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ZONE 1: STAPLEGROVE COMMON

- A meadow grassland common forming the open setting to pedestrian corridor linking different parts of Staplegrove.
- Openness in the form of wildflower meadow.
- View corridors to key focal points including trees buildings and hills.
- Orchard trees to provide softening of built frontages but placed to enable views.
- Orchard planting acts as a focal point for existing and future residents to share.
- Create an inviting, visually interesting setting for users of the PROW Footpath to the east.
- Fruiting trees set within wildflower grassland provide structural and seasonal variety, as well as biodiversity opportunity.
- SuDS features including swales with associated riparian wildflower species, extending southwards towards an attenuation basin with permanent pond.
- Hedgerow planting along the western side of the PROW corridor to restore field boundary character.
- Positive frontages of built form to provide surveillance and sense of ownership, increasing perceived safety.
- Managed hedgerows to provide low-level softening of domestic frontages including car parking and other paraphernalia.
- Planting to soften frontage of built form to the south of Kibby's House. Indicative species include: Field Maple, Birch, Apple, Pear, Cherry, Willow, Dogwood.



ZONE 2: WESTERKIRK GREEN CORRIDOR

- An informal semi-natural public open space corridor
- Cycle path set between orchard trees, providing opportunities for recreational walking and cycling route linking GI assets.
- Positive frontages of built form to provide surveillance and sense of ownership, increasing perceived safety.
- Managed hedgerows to provide low-level softening of domestic frontages including car parking and other paraphernalia.
- Creating an inviting, visually interesting setting for users of the PROW Footpath
- Fruiting trees set within wildflower grassland provide structural and seasonal variety.
- Potential for edible edge of hedgerow to west, featuring fruiting species.
- Indicative species include: Cherry, Apple, Plum, Pear, Damson.



ZONE 3: STAPLEGROVE ROAD

- Retention and reinforcement of existing roadside hedgerow and reinforcement with canopy trees.
- Provision of inviting gateway character to pedestrian and vehicle corridors.
- Indicative species: Lime, field maple, hawthorn, blackthorn, holly.



ZONE 6: LANES

- Inviting corridors leading off entrance avenue and central green to connect to peripheral landscape.
- Positive frontage of built form to small home zones and communal spaces.
- Occasional small street trees to create structural interest, guide the eye and movement and soften built frontages.
- Shared hard surfacing to create a pedestrian-friendly environment and reduce the influence of vehicular movement.
- Indicative species include: Rowan spp., Birch spp., Ornamental Cherry.



ZONE 5: ENTRANCE AVENUE AND CENTRAL GREEN

- Provide a clearly defined tree-lined route into the Proposed Development.
- Avenue trees within rain-garden tree pits to act as SuDS features.
- A central, communal space with a sense of shared ownership to act as a focal space for the neighbourhood.
- Canopy trees on green forming focal points in view along entrance corridor and way markers from the wider development.
- Passive surveillance onto this space from the adjacent housing, reinforcing the activation of the space and enhancing safety.
- Indicative species: Birch, Oak, Field Maple, Scots Pine, Beech, Lime.



ZONE 4: SOUTHERN EDGE

- Retention and reinforcement of existing belt of canopy and understorey vegetation
- Riparian shrubs and wildflower species to soften and create distinctive character of swale.
- Retained ephemeral pond to south-west retained and shade-tolerant riparian wildflower species introduced to enhance structural diversity and sense of place.
- Indicative species: Oak, Birch, Sycamore, Field Maple, Willow, Dogwood.



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