



Formal garden
Rectangular lawn surrounded by planting leads to small areas of paving outside each room for private use

Vegetable garden
Vegetable garden with raised vegetable beds, glasshouse and shed

Utility area
Utility area with storage and composting area

Easement Strip
Existing 'Easement Strip' out-with applicants Legal Title retained in full.

Sunken terrace
Sunken terrace with curved paths and planting. Planting defines a small area of paving outside each room for private use

Boundary planting
New shrub and bulb underplanting to be added below existing trees

Woodland walkway
Wildlife walkway through woodland with bird feeders, bird boxes and wildlife walls. Secluded benches provide resting spots surrounded by woodland perennial meadow

Ambulance Bay

Service Bay

WILLIAN ROAD

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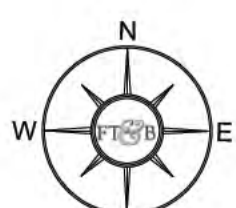
Paths
Sloped pathway with contoured lawn that allows wheelchair access to the lower garden

Lawn
Contoured lawn follows the existing topography as much as possible

Dining terrace
Outdoor terrace for residents and visitors

Boundary planting
New shrub and bulb underplanting to be added below existing trees

Contoured lawn
Contoured lawn surrounded by new tree and shrub planting



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Dear

Landscape proposal at Guysfield Care Home, Letchworth

Following our call today, we felt it would be useful to clarify the tree planting strategy for the Northern boundary of the proposed new care home at Guysfield.

The proposal will be to remove the existing, overgrown conifers along the boundary. The conifers are large and it will be difficult to prune them adequately and maintain a healthy and attractive outlook, their height creates a lot of shade in the residential gardens beyond the boundary. The conifers are relatively close to the surrounding buildings and their roots have the potential to impact building foundations. The conifers extract a large amount of moisture from the surrounding soil, which means it is difficult to grow anything significant below them.

The proposal is to plant Standard Ilex aquifolium (Common Holly) along the boundary which will offer a native, evergreen solution. The clear stems of the trees will be approximately 1.8 metres to 2 metres with a head on top of at least 1 metre providing an overall planted height of approximately 3 metres, although the final specification is to be confirmed. The Holly will be more suitable to the location /vicinity to buildings and with regular pruning an attractive and manageable backdrop will be achieved. The holly trees offer a vital food source for many birds, particularly the berries during the Winter months when other food sources are scarce.

We strongly believe that the replacement of the conifers with the proposed specimen holly trees will have a positive impact upon the landscape and the surrounding area. It will offer a sustainable long term solution that is attractive for the wildlife and also improve the light quality in the residential gardens beyond the care home boundary.

If you have any queries or would like to discuss further, we will be happy to assist.

With kind regards

Director