

Planting strategy - Character areas

The existing hedgerow forms the most characteristic and ecologically valuable structure on site. The planting draws inspiration from this native hedgerow, establishing a clear reference across the site that helps to knit together the different character areas and create a cohesive landscape.

The building façades range from dark red to light buff brick, and this variation is reflected in the planting mixes and colour palettes.

The overall approach distinguishes between public and residential areas. Public spaces adopt a more vibrant planting character, complementing and enhancing the colours of the buildings, while the residential gardens are designed with a more restrained and calm palette.

Public character areas:

- Hedgerow
- Redefined hedgerow
- High street extension

Private character areas:

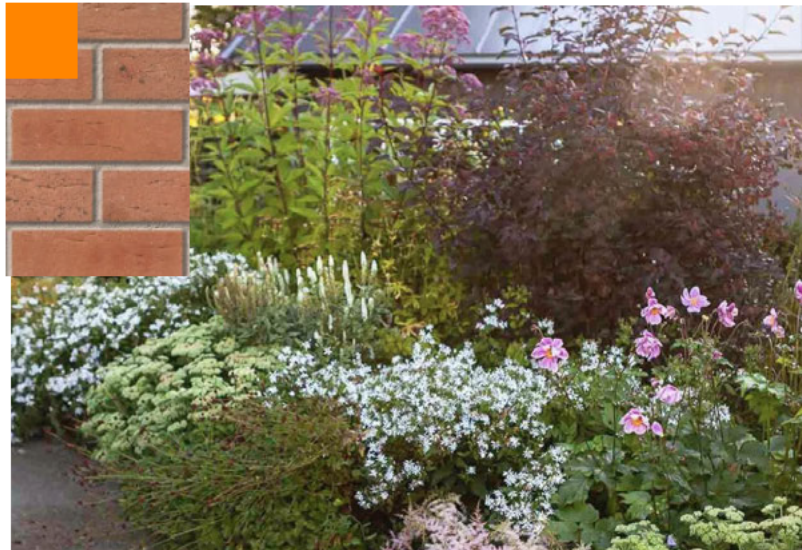
- Northern courtyard
- Southern courtyard



Hedgerow | Native hedgerow



Redefined hedgerow | Focus on colourful flowering species



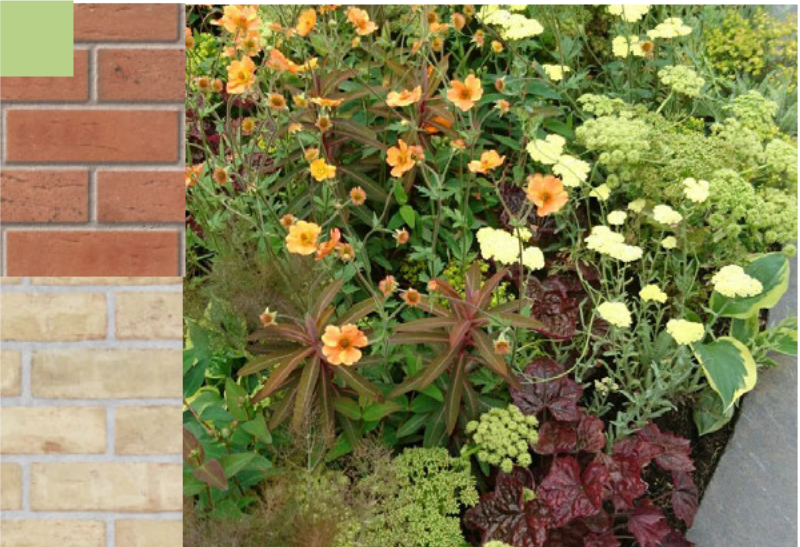
High street extension | Colourful flowering species



Colour scheme of the proposed buildings



Northern courtyard | Planting in contrast to red brick with light coloured birches and shade tolerant white flowering species



Southern courtyard | Brick red to orange flowering colour palette

Character areas

Hedgerow

Microclimate mixes:

Shaded understorey planting

Shaded bank swale

Shaded bottom swale



Existing hedgerow



Part sun areas with flowering species



Raingarden with log pile

Indicative species:



Sorbus aucuparia



Betula pendula



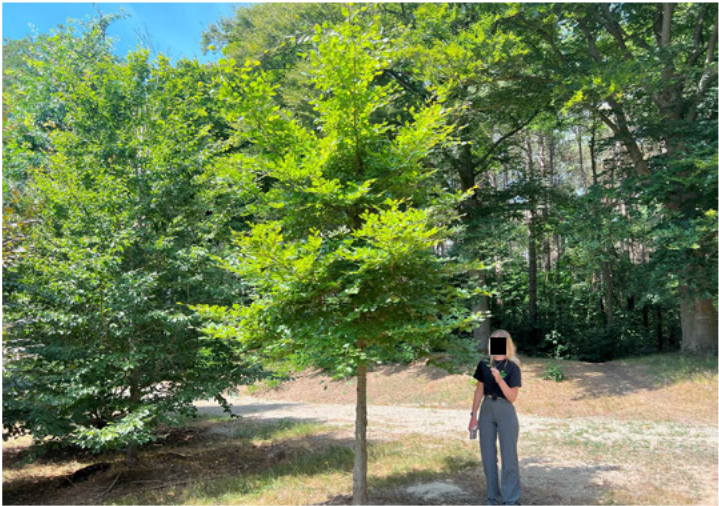
Crataegus monogyna



Salix caprea



Corylus avellana



Fagus sylvatica



Pinus sylvestris



Prunus padus

Character areas

Refined hedgerow

Microclimate mixes:

Shaded understorey planting

Partial sun garden



Sunny, lower, more flowering, around main entrances



Flowering hedgerow species



Layerd hedgerow effect

Indicative species:



Ligustrum vulgare



Kerria japonica 'Pleniflora'



Nepeta racemosa 'Amelia'



Lamium galeobdolon