

FURNERS LANE, HENFIELD, WEST SUSSEX

LANDSCAPE STRATEGY

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Introduction

The Landscape Strategy Plan has been prepared by Landscape Perspective to support the planning application of 29 no. dwellings on land west of Backsettow, off Furner's Lane, Henfield. The greenfield site is located to the south of Furner's Lane and bordered to the north and west by residential housing and to the south and east by open pasture, with the Grade II listed Backsettow House and Farmstead bordering the site to the east.

Development Proposals

The site is largely comprised of scrubland and bordered by mature hedgerows and residential gardens, with two veteran Oak trees located in the north-western corner of the site. It is proposed that the western half of the site is developed for housing with the eastern half is left as open space for existing and future residents.

Trees

The landscape proposals aim to retain good quality existing trees within the site where possible including the two veteran Oak trees. The existing tree cover will be enhanced within the areas of open space with new tree species to include *Acer campestre* (Field Maple) and *Fagus sylvatica* (Beech). Smaller native species such as *Tilia cordata* 'Greenspire' (Small-Leaved Lime) will be used to provide a street scene and seasonal interest.





Hedges

The existing mature boundary hedgerows will be retained where possible and replanted at the proposed site entrance. New species-rich native hedgerow will be planted along the eastern and southern boundaries to enhance site-wide biodiversity. Clipped native Beech hedgerows to the front gardens will help define ownership boundaries and enhance the street scene.



Meadow Grassland

The areas of open space will be predominantly species-rich meadow grassland with mown grass paths with areas of native shrubs planted along the boundary with Backsettow House and the south-western edge of the site.



Balancing Pond and Swales

The swales and balancing pond within the open space will be sown with a wet/dry meadow grassland adapted to the seasonally wet conditions.



Ornamental Shrubs

Planting within the front gardens and alongside new dwellings will offer year-round interest and include wildlife-beneficial species such as Lavender 'Hidcote' (English Lavender) and Hebe spp.

