

LANDSCAPING SCHEME – General Guidance

A landscaping scheme is required in order to maintain the visual amenities of the area and to ensure that new development is appropriately integrated into the existing landscape. This is in accordance with Unitary Development Plan Policy LA2 on landscape character, LA5 on trees and LA6 on landscaping schemes. The information provided within a landscaping scheme should include the following points.

Details of Boundary treatments

- A plan indicating the position, type, design and materials of any boundary treatment to be erected. An elevation drawing or example photograph to illustrate the proposal

Soft landscaping

- a) A plan(s) showing details of all existing trees and hedges on the application site. The plan should include, for each tree/hedge, the accurate position, species and canopy spread, together with an indication of which are to be retained and which are to be removed
- b) A plan(s) at a scale of 1:200 or 1:500 showing the layout of proposed tree, hedge and shrub planting and grass areas
- c) A written specification clearly describing the species, sizes, densities and planting numbers and giving details of cultivation and other operations associated with plant and grass establishment

Hard landscaping

- a) Existing and proposed finished levels or contours
- b) The position, design and materials of all site enclosure (e.g. fences, walls)
- c) Car parking layout and other vehicular and pedestrian areas
- d) Hard surfacing materials
- e) Minor structures (e.g. furniture, lighting, refuse areas, signs etc.)
- f) Location of existing and proposed functional services above and below ground (e.g. drainage, power, communications cables, pipelines etc. indicating routes, manholes, supports etc.)
- g) Any retained historic features and proposals for restoration