Soft Landscaping Scheme

Project Name: Bramble Barn, Bramble Lane, Thakeham, RH20 3DZ
Planning Permission Reference: DC/23/1076
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Introduction and Objectives

This soft landscaping scheme has been prepared to satisfy the planning condition associated with the approved development at Bramble Barn. The scheme aims to enhance the visual appearance of the site, provide biodiversity benefits, and create a sustainable, functional, and aesthetically pleasing environment for its intended use.

Site Context

The planning application site is located to the east of Bramble Lane, Thakeham. The site is surrounded by open agricultural/equine land to the north and east and is bound to the south-west by a line of mature trees. The ground level slopes away beyond the post and rail fence line to the north-east.

The application site occupies a rural location and is accessed via Bramble Lane which is a private, unclassified road which serves a number of residential properties. Bramble Barn was once in agricultural use but was converted into a one-bedroom dwelling following planning consent granted under Class Q in 2016

Soil Conditions:

The site comprises of a roughly 1m thick layer of topsoil with a small percentage of sand content, beneath which is a solid sandstone across the entire site. From historic farming use and previous agricultural structures where only footings remain, a large quantity of rubble was excavated and removed when installing the new driveway.

Microclimate:

The plot is exposed to north-easterly winds but protected from the prevailing south-westerly winds. A large portion of the site is in shade due to the prominent tree line that sits to the south.

Planting Design

Design Principles
The design incorporates the following principles:

- Seasonal interest with plants selected for year-round visual appeal.
- A mix of native and ornamental species to support biodiversity.
- Layered planting to provide structure, color, and texture.
- Privacy hedging along the edge of the boundary where there is a PRoW.

Lawn Areas

- There are no island beds, just bedded boundaries surrounding the property with various trees dotted around the garden.

Hard/Soft Boundary Interface

- The soft landscaping will integrate seamlessly with pathways, driveways, and other hardscaped elements, ensuring cohesive transitions.

Maintenance and Aftercare

A . maintenance plan has been devised to ensure the long-term success of the planting scheme.

General manual weeding, pruning, replacements and lawn care will be carried out by the owner. Grass areas will be mowed regularly (with both a ride-on-mower and push mower) with occasional reseeding if necessary. Trees and shrubs will be pruned annually to promote healthy growth and maintain desired shapes.

Drawings and Supporting Documents

The following drawing that accompany this scheme:

- **Scheme of soft landscaping:** Planting Plan Overview, Tree Locations and species