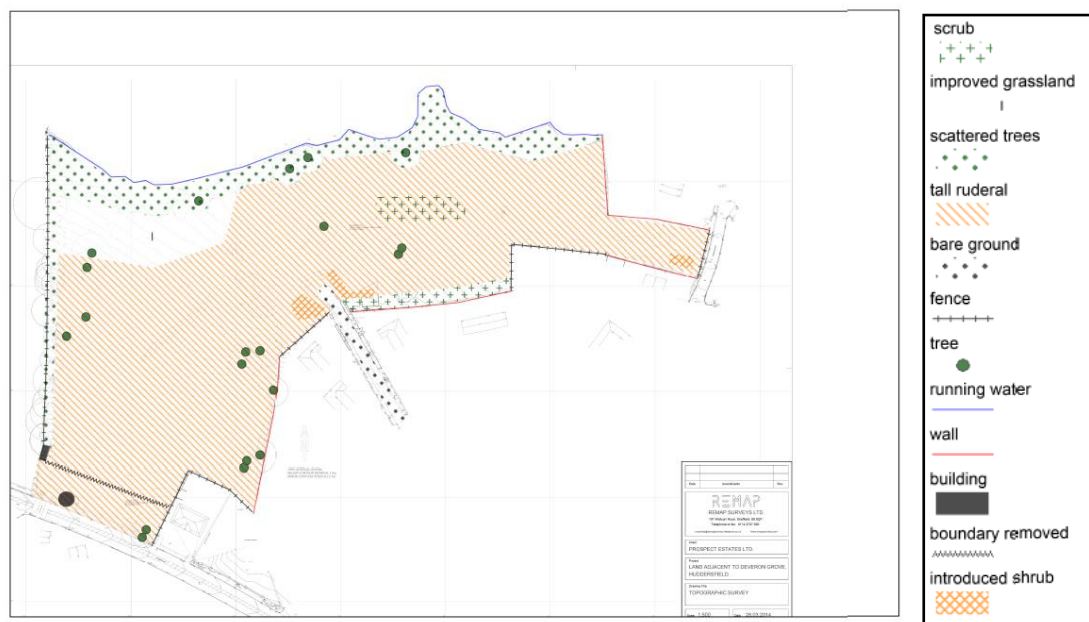
1.3. Whitcher Wildlife Ltd have been commissioned to prepare an Ecological Design Strategy – Bats to discharge condition 14 of the planning permission.

1.4. Appendix I includes the development plan for the site.

1.5. Additional plans showing the landscaping plan, lighting plan and lux levels for the site are included in Appendix II of this report.

2. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS.

2.1. The surveyed area was an area of land off Edgerton Road in Huddersfield that showed signs of regular use for dog walking. The Extended Phase 1 Habitat survey carried out during 2016 identified the area to comprise a large area of open grassland and scattered trees with a strip of woodland and Clayton Dike to the north. Abundant ruderal species and shrubs were identified in some areas of the site.



2.2. Two UK BAP habitats were identified within the surveyed area, those being Clayton Dike and parts of the grassland.

2.3. Several habitats suitable to support roosting bats were identified within the surveyed area. The habitats included two small buildings and several trees. No bat field signs were identified around the buildings or trees during the surveys. The site was also assessed to provide a suitable habitat for foraging and commuting bats, predominantly due to the trees and dike along the site boundaries.

2.4. The vegetation on the site was assessed as providing a suitable nesting habitat for various species of bird during the nesting season, although no nests were identified during the site surveys.

2.5. Japanese Knotweed, Rhododendron, Montbretia and Cotoneaster, invasive non-native plant species listed on Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside were also identified growing on the site.

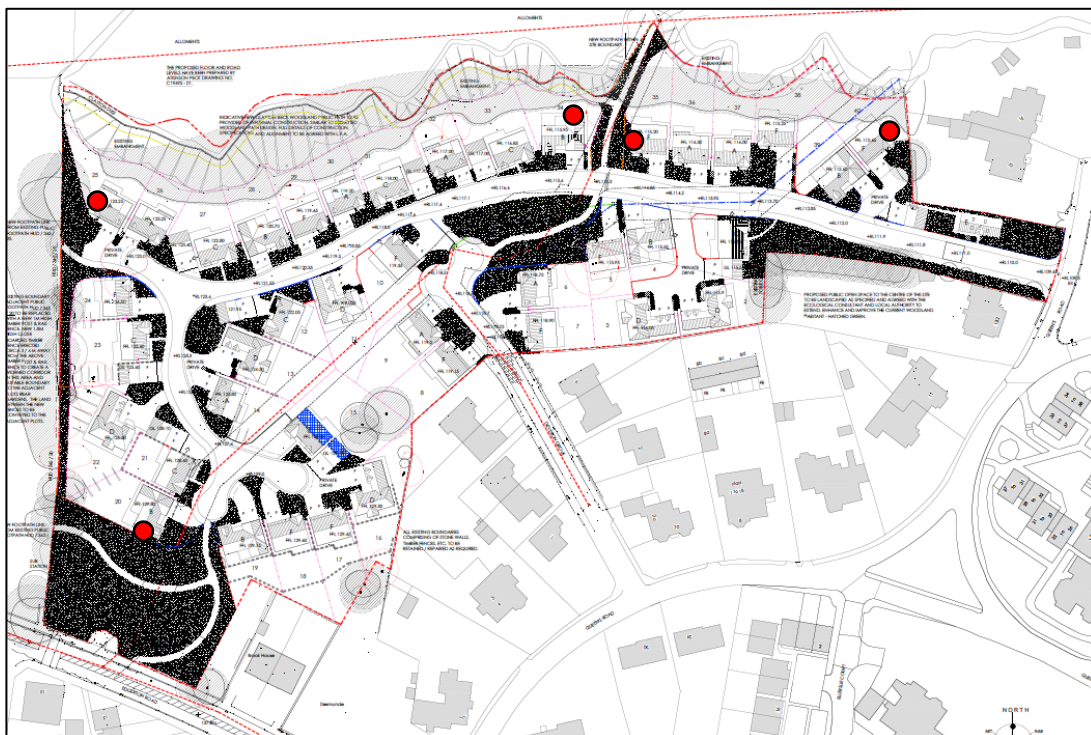
3. MITIGATION, ENHANCEMENT AND MAINTENANCE.

3.1. The site has been cleared ready for development and therefore no additional clearance of potential roosting habitats, most notably trees, will be carried out.

3.2. During the construction phase of the development all compound areas and generators will be located away from potential roost features, those being the trees on and around the surveyed area and the buildings in the surrounding area.

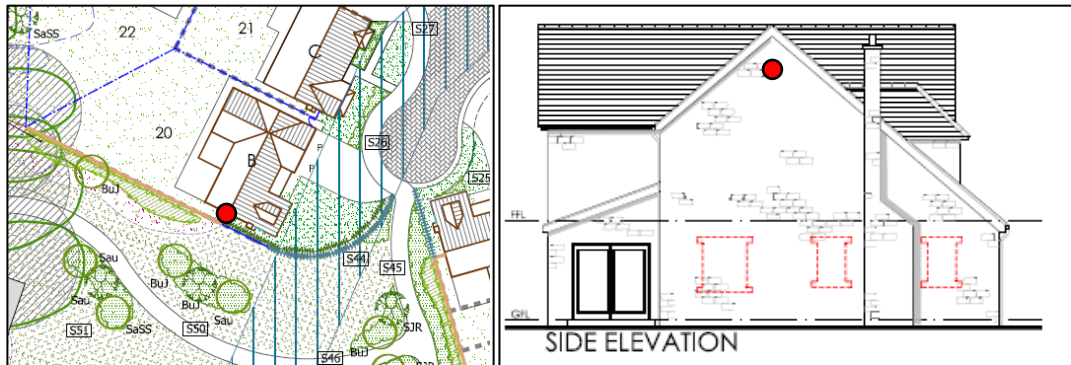
3.3. Lighting during the construction phase will be minimised to ensure there is no impact on any roosting bats present in the buildings and trees surrounding the site. The lighting will maintain dark corridors across the site and around the site boundaries, particularly along the woodland edge adjacent to Clayton Dike. Lighting will also be restricted around the existing semi mature and mature trees present within the development site.

3.4. During the development bat bricks of a suitable incorporated designs, similar to the one shown below, will be installed in the buildings in five locations around the site. The approximate location of the bat bricks is shown on the plan below.

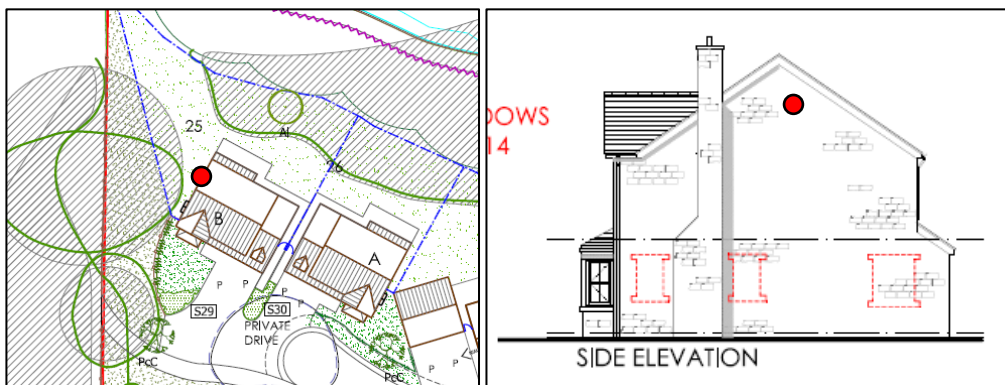


3.5. The plans below show the bat brick locations in more detail. The bat bricks will be mounted high in the walls of the building in locations that do not lie above windows or doors.

3.5.1. Plot 20: A bat brick will be mounted in the southern gable end of Plot 20.



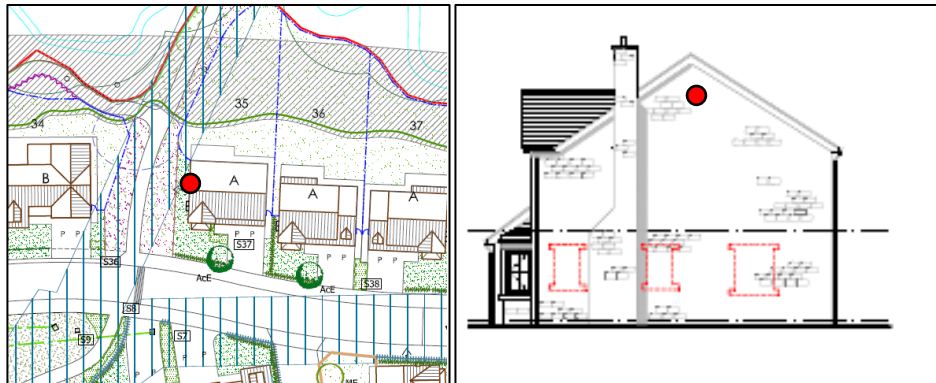
3.5.2. Plot 25: A bat brick will be mounted in the northwest gable end of Plot 25.



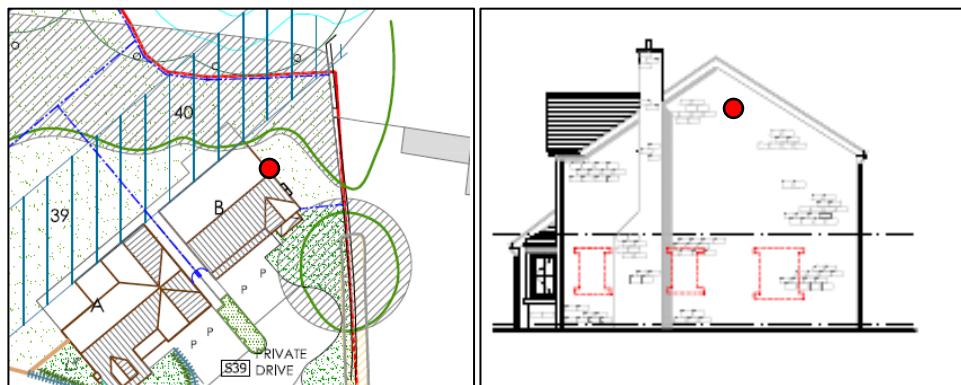
3.5.3. Plot 34: A bat brick will be mounted in the northern gable end of Plot 34.



3.5.4. Plot 35: A bat brick will be mounted in the western gable end of Plot 35.



3.5.5. Plot 40: A bat brick will be mounted in the northeast gable end of Plot 40.

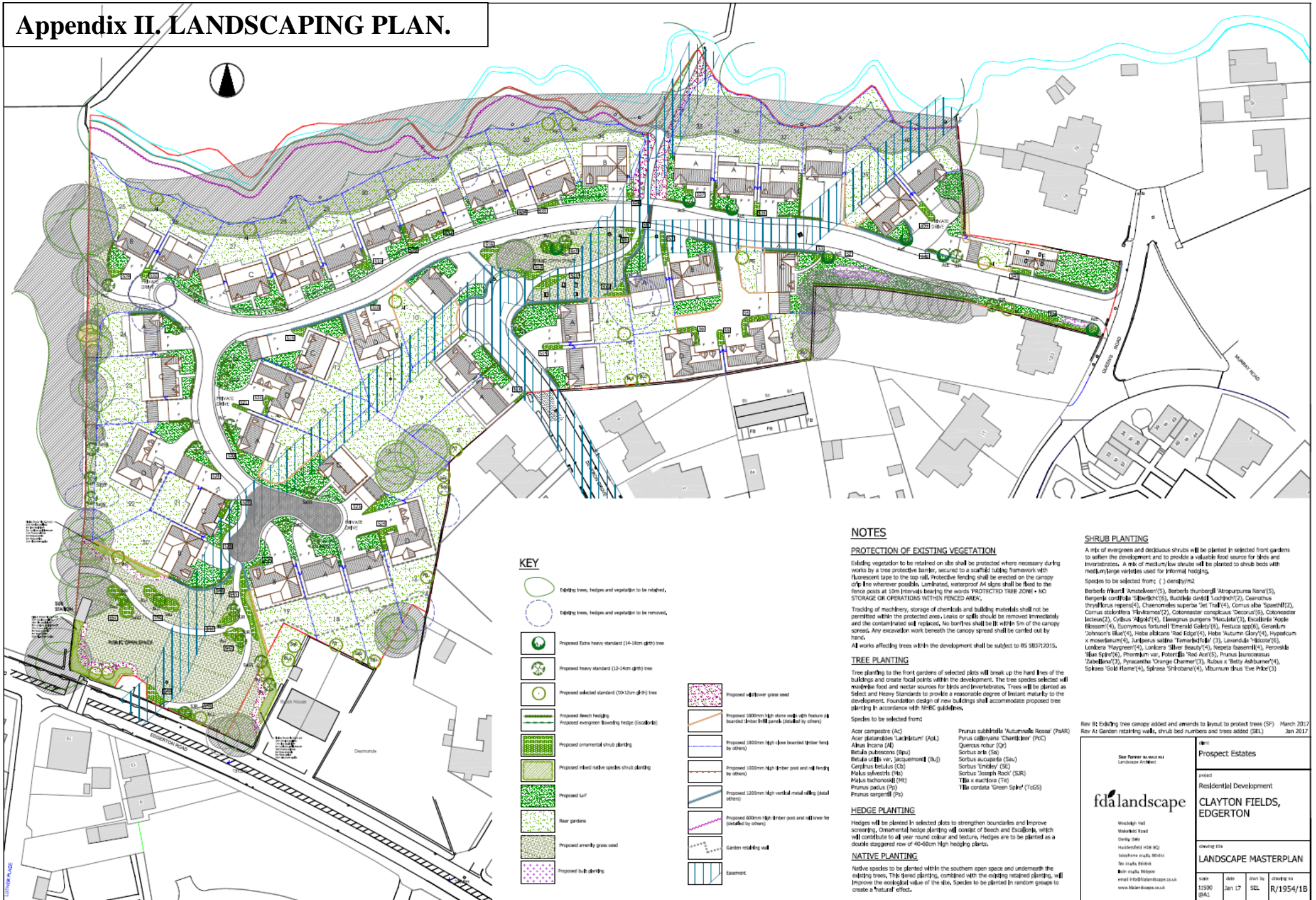


3.6. The only permanent lighting erected during the development will be a series of Orangetek LED lighting poles erected along the public highways within the development. The location of the lighting poles will ensure that dark corridors are maintained along the tree lines to the north and west of the surveyed area ensuring no impact on roost, foraging or commuting bats in these areas.

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Appendix II. LANDSCAPING PLAN.



KEY

- Existing trees, hedges and vegetation to be retained.
- Existing trees, hedges and vegetation to be removed.
- Proposed extra heavy standard (14-18cm @10m) tree
- Proposed heavy standard (12-14cm @10m) tree
- Proposed selected standard (10-12cm @10m) tree
- Proposed beech hedging
- Proposed evergreen flowering hedge (100x100mm)
- Proposed ornamental shrub planting
- Proposed mixed native species shrub planting
- Proposed turf
- Rear gardens
- Proposed amenity grass seed
- Proposed bulb planting

- Proposed 100x100mm over grass seed
- Proposed 1000mm high stone wall with feature in boarded timber (100x100mm) (noted by others)
- Proposed 1000mm high fence boarded (other fence by others)
- Proposed 1000mm high timber post and rail fencing (other fence by others)
- Proposed 2200mm high vertical metal railing (noted by others)
- Proposed 600mm high timber post and rail fence for (noted by others)
- Garden retaining wall
- Basement

NOTES

PROTECTION OF EXISTING VEGETATION
 Existing vegetation to be retained on site shall be protected where necessary during works by a tree protective barrier, secured to a scaffold tubing framework with fluorescent tape to the top rail. Protective fencing shall be erected on the canopy drip line whenever possible. Lambhorns, waterproof A1 signs shall be fixed to the fence posts at 10m intervals bearing the words PROTECTED TREE ZONE - NO STORAGE OR OPERATIONS WITHIN FENCED AREA.

Tracking of machinery, storage of chemicals and building materials shall not be permitted within the protected area. Leaks or spills should be removed immediately and the contaminated soil replaced. No barbed wire shall be within 5m of the canopy spread. Any excavation work beneath the canopy spread shall be carried out by hand.

All works affecting trees within the development shall be subject to BS 5837:2015.

TREE PLANTING
 Tree planting in the front gardens of selected plots will break up the hard lines of the buildings and create focal points within the development. The tree species selected will maintain food and nectar sources for birds and invertebrates. Trees will be planted as Selected and Heavy Standards to provide a reasonable degree of instant maturity to the development. Foundation design of new buildings shall accommodate proposed tree planting in accordance with NIEC guidelines.

Species to be selected from:

Acer campestre (Ac)	Prunus subhirtella 'Autumnale Rosea' (PsaR)
Acer platanoides 'Laciniatum' (Apl)	Pyrus calleryana 'Chariteller' (PcC)
Alnus incana (Al)	Quercus robur (Qr)
Betula pubescens (Bpu)	Sorbus aria (Sa)
Betula utilis var. jacquelinei (BuJ)	Sorbus aucuparia (Sau)
Carpinus betulus (Cb)	Sorbus timberleyi (St)
Halea sylvestris (Hs)	Sorbus 'Joseph Roze' (SR)
Hedera helix (Hh)	Tilia x euclora (Te)
Prunus padus (Pp)	Tilia cordata 'Green Spirit' (TcGS)
Prunus sargentii (Ps)	

HEDGE PLANTING
 Hedges will be planted in selected plots to strengthen boundaries and improve screening. Ornamental hedge planting will consist of Beech and Escallonia, which will contribute to all year round colour and texture. Hedges are to be planted as a double staggered row of 40-60cm high hedging plants.

NATIVE PLANTING
 Native species to be planted within the southern open space and underneath the existing trees. This native planting, combined with the existing retained planting, will improve the ecological value of the site. Species to be planted in random groups to create a natural effect.

SHRUB PLANTING
 A mix of evergreen and deciduous shrubs will be planted in selected front gardens to soften the development and to provide a valuable food source for birds and invertebrates. A mix of medium/low shrubs will be planted to shrub beds with medium/large varieties used for informal hedges.

Species to be selected from: () density/m²

Berberis 'Award Amstelveen'(5), Berberis thunbergii 'Atropurpurea Nana'(5), Berberis cordifolia 'Silverlight'(5), Buddleja davidii 'Lochinch'(2), Cameraria thymifolia repens(5), Chaenomeles superba 'Jet Trail'(4), Cornus alba 'Spartea'(2), Cornus stolonifera 'Balkanana'(2), Cotoneaster conspicuus 'Decoratus'(5), Cotoneaster lacteus(2), Cydonia 'Alphard'(4), Echinops pungenis 'Maclure'(3), Escallonia 'Apple Blossom'(4), Eucynonous fortunei 'Emerald Gaiety'(5), Festuca spp(5), Geranium 'Johnson's Blue'(4), Hebe alberta 'Red Edge'(4), Hebe 'Autumn Glory'(4), Hydrangea x molle-blancum(4), Juniperus sibirica 'Tamarack'(4), Lavandula 'Hidcote'(5), Lonicera 'Maygreen'(4), Lonicera 'Silver Beauty'(4), Nepeta fassenii(4), Perovskia 'Blue Spire'(5), Phlox 'Phlox var. 'Red Ace'(5), Prunus laurocerasus 'Zabelflor'(3), Pyracantha 'Orange Charm'(3), Rubus 'Betty Boop'(4), Spiraea 'Gold Flame'(4), Spiraea 'Shirobana'(4), Viburnum drus 'Ive Price'(3)

Rev B: Existing tree canopy added and amended to layout to protect trees (SP) March 2017
 Rev A: Garden retaining walls, shrub bed numbers and trees added (SEL) Jan 2017

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Prospect Estates

Project:
 Residential Development
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Working title:
 LANDSCAPE MASTERPLAN

Scale:
 1:500 (B1)

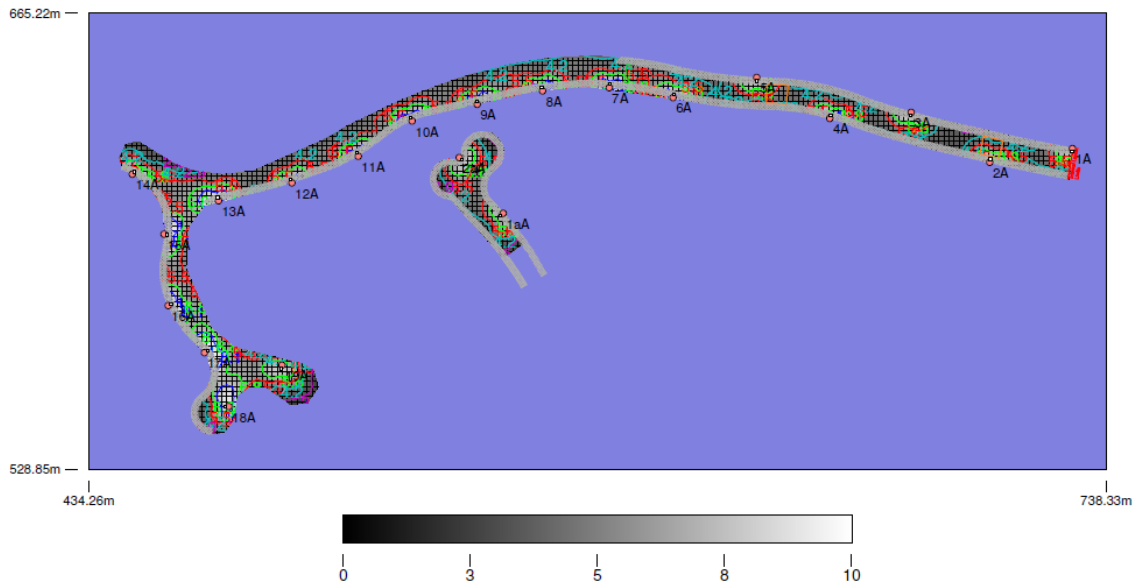
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Horizontal Illuminance (lux)

Grid 1



Results

Eav	5.60
Emin	2.22
E _{max}	10.08
E _{min} /E _{max}	0.22
E _{min} /E _{av}	0.40