



1. REDUCING THE EXTENT OF HARD SURFACING
As the site slopes around 12m, a considerable amount of access road and hardstanding is required to navigate this gradient. Seeking opportunities to reduce areas of hardstanding and return them to 'green' and 'soft' should be sought. This would include minimising the extent of turning heads and patios, removing unnecessary pavements, and reducing carriageway widths where possible. The bigger areas of planting allow for larger sized trees to be planted.

2. ECOLOGICAL PERIMETER
All boundary hedges should be retained and enhanced with additional shrub planting to diversify their age and structure. Opportunities exist for filling in existing gaps. The southern boundary of the site presents an opportunity to plant a new native species hedge to provide a degree of visual softening to the existing boundary and complete an ecological framework around the site's perimeter.

3. BOUNDARY TREATMENT
Internal boundaries should use locally prevalent materials, including stone and brick walls. The treatment of these boundaries is particularly important visually as the level change across the site means the extent and height of retaining walls is likely to be considerable. Front gardens should be vegetated and bounded by small ornamental species hedges.

4. ENHANCING THE SITE ENTRANCE
Aligning the entrance road more closely to the boundaries provides greater rooting volume either side for tree planting away from adjacent properties. These trees would 'frame' the arrival approach into the development and provide a greater degree of visual separation between Keats Lane and the proposed bungalows. An ornamental hedge could be planted around the proposed bin store location to reduce its visual presence on the street.

5. NEW PUBLIC FOOTPATH ROUTE
The new public footpath route provides the opportunity to provide a better graded and more accessible route through the site. A 'surfaced' path should be provided to achieve this, minimising the impact on the roots of the adjacent hedge.

6. REAR GARDEN PLANTING
To better integrate the development with the surrounding landscape, planting of small trees and shrubs within rear gardens should be considered. This would provide visual 'softening' of the new dwellings and greatly increase the diversity of tree species on site.

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LANDSCAPE MITIGATION
AND DESIGN PRINCIPLES**

**34 KEATS LANE,
EARL SHILTON**

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- Initial Issue: As part of the LVA initial issue.

NOTES:
1. Initial issue based on HSSP Architects Site Plan '8883-03-03B' dated September 2023.