

*Brookmans Park Teleport*

A simple, predominantly native planting strategy has been developed to strengthen the existing character of the site, whilst integrating with the local environment. The majority of the external landscape will be open but sensitively landscaped in order to create a natural character and set the scheme contextually within the wider landscape setting.

The landscape proposals seek to enhance the existing biodiversity by introducing natural planting, linking with the wider setting. Where possible native species will be implemented and it is proposed to implement a native hedge species to border the southern boundary, this hedge will be maintained at approximately 1.5- 2.0m wide to help nesting birds, this linear planting belt will also help define the development and platform, whilst relating to the wider informal boundaries, creating important wildlife corridors, improving habitat values and visual connectivity (Ref to:2697-LLA-ZZ-00-DR-L-0201-P01 Landscape Enhancement Strategy Plan)

It is also proposed to implement an area of improved grassland to the south of the site within the wider proposals which will help settle the scheme within the wider parkland, species rich grassland will encourage natural habitats and reduce intensive maintenance regimes.

Along the existing vegetative boundary to the South East of the site a series of bat and bird boxes are proposed with log piles to the floor, these will increase habitat value and help bat and bird foraging whilst increasing insect habitat value.

*Landscape Management*

The principal aim of the management regime will be to set mechanisms in place which ensure that the spaces and other integral parts of the landscape are well managed in perpetuity, for the benefit of wildlife value they do not become degraded through neglect, inappropriate management or misuse.

The principle aims for managing the site are as follows:

- maintain and enhance the species, structural and age diversity of the existing vegetation
- Retain and enhance the wildlife value of the site and surroundings
- Ensure all planting stock establishes successfully and long-term health is ensured
- Maintain planting areas to ensure high aesthetic value of the site