

Planting – Gravesend

The landscape approach aims at creating a diverse range of benefits within the design such as resilience, biodiversity for habitat and pollinators as well as aesthetic ensuring year-round seasonal interest.

All the selected planting species are low maintenance and well suited for the weather conditions.

Species were selected to form a simple and coherent landscape and to achieve a balance in terms of quantities between native and non-native plants. The incorporation of hedges and shrubs helps create diverse habitats and a sense of enclosure.

Dark foliage plants (Cercis, Cotinus and purple beech) contrast with several white flowering species. Native species were favoured for the areas located adjacent to the site boundary and car parking so the planting blend with the existing natural hedgerow.

The pocket parks are planted to mimic a naturalistic landscape. Drifts of plants in random patterns are repeated to simulate a natural environment. Ornamental grasses together with long flowering, self-seeding and self-propagating plants have been chosen for their ease to grow while creating attractive spaces.