

9 PLANTING STRATEGY

Character Areas

The development has been organised into a series of distinct landscape character areas, as illustrated on the plan opposite. Together, these character areas create a varied and cohesive landscape framework that responds to the site's context and supports the overall design vision.

The character areas comprise:

-  **School Edge**
-  **Central Green**
-  **Northern Greenway**
-  **Entrance (Landscape Character)**

Planting plays a fundamental role in defining the identity and function of each character area. The structural planting framework, particularly trees and hedgerows, establishes landscape structure, enhances visual amenity and reinforces connections between the built form and surrounding open spaces. Native and ornamental planting are carefully integrated to create a distinctive sense of place while supporting biodiversity and long-term landscape quality.

The proposed tree and hedgerow species associated with each character area are illustrated on the following pages.



Extract from Character Areas Plan

10 PLANTING PALETTE - TREES & HEDGES

	Street Trees	Feature Trees	Hedges
School Edge	 Tilia cordata 'Greenspire'/Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine'	 Liquidambar styraciflua	 Ornbamental hedge
Central Green	 Pyrus x calleyana 'Chanticleer' / Liquidambar styraciflua 'Lane Roberts'	 Malus 'Golden Hornet'	 Ornamental hedge
Northern Greenway	 Acer campestre 'Streetwise' / Sorbus Aria	 Castanea sativa	 Native mixed hedge
Entrance	 Betula pendula /Prunus avium 'Plena'	 Fagus sylvatica	 Species Rich Hedge

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SCHOOL EDGE

SHRUB MIX 1



Choisya 'Aztec Pearl'



Hebe 'Autumn Glory'



Liriope muscari

SHRUB MIX 2



Bergenia 'Bressingham White'



Ceanothus thyrsiflorus repens



Hebe 'Sapphire'
Source: Jacksons Nurseries

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Choisya ternata 'Sundance'



Hebe rakaiensis



Liriope muscari

CENTRAL GREEN

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Bergenia 'Bressingham Ruby'



Carex morrowii 'Ice Dance'



Viburnum davidii

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Brachyglottis 'Sunshine'



Choisya 'Aztec Pearl'



Lavandula angustifolia 'Hidcote'

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Choisya 'Aztec Pearl'



Hydrangea arborescens 'Annabelle'



Rosmarinus officinalis 'Miss Jessopp's Upright'

NORTHERN GREENWAY

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Nandina domestica



Hydrangea arborescens 'Annabelle'



Choisya 'Aztec Pearl'

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Polystichum setiferum



Euonymus fortunei 'Emerald 'n' Gold'



Lavandula angustifolia

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Hebe 'Youngii'

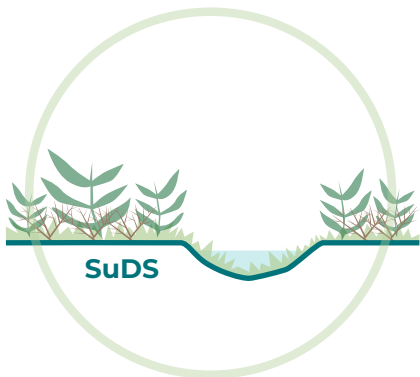


Carex morrowii 'Ice Dance'



Viburnum davidii

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SuDS Planting
Planting associated with the SuDS network has been selected to create a diverse mosaic of habitats that complement the wider landscape strategy. Wildflower meadow, wetland vegetation, species-rich grassland, marginal planting and amenity grassland are combined to provide seasonal interest, enhance biodiversity and strengthen ecological connectivity throughout the site. Indicative species are shown below.



Species-Rich Native Hedgerow
A diverse mix of native woody species designed to strengthen landscape character and provide valuable habitat for wildlife. The mix incorporates a variety of flowering, fruiting and evergreen species that contribute to habitat connectivity and support the site's wider Biodiversity Net Gain strategy.



Leucanthemum vulgare



Centaurea nigra



Plantago lanceolata



Malva moschata



Hawthorn



Hazel



Blackthorn



Hornbeam



Field Maple



Holly



Dog Rose



Honeysuckle



Wayfaring Tree



Yew

13 LANDSCAPE QUALITY & DELIVERY
PRECEDENT PROJECTS

The images below illustrate examples of landscape schemes delivered on previous projects, demonstrating the quality of planting, materials and long-term landscape establishment that can be achieved through the proposed landscape strategy.



Figure 1
Wildflower meadow is a great feature that brings colour and biodiversity to the sites open spaces.
Croudace Homes
at Firethorn Place, Ewhurst.

Figure 2
SuDS sown with meadow mix creating diverse flora for ecology.
Croudace Homes
at Willowbrook Park, Didcot.

Figure 3
Ecology zone with enhanced vegetation protected with rustic timber fence and gate.
Croudace Homes at
The Havens, Tenterden.

Figure 4
Ornamental planting and hedging in the front gardens will create attractive, green streets.
Croudace homes
at Kingsfisher Mew, Sawston.



CHARACTER AND APPEARANCE

Local Vernacular Precedents - Arborfield



The locality has a rich architectural heritage with the local vernacular providing a valuable source of inspiration to draw from for design of the proposed landscape, boundary treatments and built form.

Key locations described in more detail on the following pages are located at as shown on the aerial view:

- *Arborfield*
- *Arborfield Cross*
- *Arborfield Green*

Surrounding Context - Arborfield Cross

Local Vernacular	NAME	DESCRIPTION
	Typologies	Detached and Semi-detached
	Storeys	2 storey and 2.5 storey
	Facade materials	Predominantly red brick elevations
	Features	Flush banding & quoining in feature brick colour
	Roof materials	Clay and slate coloured roof tiles
	Architectural detailing	Brick headers and tiled cills
	Windows	White casement
	Front Doors	Variety of black and white
	Parking	On plot parking to the sides and occasionally frontages
	Boundary treatments	Screen walls, timber posts, rail fencing and landscaping



School Road



Newland Farm, Sindlesham Road



Chamberlain Gardens



Chamberlain Gardens



Eversley Road



Swallowfield Road

Surrounding Context - Arborfield

Local Vernacular	NAME	DESCRIPTION
	Typologies	Detached and Semi-detached
	Storeys	Single and 2 storey
	Facade materials	Red brick & flemish bond with burnt headers
	Features	Flush banding in feature brick colour
	Roof materials	Clay and slate coloured roof tiles
	Architectural detailing	Brick headers and tiled cills
	Windows	White casement with instances of black casement
	Front Doors	Variety of black, white and brown
	Parking	On plot parking to the sides and frontages
	Boundary treatments	Screen walls, timber posts, rail fencing and landscaping



Greensward Lane



Church Lane



Walden Avenue



Walden Lane



Church Lane



Church Lane

Local Vernacular Precedents - Arborfield Green

