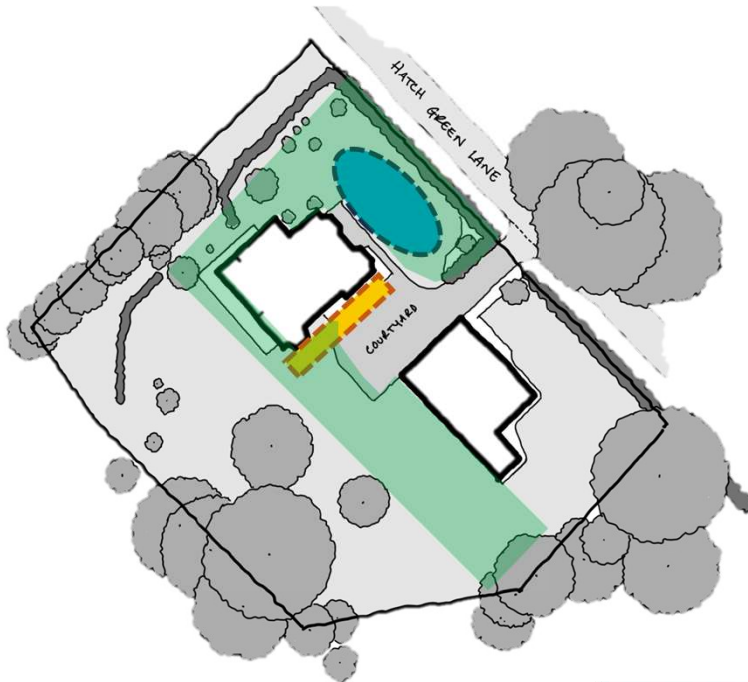




## SPRINGFIELDS LANDSCAPE STRATEGY

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The landscaping strategy for Springfield House focuses on preserving the established character of the site while introducing subtle enhancements to key areas. The majority of the landscape across both the Springfield House and the barn plot is to remain unchanged. All major trees will be retained, as will the dense front hedge that plays a key role in framing the overall landscape setting. The existing gravel courtyard driveway between the house and the barn will be preserved, maintaining the informal rural character of the property.

The landscaping proposals concentrate on three key interventions:

**1. Retention Basin** at the front to assist with sustainable drainage.

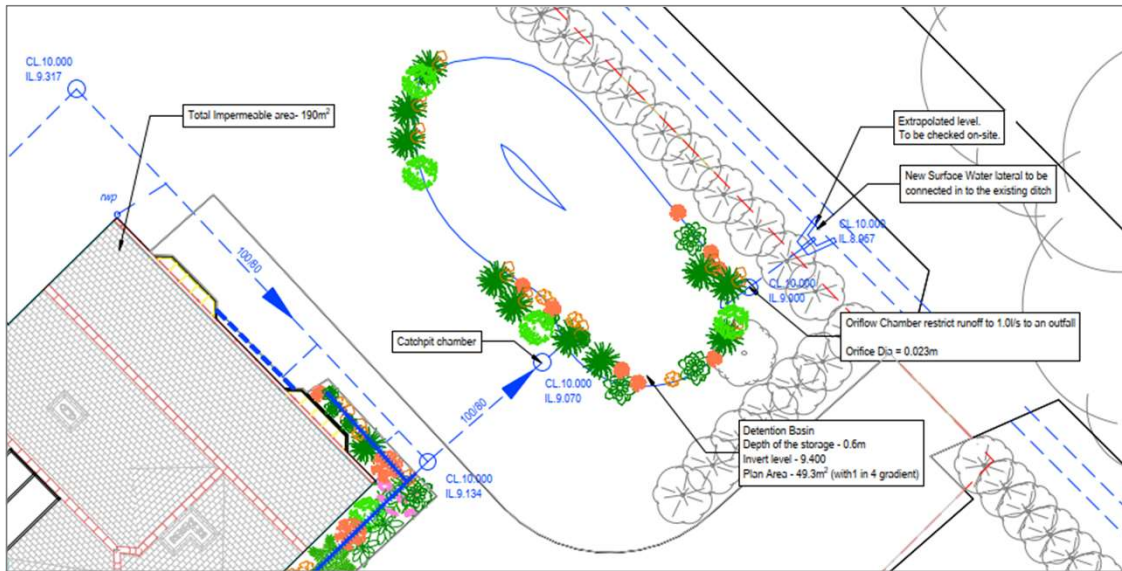
**2. Border Planting** on either side of the entrance to enhance visual appeal and create a more defined arrival experience.

**3. Wildflower lawn** throughout the rest of the lawned areas, introducing seasonal interest and supporting local biodiversity.

Together, these measured interventions aim to enrich the site's natural character without disrupting its established rural charm.



## RETENTION BASIN



### Native Planting – Retention Basin Edge (Front of Springfield House)

A selection of moisture-tolerant British native plants will be used around the edge of the small retention basin at the front of Springfield House.

These species will provide seasonal colour, improve habitat value, and help stabilise the basin margins. The planting is designed to support pollinators, blend into the wider landscape, and thrive in the variable moisture conditions typical of basin edges.



Marsh Marigold  
*Caltha palustris*



Water Forget-Me-Not  
*Eranthis pinnatifida*



Bird's-foot Trefoil  
*Lotus corniculatus*



Ragged Robin  
*Silene flos-cuculi*

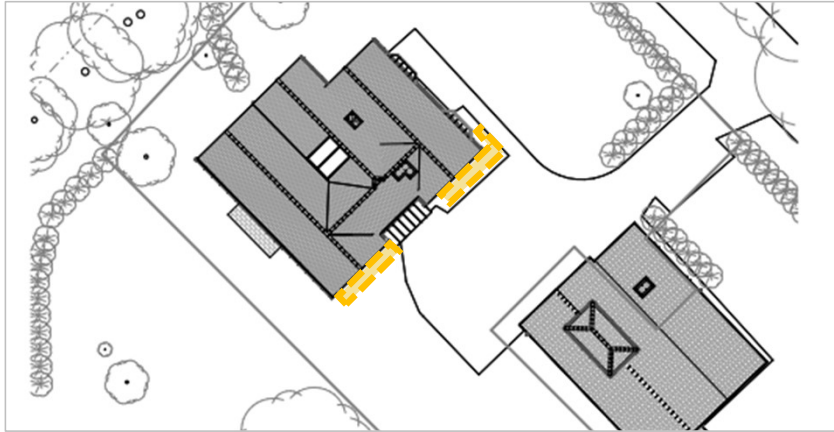


Selfheal  
*Prunella vulgaris*



Wild Thyme  
*Thymus serpyllum*

## BOUNDARY PLANTS



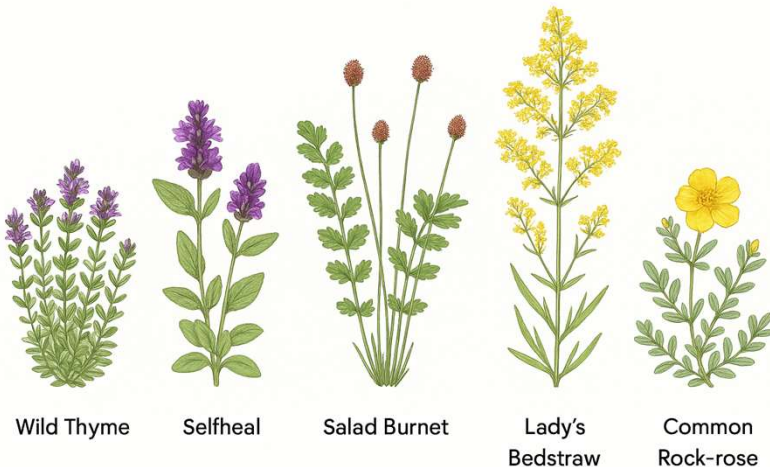
### Border Planting : South-East Border

A refined selection of low-growing **British native species** is proposed for the **narrow (500mm) border along the south-east-facing perimeter** of Springfield House, on either side of the main entrance.

This planting will:

- Introduce **texture, subtle colour, and seasonal interest** in a constrained space.
- Support **pollinators and biodiversity**, even in small boundary margins.
- Be suited to **sunny, well-drained conditions** typical of this aspect.
- Require **minimal maintenance** once established, aligning with sustainable landscape management.

This approach turns a narrow, functional strip into a **visually soft, ecologically rich edge** that complements the wider landscape strategy.



Wild Thyme

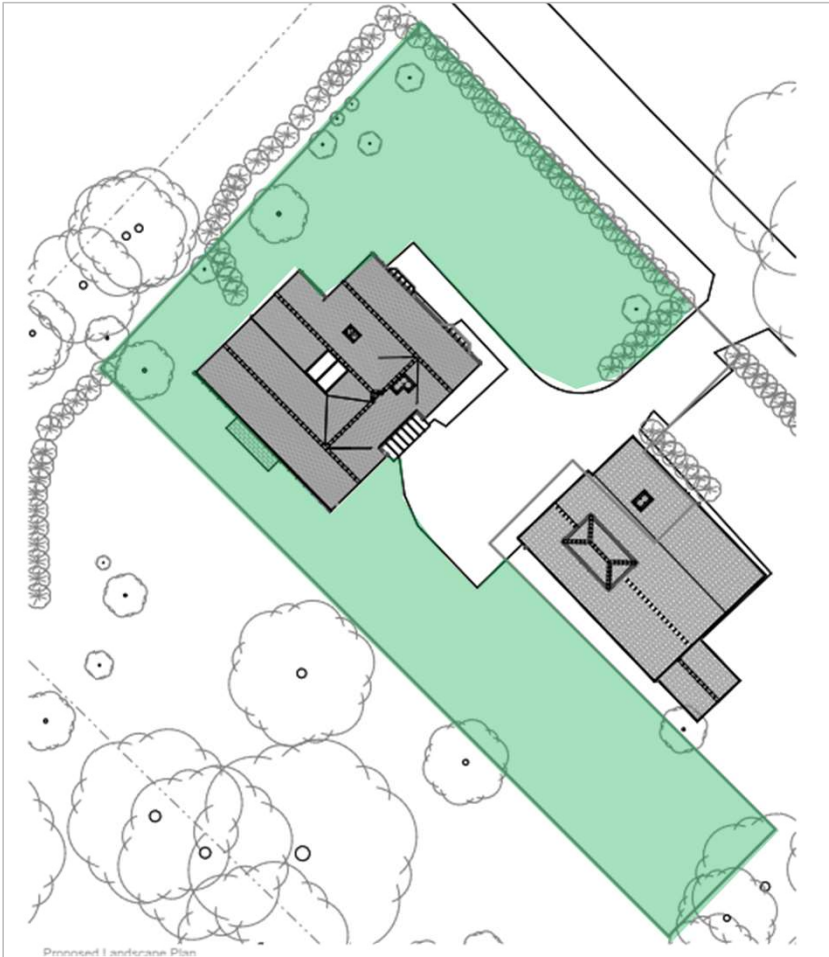
Selfheal

Salad Burnet

Lady's  
Bedstraw

Common  
Rock-rose

## WILDFLOWER LAWN



A native wildflower lawn will be created to the lawned areas of Springfield house.

- A **specialist contractor** will be appointed to carry out site preparation and seeding.
- The **EL1 Flowering Lawn Mixture** will be used – suited to local loamy, sandy soils.
- Sowing planned for **early spring or autumn**, depending on conditions.
- Low-maintenance approach: **annual late-summer cut** to promote biodiversity.
- Enhances ecological value, supports pollinators, and complements the natural landscape.

