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Landscape Proposals

Silletts Funeral Service – Radcliffe



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Silletts Funeral Service

Introduction

The site at Spring Lane, Manchester, M26 2TQ, is set within the Radcliffe area of Greater Manchester, within the borough of Bury and surrounded by predominantly residential properties and some light industry.

Silletts Funeral Service has been an independent, family run business since 1875 and are aiming to modernise and improve their visitor experience at their site in Radcliffe.

In June 2025 Pike Studio (Landscape Architects) were appointed to oversee the completion of RIBA Stage 2+3 for the design of the garden spaces at Silletts Funeral Service, Radcliffe, and work on connecting the garden with the proposed architectural developments lead by Workshop Design Studio.

Brief

Vision, Aims and Objectives

Visitors at Silletts Funeral Service will be in a place of grief and loss when they visit. Combined with the architecture, the landscape should be a place that feels welcoming and calm. By improving visitors views and access of nature, they will be able to feel the calming affects that it offers.

Vision

Silletts Funeral Service, Radcliffe
Calming, Welcoming and Reflective

Aims

Calm visitors whilst experiencing grief where they can escape and reflect

Create a welcoming atmosphere where visitors feel comfortable and able to engage

Improve visitor experience and comfort with increased accessibility

Improve the wildlife provision across the site to improve site-wide biodiversity

Objectives

Create natural, green, and beautiful garden spaces that visitors can respond to with the hope of creating a calming atmosphere

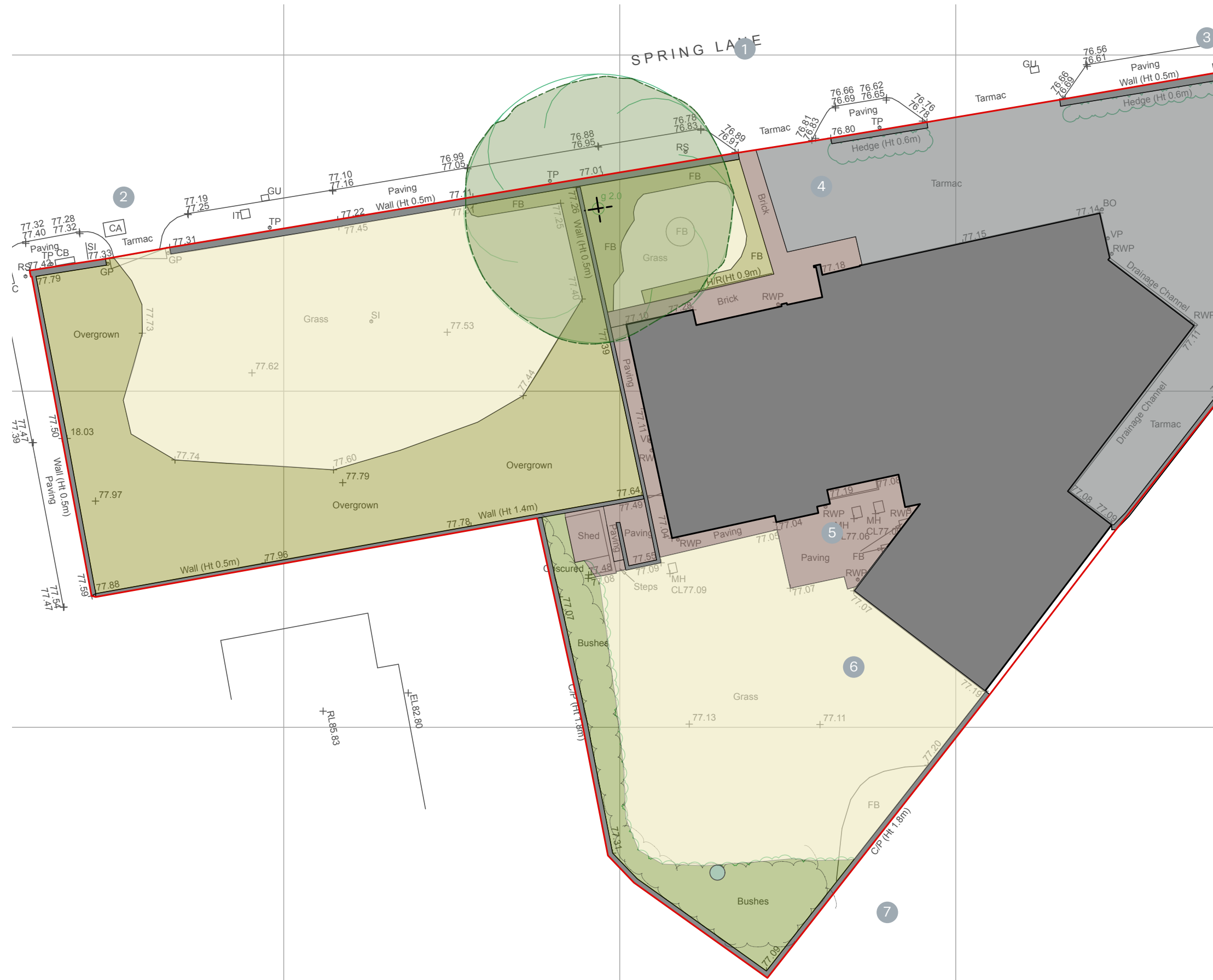
Ensure the frontage of the site is softened and appears welcoming to visitors with easy access

Create level access across the site so that users feel comfortable and their experience is improved

Create both intimate gathering spaces and larger more open for different sized groups or individuals

Ensure the site provides as much wildlife provision as possible to create a sustainable, and beautiful setting

Site Analysis

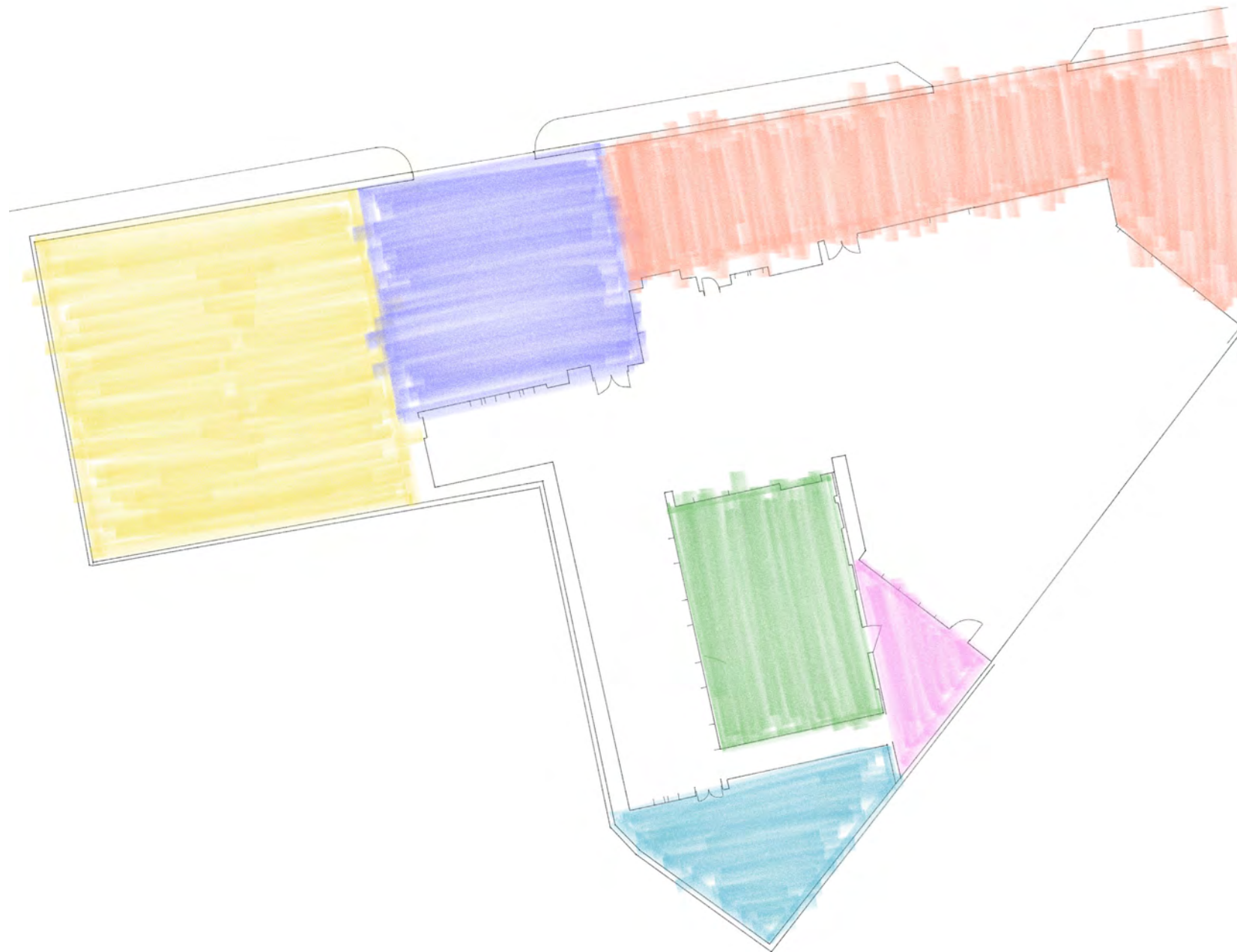




1. View of the currently dis-jointed facade of the site from Spring Lane.
 2. Existing lawn and annual meadow area which is to be converted into visitor car park space.
 3. View from Spring Lane of the garage space used by Silletts.
 4. The existing garden is very high maintenance with a large proportion of annual bedding. Currently the sense of place and entrance is confusing.
 - 5&6. The rear garden that consists mainly of lawn, which will become the courtyard / cloister garden.
 7. View from outside the site boundary of the predominant Ash tree boundary and concrete fence panels.
 8. A piece of history retained by Silletts Funeral Service to be incorporated into the garden.
- (Photographs taken June 2025)

Site Analysis

Zoning Diagram

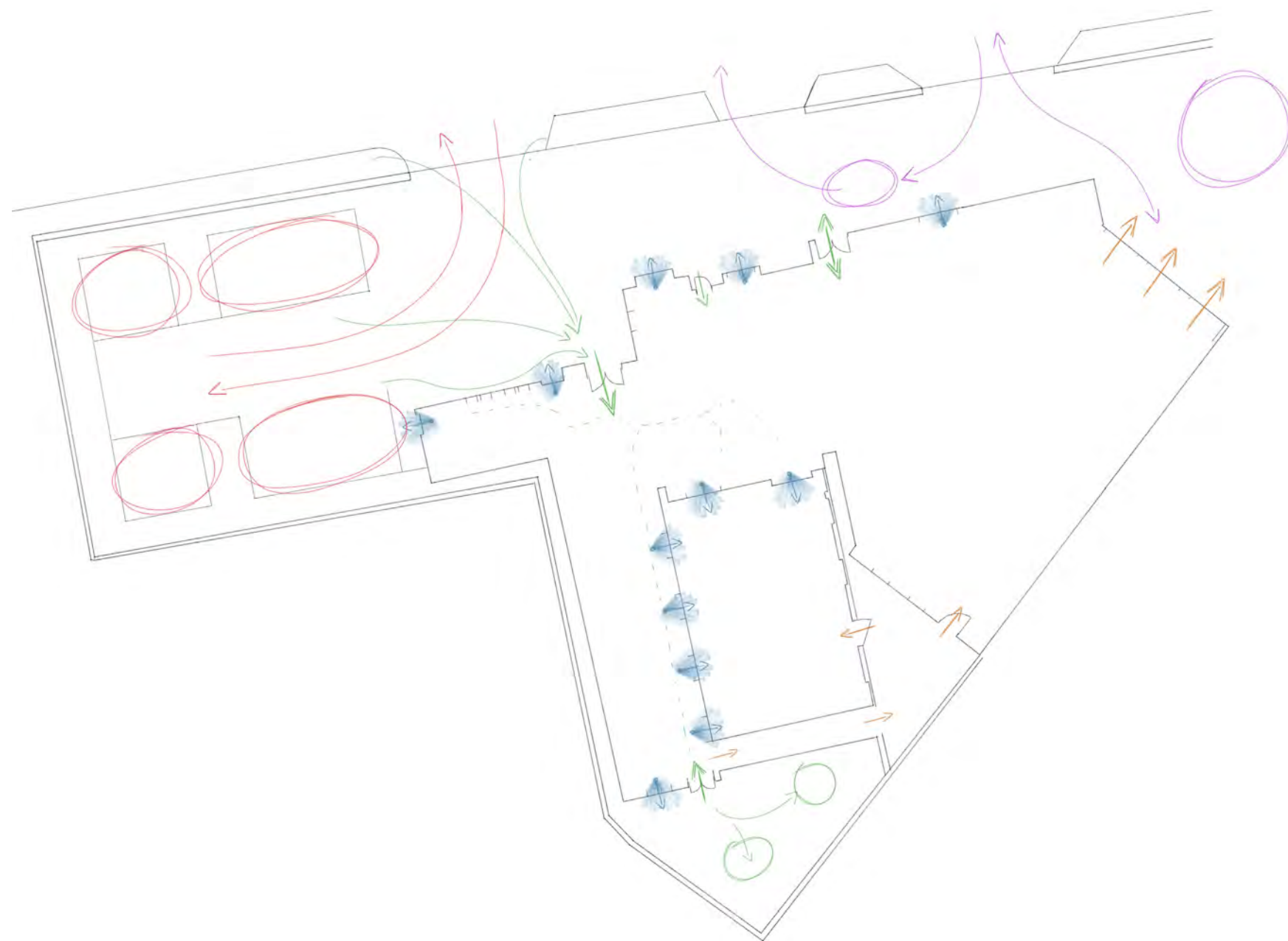


KEY

- Visitor Parking:** An easily accessible parking area with 11no. parking spaces (inc. 2no. disabled spaces). Softened with naturalistic planting and high-quality paving delineating between road, parking and pedestrian areas which fit with the local character.
- Visitor Welcome:** A welcoming "concourse" type area that is open and welcoming to visitors. A level and fully accessible surface making it easy for all abled users to access the building.
- Staff Frontage:** An area for staff use only, loading and un-loading hearses. Softened by naturalistic planting.
- Cloister Garden:** A garden that responds to the proposed architecture and creates a serene outlook for visitors in the internal chapel and consultation spaces. This area will be for viewing only.
- Reflection Garden:** A garden space that visitors are welcome to use as a space of calm and reflection. Fully accessible paths offer varying seating options, wrapped by calming and naturalistic planting.
- Storage Area:** A staff access only space, screened by surrounding architecture to provide an outdoor storage space.

Site Analysis

Spatial Diagram



KEY

-  Staff Vehicles
-  Visitor Vehicles
-  Pedestrian movement
-  Key views from within the architecture
-  Staff movement

Courtyard Gardens

Courtyard Garden

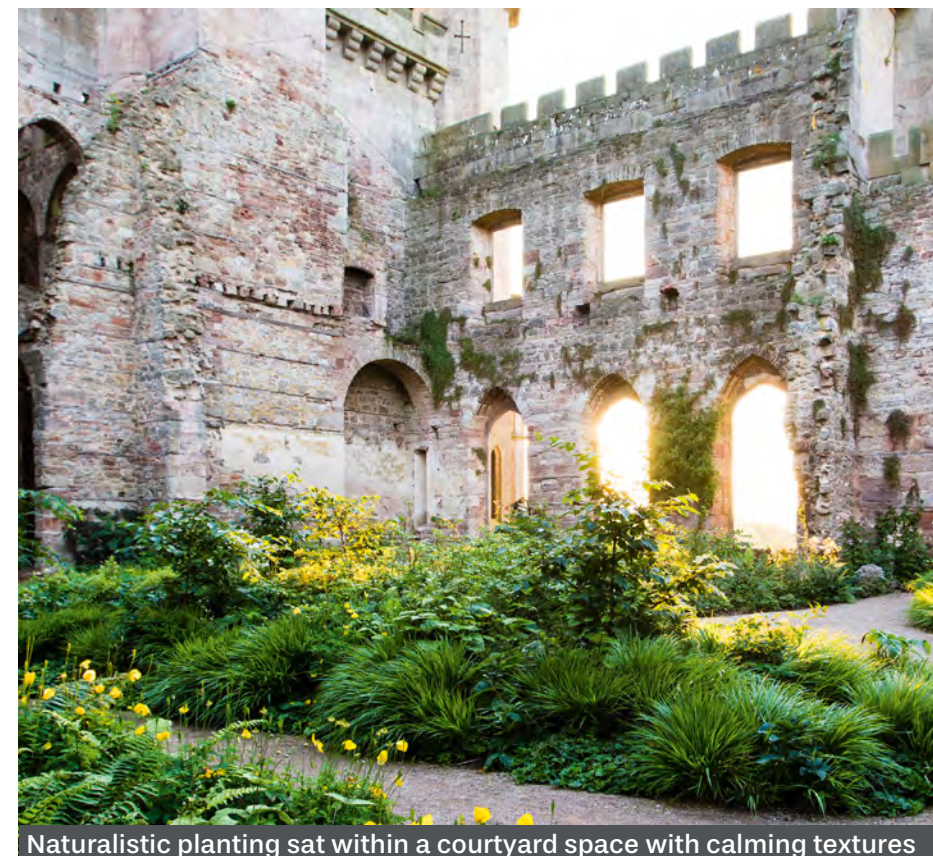
Concept Inspiration



A traditional monastic/cloister garden – used for healing and reflection



A reflection pool with views of the sky



Naturalistic planting sat within a courtyard space with calming textures



A traditional monastic/cloister garden – used for healing and reflection



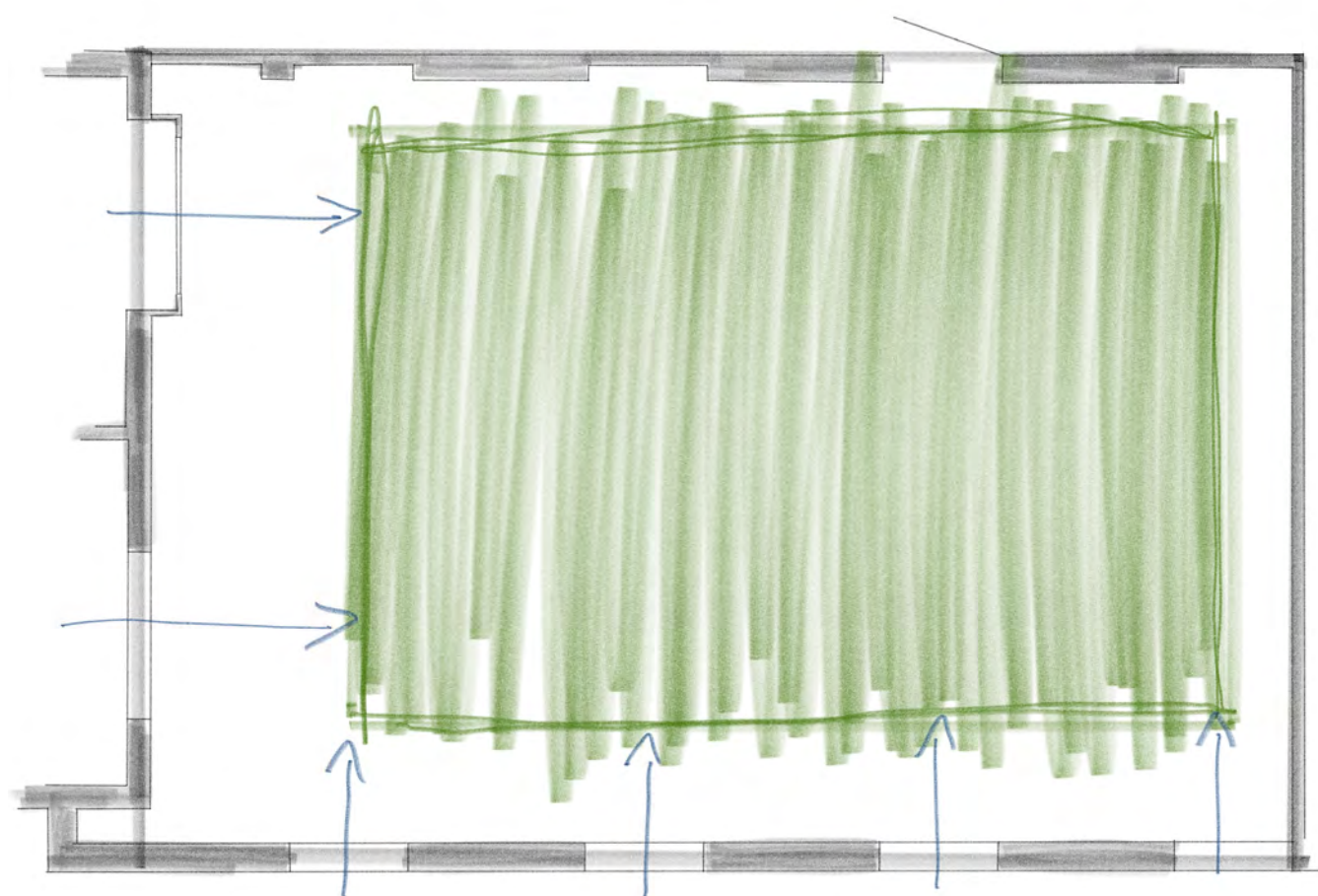
A modern interpretation – all views leading into an abundance of planting



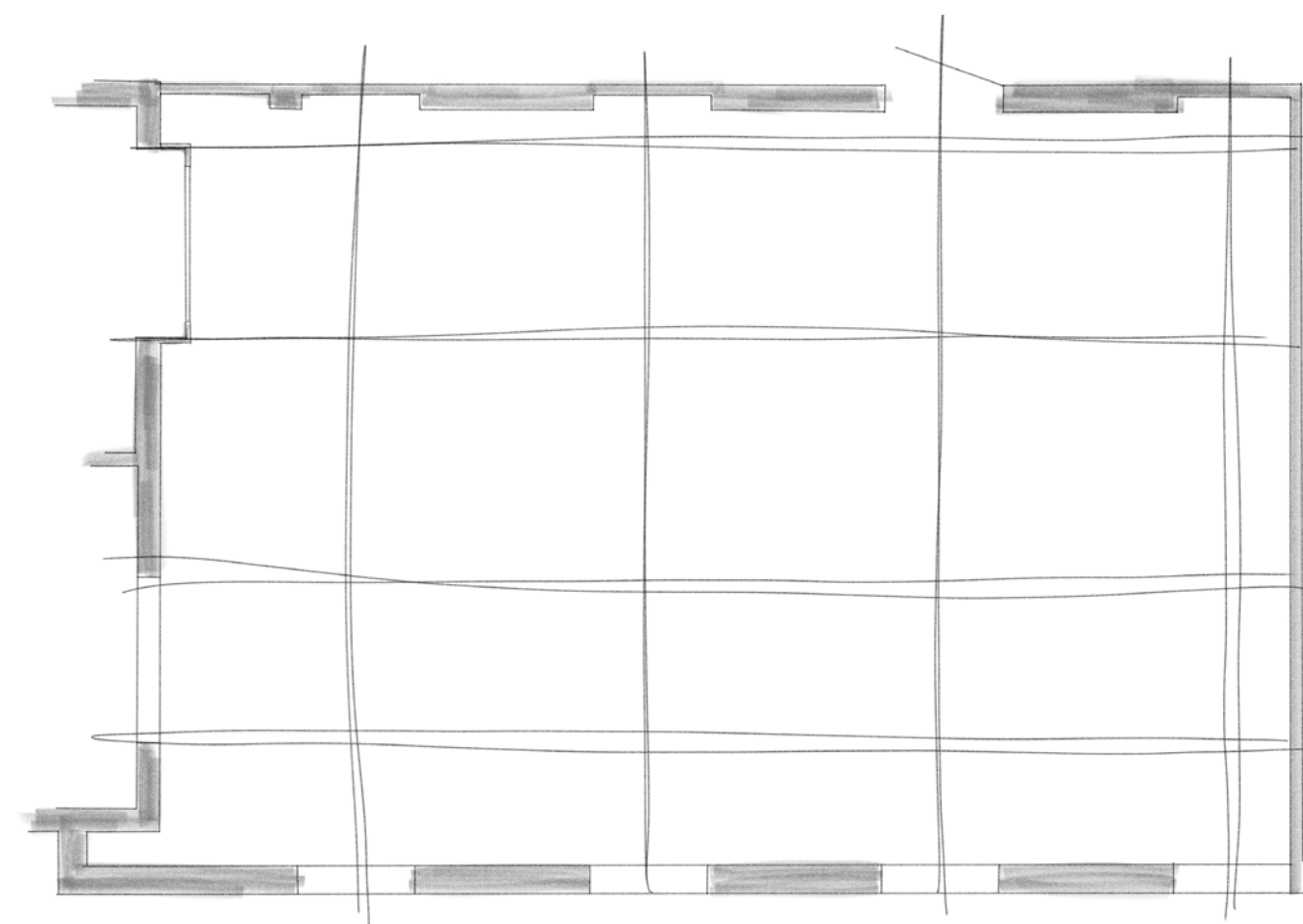
Naturalistic planting sat within a courtyard space with calming textures

Courtyard Garden

Concept Diagrams



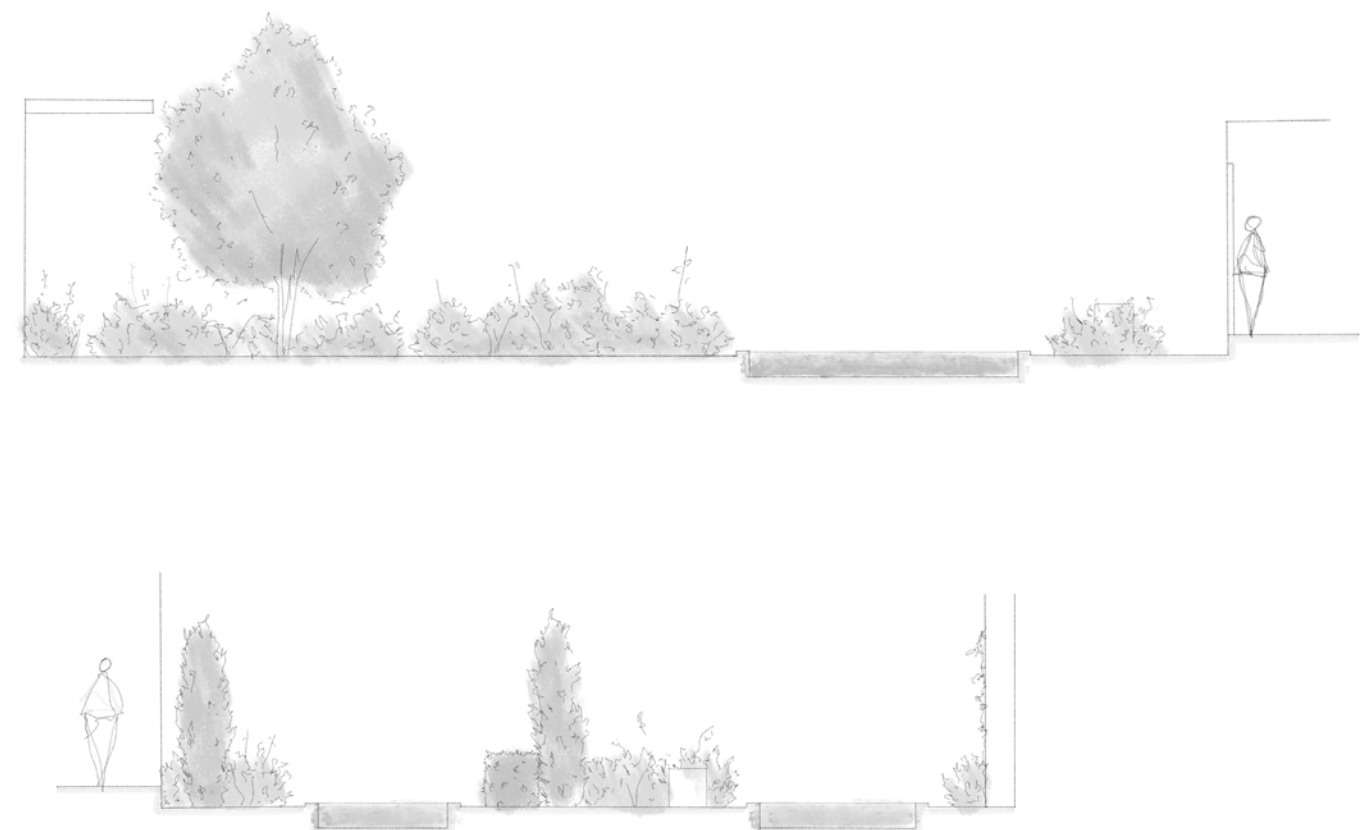
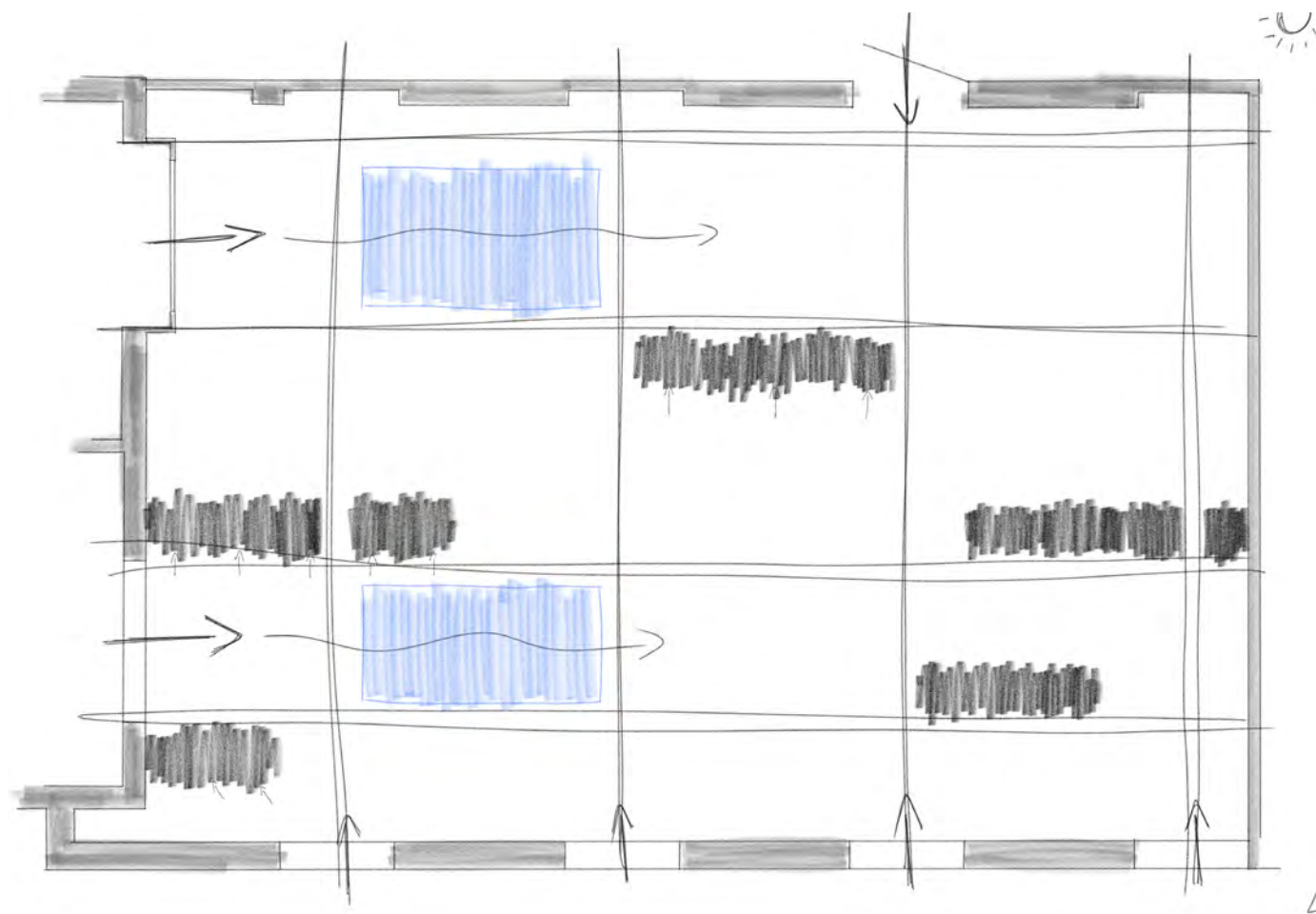
Concept: Inspired by the ideas of a cloister/monastic garden and linking to the architecture – a garden space that is viewed from all sides. Acts as a place of serenity and healing.



Geometry: Inspired by the architecture and traditional monastic/cloister gardens, a grid geometry has been created to form the structure of the garden and link intrinsically with the views and architecture.

Courtyard Garden

Concept Diagrams

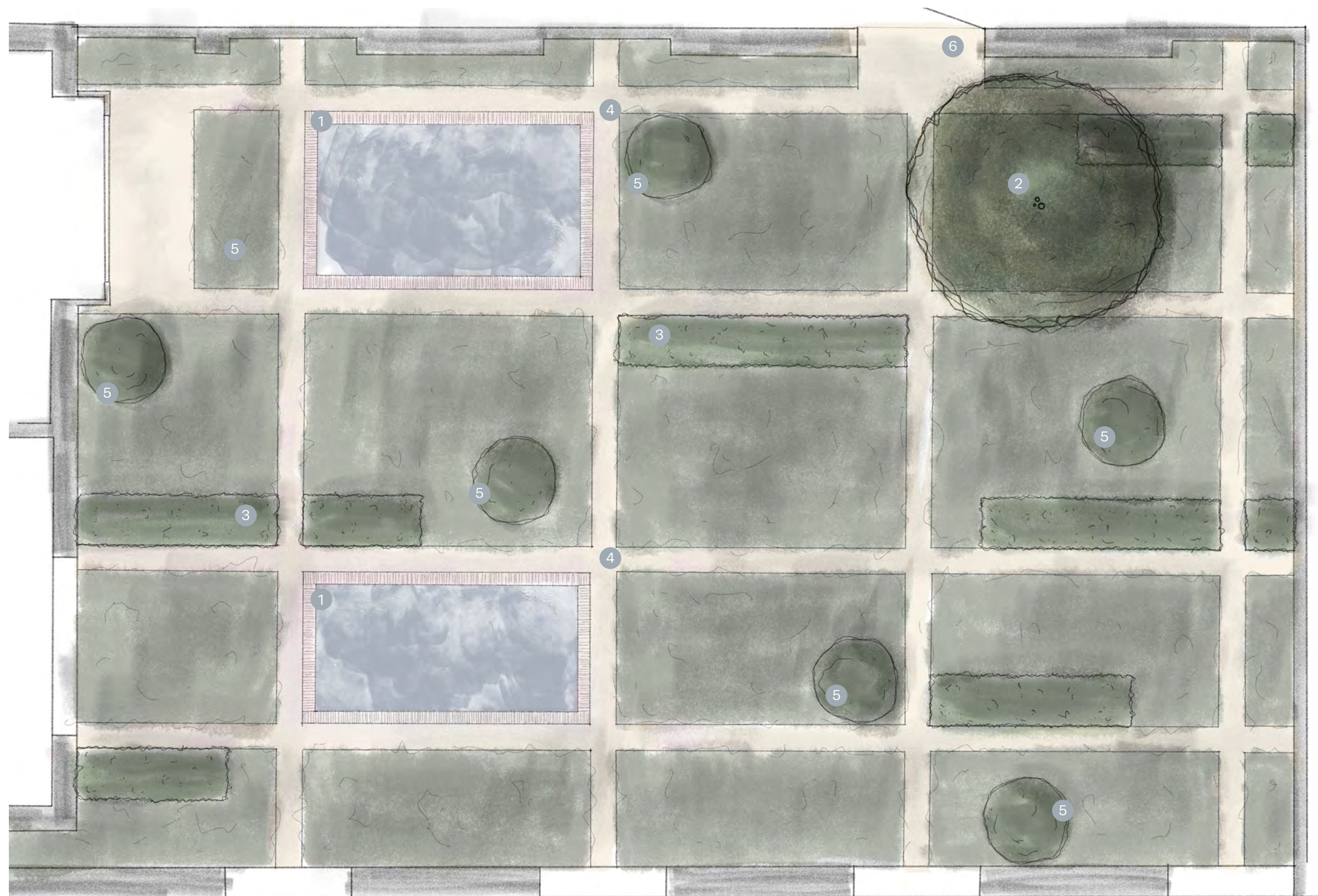


Spatial Arrangement: As a garden intended for viewing only, key views into the space are aligned with the grid geometry. Careful, minimal screening is used to give privacy to the different chapels and consultation rooms. Reflection pools are aligned to the main axis of the consultation rooms.

Outlook: Creating clear views across the courtyard garden offers calm and serenity for those inside the consult rooms and chapels.

Courtyard Garden

Initial Sketch Plan



1. Reflection Pools: Large reflection pools offer scale and calm within the courtyard. Their layout fits within the geometry of the architecture and offers space for reflection with visitors being able to see up to the sky.

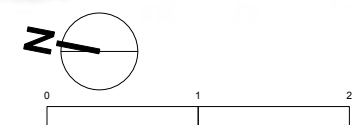
2. Feature Tree: A specimen tree will provide a focal point in the garden and visible from all windows. It will act as a welcome distraction with marvellous displays through the seasons.

3. Yew Hedging: Provides a permanent structure through the garden and screens views between the consultation rooms and the chapels, as well as the view to the access gate.

4. Self-binding gravel paths: Small 30cm wide paths create the framework for the cloister inspired garden. They also break up the planting to give visual rest and interest, as well as much-needed maintenance routes through the space.

5. Topiary Forms: Fastigate Yew topiary forms act as another permanent framework through the garden. Yew is synonymous with grief and loss.

6. Access: A gate between the storage area and the courtyard garden to give maintenance access to the garden.



Courtyard Garden

Materiality and Planting



Clay pavers with red and brown tones to match the architectural facade



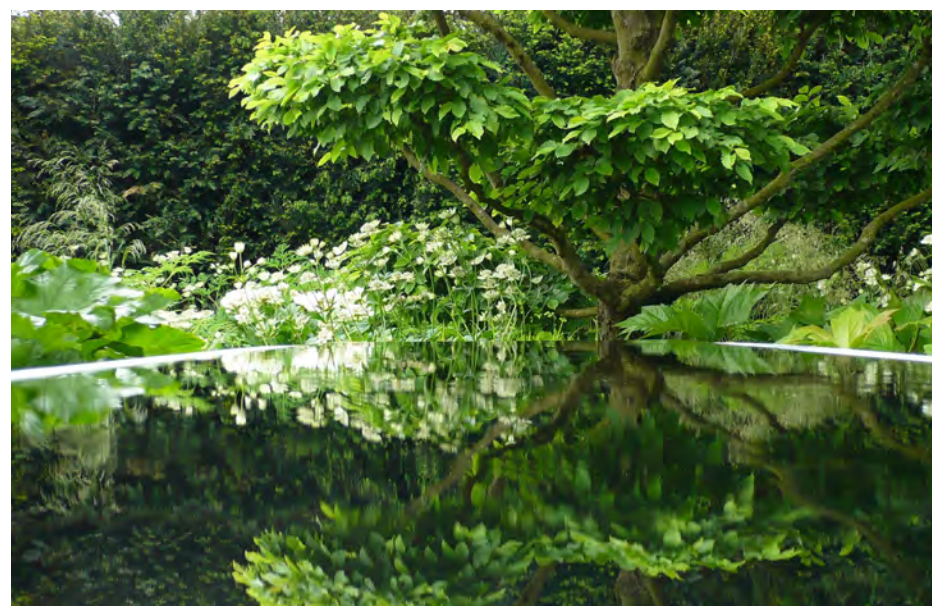
Yew topiary hedge forms amongst soft, meadow-like planting



Naturalistic planting creates a luscious and calming atmosphere



A reflection pool, wrapped by pavers offers a serene centre to the garden



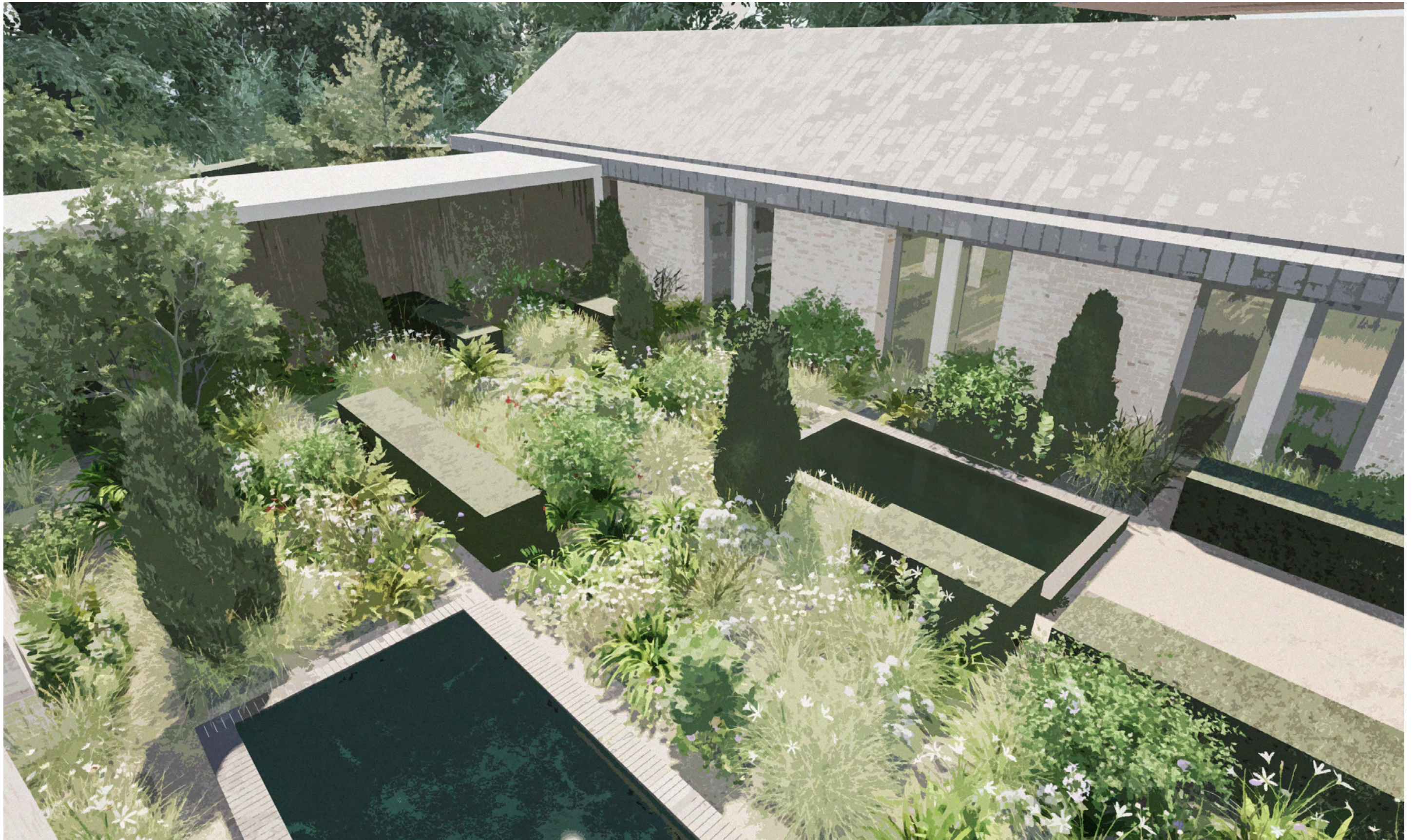
A feature multi-stem tree that offers year-round interest next to the pools



Self-binding gravel paths to create views through the garden

Courtyard Garden

Visual 01



Courtyard Garden

Visual 02



Courtyard Garden

Visual 03



Tree List

Courtyard Garden

The Courtyard Garden will be a calm green oasis at the centre of the building surrounded by views on all sides. A beautiful Cornus kousa 'Porlock' will act as a focal point with beautiful blossom in May/June followed by attractive fruits and spectacular Autumn colour to follow. The herbaceous layer will be a calm palette of soft colours and textures, providing an airy and light quality to create a calming outlook from the consultation and chapel rooms.



Cornus kousa 'Porlock'

Plant List

Courtyard Garden



Helleborus orientalis 'White'



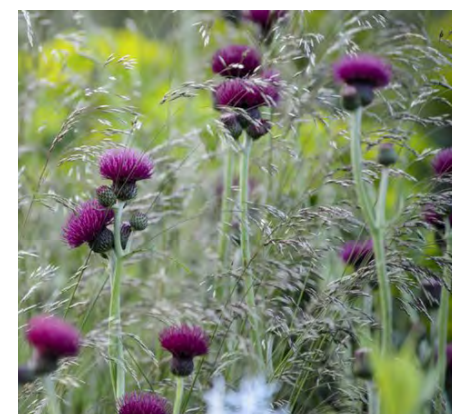
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Aquilegia 'White Barlow'



Euphorbia 'Wulfenii'



Cirsium rivulare 'Atropurpureum'



Iris sibirica 'Tropic Night'



Iris sibirica 'Perry's Blue'



Gillenia trifoliata



Cenolophium denudatum



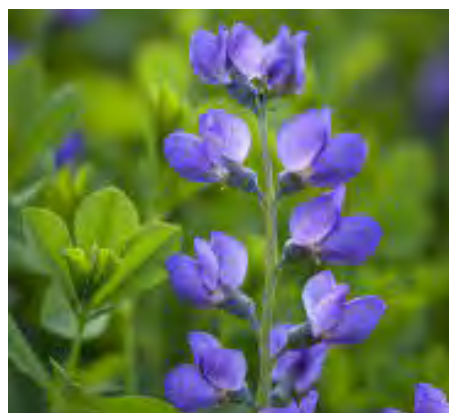
Sesleria autumnalis



Astrantia major 'Shaggy'



Rosa x odorata 'Mutabilis'



Baptisia australis



Amsonia 'Storm Cloud'



Salvia nemorosa 'Amethyst'



Catananche caerulea



Oenothera 'Whirling Butterflies'



Eryngium planum



Geranium 'Mrs Kendall Clarke'



Calamagrostis brachytricha

Plant List

Courtyard Garden



Pennisetum 'Hameln'



Betonica officinalis 'Hummelo'



Veronicastrum virginicum 'Album'



Agastache 'Black Adder'



Geranium 'Lakwijk Star'



Eurybia herveyi 'Twilight'



Selinum wallichianum



Pinus mugo 'Mughus'



Actaea simplex 'James Compton'



Anemone 'Honorine Jobert'

Plant List

Courtyard Garden

Shrub and Herbaceous

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Rosa x odorata 'Mutabilis'												
Sarcococca confusa												
Pinus mugo 'Mughus'												
Helleborus orientalis 'White'												
Aquilegia 'Blue Barlow'												
Aquilegia 'White Barlow'												
Euphorbia 'Wulfenii'												
Cirsium rivulare 'Atropurpureum'												
Iris sibirica 'Tropic Night'												
Iris sibirica 'Perry's Blue'												
Gillenia trifoliata												
Cenolophium denudatum												
Sesleria autumnalis												
Astrantia major 'Shaggy'												
Baptisia australis												
Amsonia tabernaemontana 'Storm Cloud'												
Salvia nemorosa 'Amethyst'												
Catananche caerulea												
Oenothera lindheimeri 'Whirling Butterflies'												
Eryngium planum												
Geranium 'Mrs Kendal Clarke'												
Calamagrostis brachytricha												
Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Hameln'												
Betonica officinalis 'Hummelo'												
Veronicastrum virginicum 'Album'												
Agastache 'Black Adder'												
Geranium 'Lakwijk Star'												
Eurybia herveyi 'Twilight'												
Selinum wallichianum												

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Actaea simplex 'James Compton'												
Anemone x hybrida 'Honorine Jobert'												

Trees

Species	Description/Use
Cornus kousa 'Porlock'	Cornus kousa 'Porlock' will act as a focal point with beautiful blossom in May/June followed by attractive fruits and spectacular Autumn colour to follow.



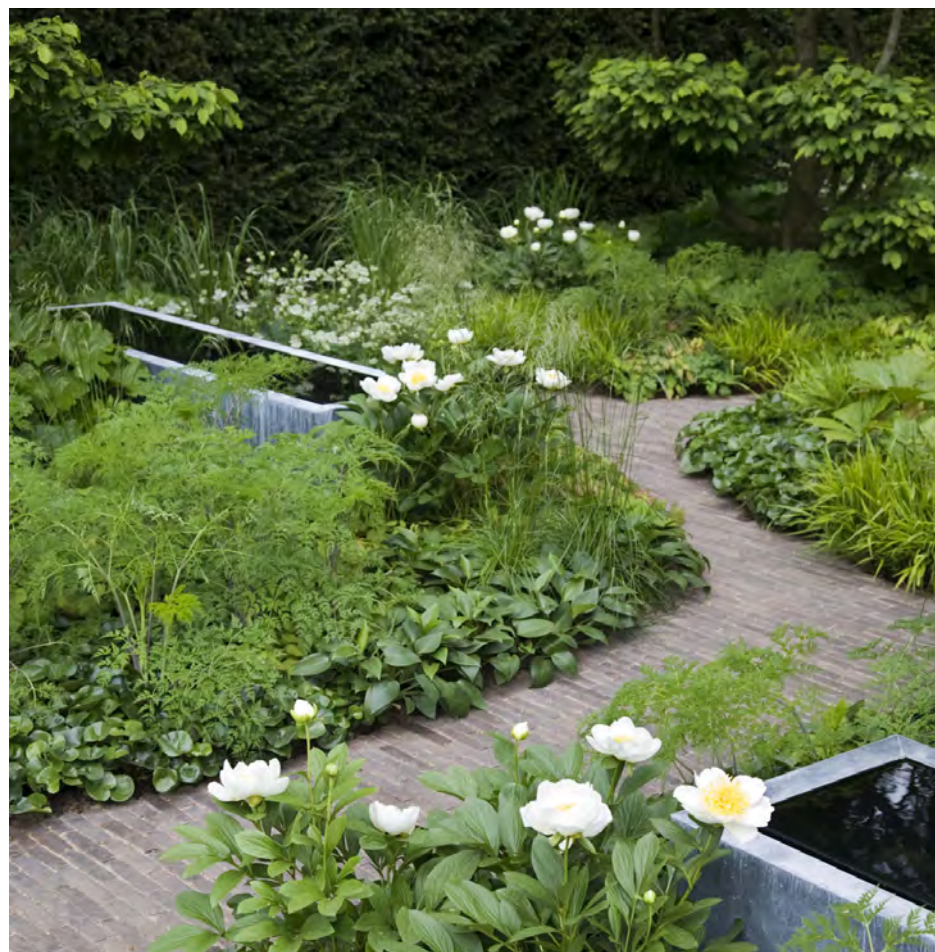
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Reflection Gardens

Reflection Garden

Concept Inspiration



Meandering level paths through green textural planting



Meandering level paths through green textural planting



Clear and accessible routes leading to varied spaces for visitors



Water bowls that offer sound and reflection within the space



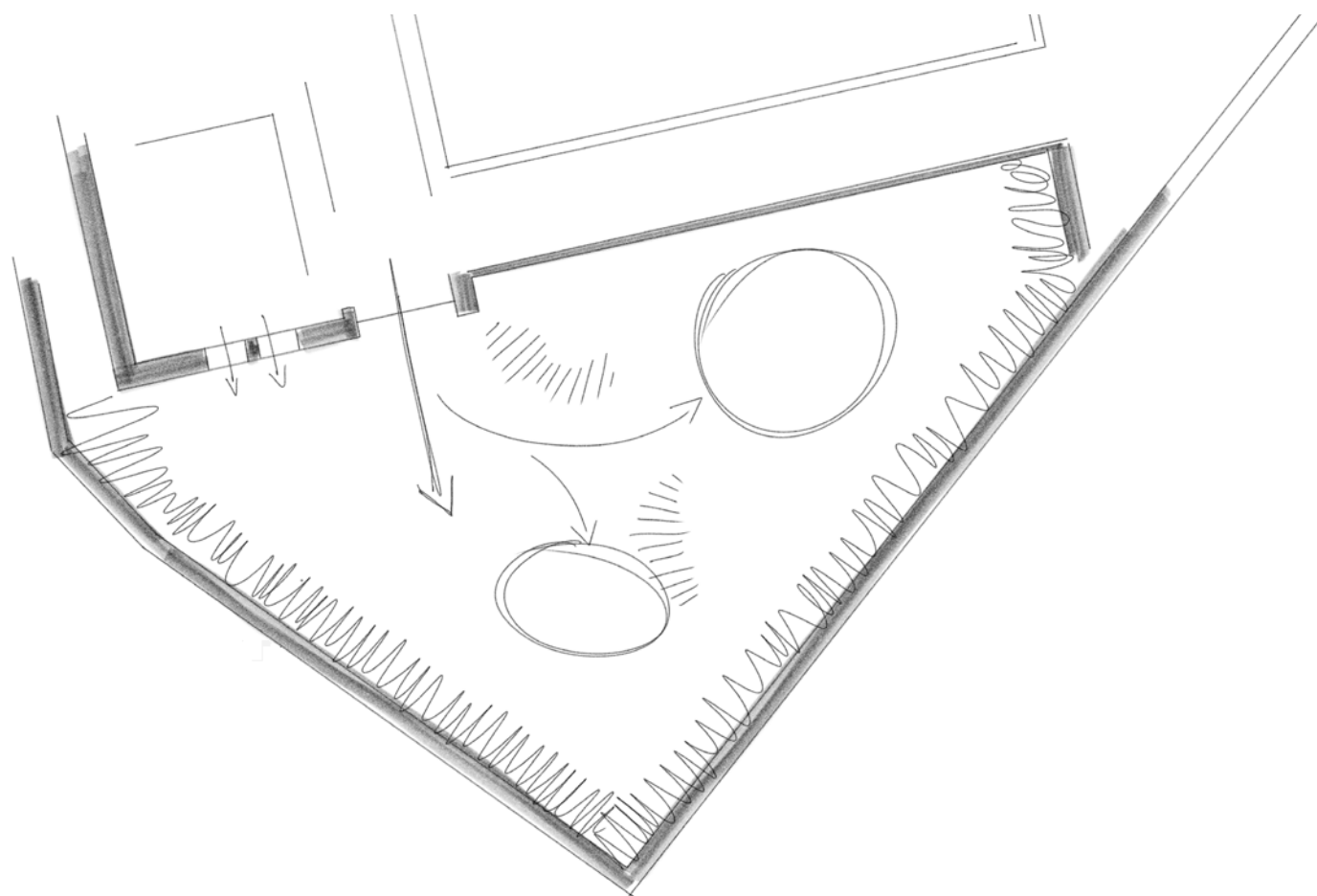
Meandering level paths through green textural planting



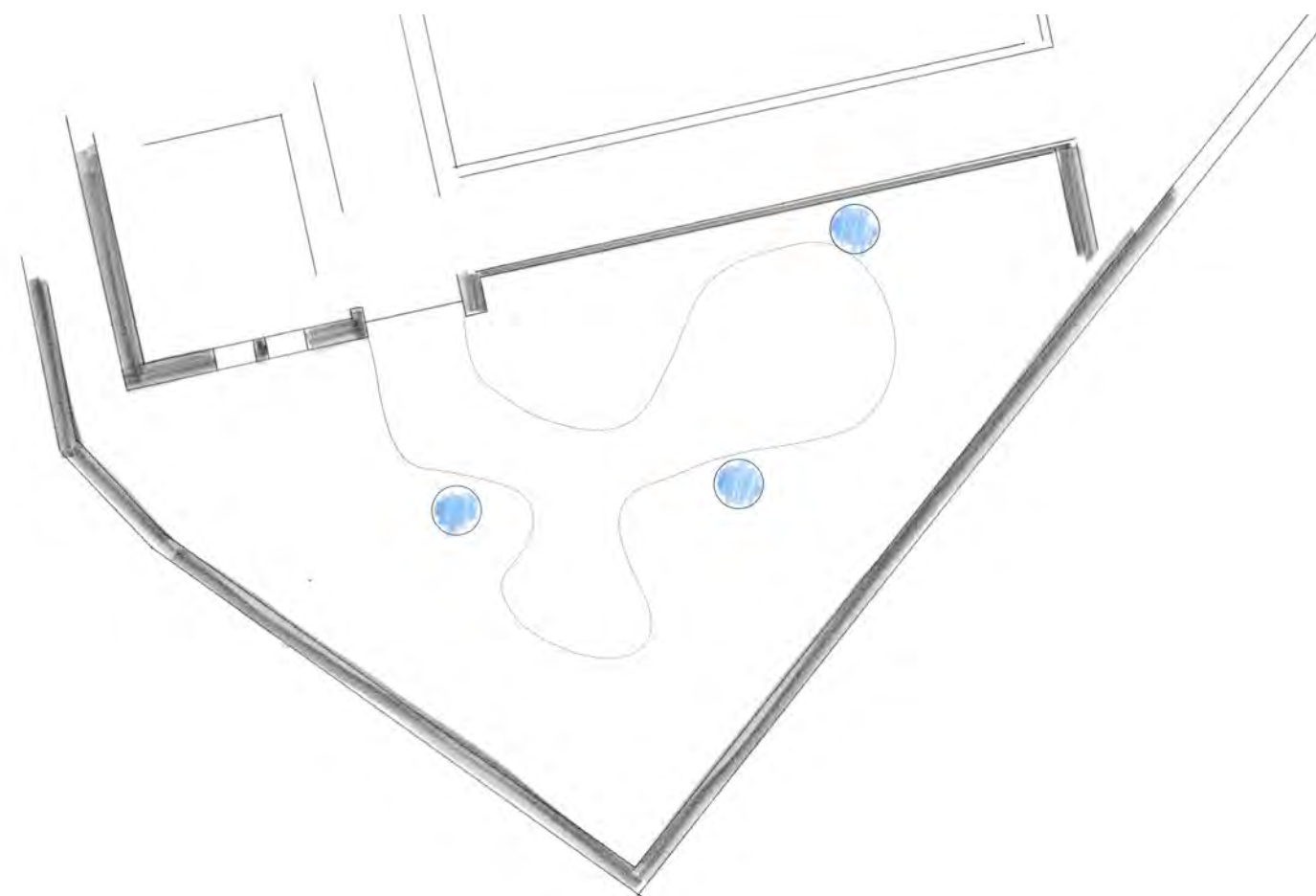
Textural planting offers year long interest for visitors

Reflection Garden

Concept Diagrams



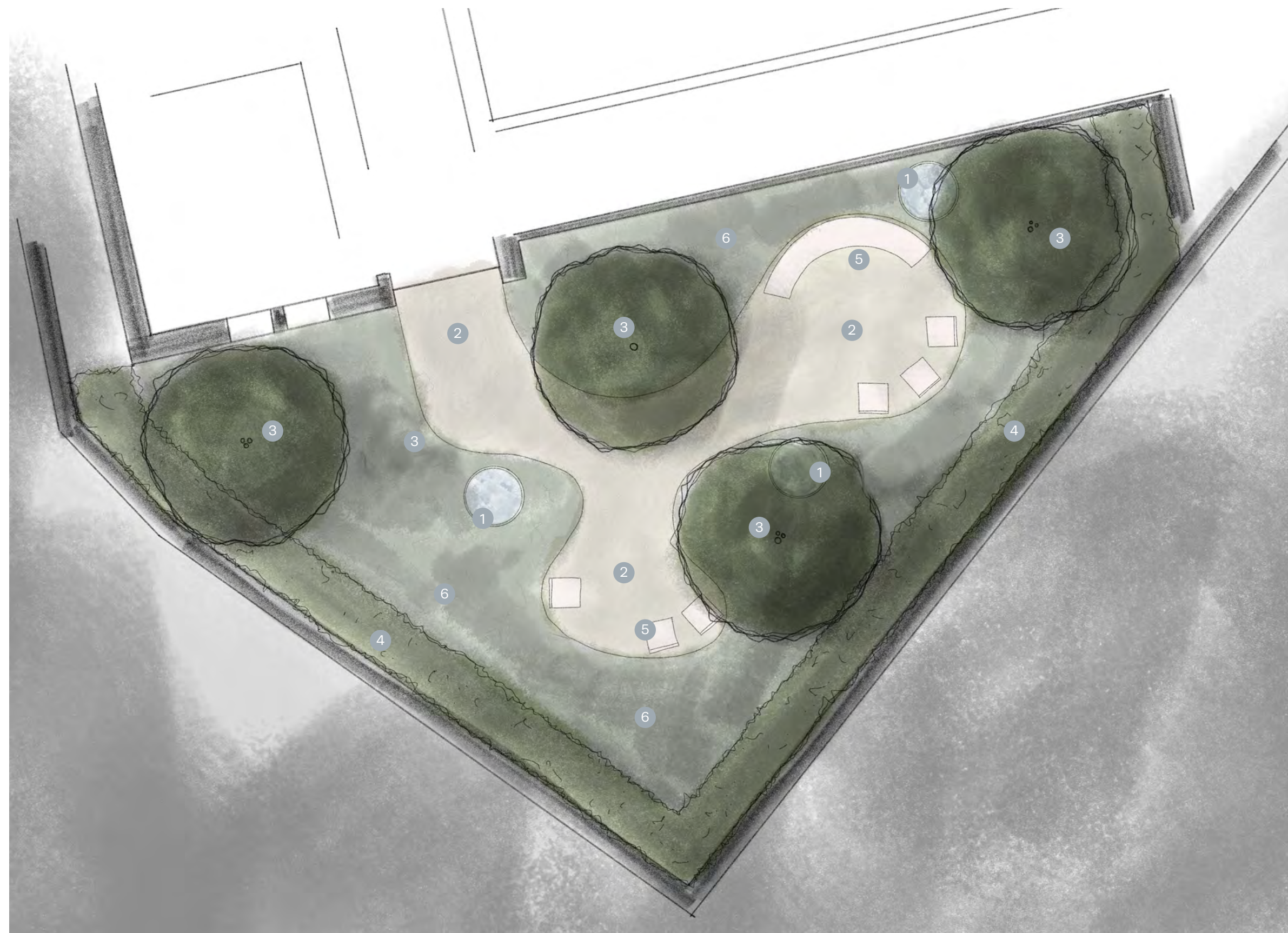
Concept: Movement through the reflection garden feels more natural and meandering – allowing users to find safe spaces to sit. Varied sizes of spaces offer more intimate and individual spaces to sit as well as larger for a family. Views are screened between the spaces to offer privacy.



Geometry: The more meandering routes through this garden offer areas of privacy and a more organic, natural layout. Water features positioned through the garden offer a calming noise and a space for reflection. A view of the first water feature is aligned to the cloister corridor.

Reflection Garden

Sketch Plan



1. Water Bowls: Brimming water features create a soft noise in the garden to create calm and distract from any noise in the workshop or from the road. They also offer a space for birds and other wildlife.

2. Accessible paved paths: Level paths made of self-binding gravel with a clean metal edging makes moving around the space easy for all users of varying mobility and responds to the character of the architecture.

3. Feature multi-stem trees: Branched multistems create a naturalistic style through the garden and offer small amounts of screening through the space to provide privacy between the different seating areas.

4. Native hedge boundary: A native hedge boundary wraps the garden in nature and creates a better barrier between the site and public access path behind. It also screens the unsightly concrete barrier.

5. Seating: A mixture of a fixed, curved timber bench and individual flexible seating offers a variety of opportunities for users to sit in the garden. Either on their own, or in small groups.

6. Abundant naturalistic planting: Planting is textural, green and naturalistic with a long season of interest. Inspired by natural native woodlands it will offer a sanctuary for both people and wildlife.

Reflection Garden

Materiality



Textural green woodland-style planting – calming and reflective



A clear robust self-binding gravel surface provides an accessible route



Curved natural timber fixed seating to allow for a closeness with nature



Flexible seating that allows users to move furniture around the garden



Brimming water bowls create a calm and soft noise through the garden

Reflection Garden

Visual 01



Tree List

Reflection Garden

The planting in the Reflection Garden provides a green, calming tapestry of plants. Plants are shade tolerant and provide year-round interest with soft colours and textures to provide a calming atmosphere for visitors to sit in. A single-stem Betula nigra provides a focal point in the garden, with beautiful bark, whilst the Malus 'Evereste' provides beautiful Spring colour and attractive Autumn fruit.



Betula nigra



Malus 'Evereste'

Plant List

Reflection Garden



Epimedium x versicolor



Bergenia ciliata 'Wilton'



Helleborus argutifolius



Helleborus foetidus



Helleborus orientalis



Aquilegia 'Blue Barlow'



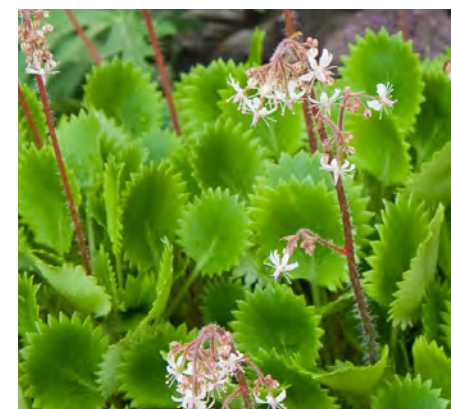
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Brunnera 'Betty Bowring'



Saxifraga 'Dentata'



Asarum europaeum



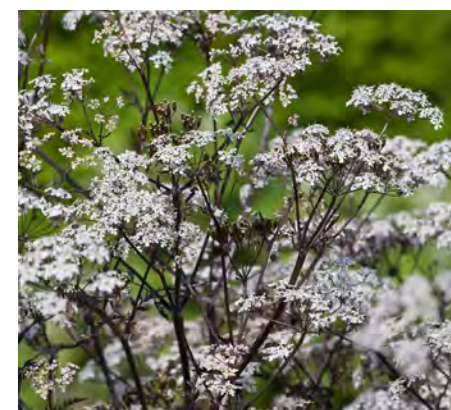
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Anthriscus sylvestris 'Ravenswing'



Euphorbia palustris



Paeonia emodi



Iris sibirica 'Perry's Blue'



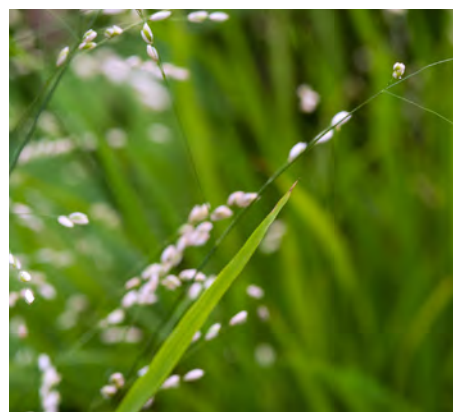
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Plant List

Reflection Garden



Melica uniflora f. Albida



Astrantia major 'Shaggy'



Amsonia 'Storm Cloud'



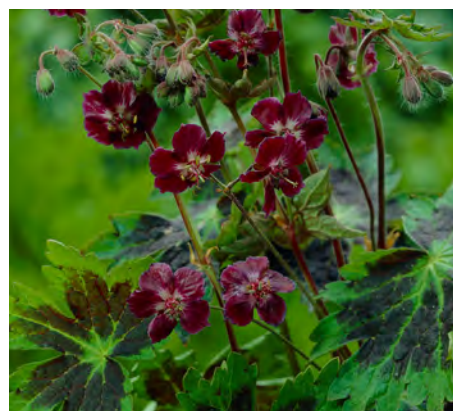
Disporum 'Night Heron'



Dryopteris felix-mas



Digitalis purpurea 'Alba'



Geranium phaeum var. 'Samobor'



Geranium macrorrhizum 'Album'



Rosa x odorata 'Mutabilis'



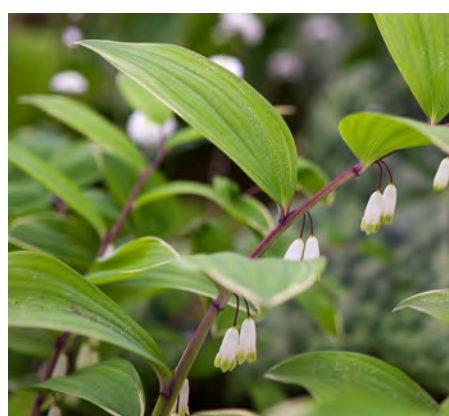
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Rodgersia aesculifolia



Thalictrum 'Black Stockings'



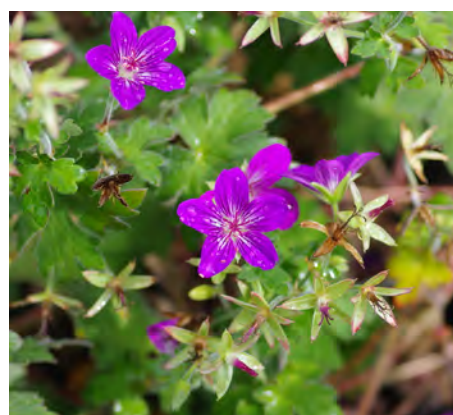
Polygonatum x hybridum



Kirengeshoma palmata



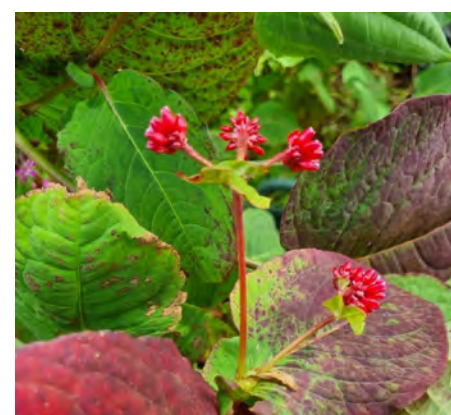
Calamagrostis brachytricha



Geranium 'Lakwijk Star'



Aralia cordata



Persicaria 'Indian Summer'



Anemone 'Honorine Jobert'

Plant List

Reflection Garden

Shrub and Herbaceous

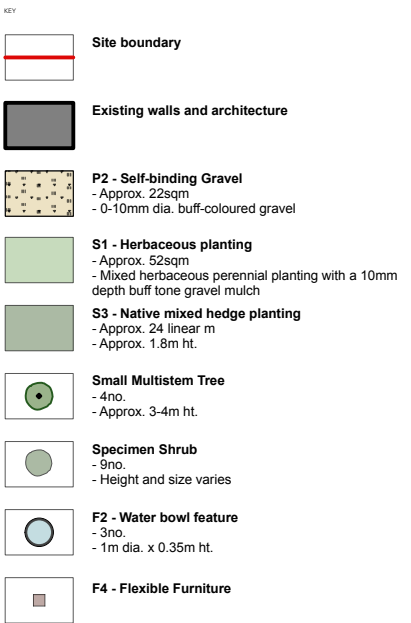
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Aralia cordata								Light Green	Light Green			
Epimedium x versicolor 'Sulphureum'	Light Green	Light Green	Yellow	Yellow	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green
Epimedium grandiflorum	Light Green	Light Green	Pink	Pink	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green
Bergenia ciliata 'Wilton'	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Pink	Pink	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green
Helleborus argutifolius	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green
Helleborus foetidus	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green
Helleborus orientalis			Pink	Pink								
Aquilegia 'Blue Barlow'				Dark Blue	Dark Blue							
Aquilegia 'Ruby Port'				Dark Purple	Dark Purple							
Saruma henryi				Yellow	Yellow							
Brunnera macrophylla 'Betty Bowring'				Blue	Blue	Blue						
Saxifraga 'Dentata'					Pink	Pink						
Asarum europaeum	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green
Euphorbia amygdaloides var. Robbiae	Dark Green	Dark Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green
Calamagrostis brachytricha	Grey				Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Grey	Grey	Grey
Hakonechloa macra	Yellow				Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Melica uniflora f. Albida					Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green					
Euphorbia palustris					Light Green	Light Green						
Anthriscus sylvestris 'Ravenswing'					Grey							
Paeonia emodi					Grey	Grey						
Iris sibirica 'Perry's Blue'					Blue	Blue						
Angelica archangelica					Light Green	Light Green	Light Green					
Cenolophium denudatum						Grey	Grey					
Astrantia major 'Shaggy'					Grey	Grey	Grey					
Disporum longistylum 'Night Heron'					Light Green	Light Green						
Geranium phaeum var. 'Samobor'					Red	Red						
Geranium macrorrhizum 'Album'						Grey	Grey					
Digitalis purpurea 'Alba'						Grey	Grey					

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Thalictrum 'Black Stockings'						Pink	Pink					
Polygonatum x hybridum					Grey	Grey						
Aruncus 'Horatio'					Grey	Grey	Grey					
Rodgersia aesculifolia							Grey	Grey				
Persicaria 'Indian Summer'						Pink	Pink	Pink	Pink			
Geranium 'Lakwijk Star'						Pink	Pink	Pink	Pink			
Kirengeshoma palmata								Yellow	Yellow			
Eurybia divaricata								Grey	Grey	Grey		
Anemone x hybrida 'Honorine Jobert'								Grey	Grey	Grey		
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Dryopteris filix-mas			Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green		

Trees

Species	Description/Use
Betula nigra	A single-stem tree that provides a focal point at the centre of the garden. Attractive bark makes it a standout tree all-year-round.
Malus 'Evereste'	A beautiful multi-stem tree with displays of Spring blossom and Autumn berries/fruit. Provides structure and screening between the different seating areas.

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