

Landscape Strategy

Residential Development The Edge House, Blackstone
Edge Old Road, Littleborough

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The layout has been designed by integrating the sites existing features giving structure to the site providing enhanced landscape and visual mitigation. Consideration to the Local Landscape Character, the sites opportunities and constraints and relationship with wider green infrastructure and ecological networks have also influenced the layout. The aim has been to put the environment and people first as part of the landscape design process while finding the balance between space and the building and respecting the sites topography, landscape and ecological character and context of the site.



Mixed native hedgerows to contain garden area and provide a level of screening and extend wildlife corridors.

Grassland areas to be overseeded with a suitable wildflower and meadow mix, mown paths can be introduced through the grasslands.

Shrub planting around the development will be both native and ornamental with grasses and pollinators to further enhance biodiversity levels.

Native tree planting to screen and soften the built form and introduce new habitats to Site and provide enhancements for biodiversity.

High quality development that works with the existing landscape features complimenting the topography, retained vegetation and the existing settlement and landscape character.

Existing vegetation to be retained along the boundaries and enhanced with areas of scrub which will enhance existing wildlife corridors and introduce new habitats.

Boundary Wall and tree lined interface with Blackstone Edge Old Road to be retained with the exception of the driveway access point, where a poor quality tree will be removed to facilitate the new resin bound driveway



Planting

Existing vegetation will be retained and maintained and enhanced through infilling where appropriate. This will allow for the introduction of new native trees and suitable under-story vegetation. The species aim to retain and enhance any Local Biodiversity Action Plan priority habitats.

Suggested new species to create more diversity and a healthy understorey include:

- *Corylus avellana*
- *Carpinus betulus*
- *Crataegus monogyn*
- *Quercus robur*
- *Alnus glutinosa*
- *Aesculus hippocastanum*
- *Salix* sp.
- *Sorbus aucuparia*

Areas of scrub to be introduced for wildlife habitats along with introducing log piles and brash bundles. These will offer valuable refuge habitats or wildlife.

Native and ornamental shrub planting to be introduced, mainly around the proposed house, which will include grasses and pollinators.

Small groups of native woodland to enhance biodiversity levels and re-enforce landscape character

Large areas of grassland will be retained as existing but overseeded with a suitable wildflower grass mix to improve the landscape condition.

All species and habitats to follow the ecologists recommendations.







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