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LANDSCAPE VISION

‘Bringing Industry back to the River’ Transforming an underutilised brownfield site for future business uses

New warehouses with offices, HGV loading and parking provide opportunities for business.

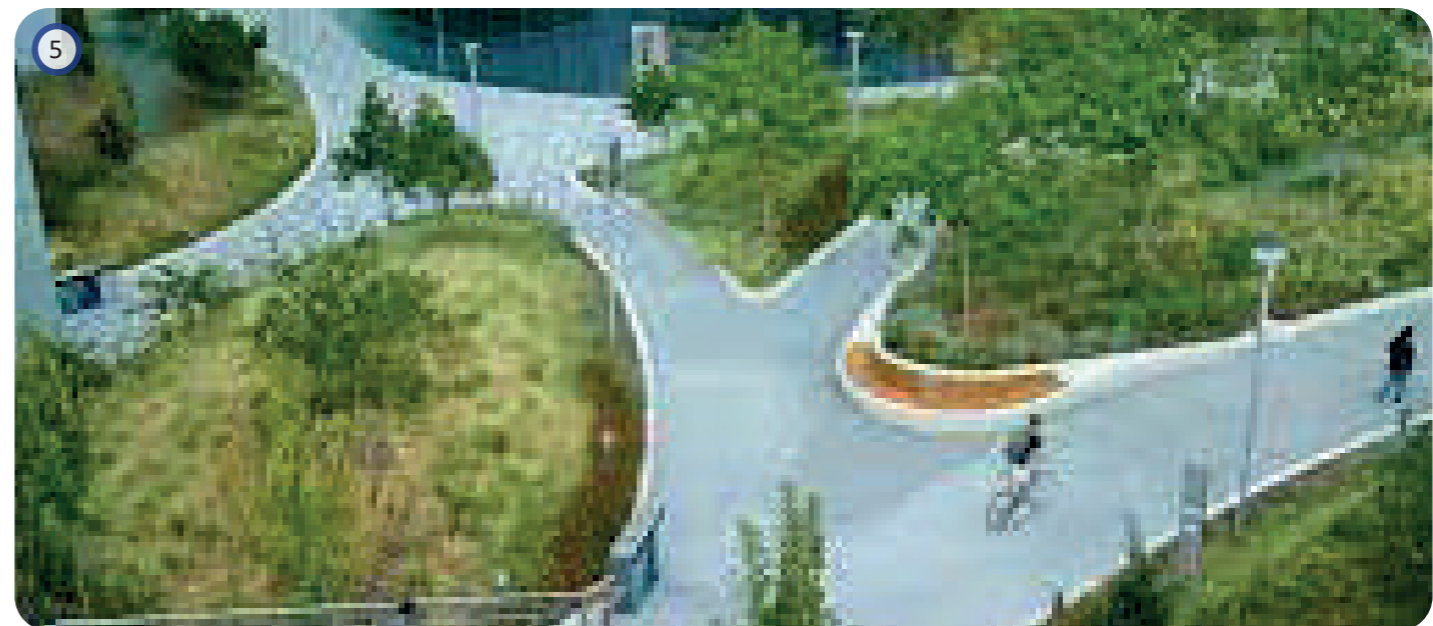
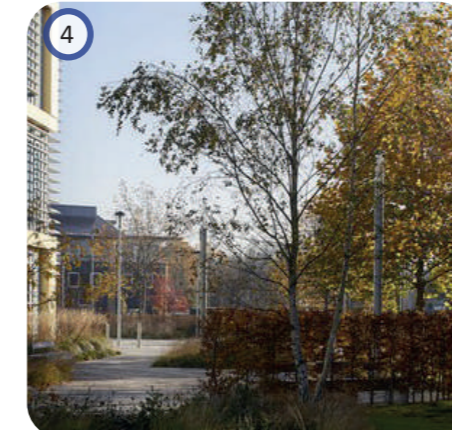
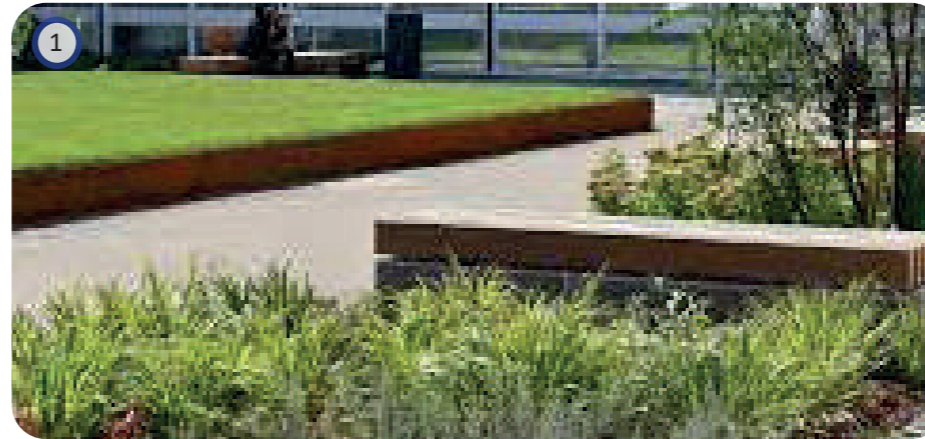
Native evergreen and deciduous tree planting with biodiverse shrub, perennial and grass planting offering new frontage to the Business Park, complementing the surrounding businesses.

Enhanced ecological riparian planting along the River Wey and The Bourne corridors increasing biodiverse connectivity within the surrounding areas.

Enhanced permissive routes along the River Wey encouraging increased recreation and connectivity between Addlestone Road, Coxes Lock Mills and Ham Moor.

Areas of hard paving providing flexible outdoor spaces to encourage recreation and socialisation by the office workers on lunch breaks or for working outdoors on warmer days.

Above ground SuDS in the form of shallow dressions, careful material choices and ecological enhancements will improve the sustainability and biodiversity aims across the landscape.



1. Ecological planting
2. Breakout space
3. Ecological connectivity
4. Frontages
5. Sustainable business park design

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CHARACTER AREAS



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LANDSCAPE PRINCIPLES

DEVELOPMENT OF THE LANDSCAPE PRINCIPLES

Following rigorous analysis and initial design explorations, a number of guiding principles were developed to form an overarching approach to the landscape strategy.

These were developed alongside the architects, ecologists and engineers to ensure that the principles were congruent across all disciplines whilst ensuring that landscape played an important role in determining the character and framework of the proposals.

LANDSCAPE PRINCIPLES

A. Sensitive integrate new development:

The business park will consider the wider landscape character to mitigate any impact on wider views by locating the development within the bounds of the original Business Park, and by retaining existing trees and shelter belts which align the River Wey. The planting strategy will further mitigate impacts and integrate development within the landscape.

B. Protect and conserve existing landscape assets:

Existing landscape assets will be protected, conserved and enhanced as far as possible. Existing trees, shelter belts, and drainage ditches will be retained to form part of the landscape structure and framework.

C. Improve ecology and biodiversity value:

A coordinated landscape and ecology strategy will be implemented to provide site-wide biodiversity gain. A range of habitat types with a biodiverse, predominantly native plant selection will be proposed.

D. Provide recreation and amenity for local people:

The landscape strategy will encourage permissive access to the River Wey, enabling connectivity with the wider PROWs.

E. A landscape for all seasons:

The planting design will celebrate seasonal change through a carefully selected planting palette used within the design of the central open space and plot frontages

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LANDSCAPE STRATEGY

THE LANDSCAPE STRATEGY

A landscape strategy was formulated through application of the overarching landscape principles .

The landscape strategy for Weybridge Business Park

- retain the category A and B trees along the boundaries preserving the character and setting for the development.
- introduce new hedgerows and trees to the site, designed to screen or soften the built form and improve ecological connectivity.
- reinforce the existing character of the Business Park by clustering the development into parcels. Landscape elements such as specimen trees, hedge planting and woodland shelter belts are used to separate individual parcels, therefore allowing the surrounding landscape to flow into the development.
- retain the rural character by using a mostly native planting pallet and a simple material palette made up of understated and durable materials.
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- improve existing and create new habitats for wildlife. The existing drainage ditches and The Bourne will be maintained and enhanced with species rich grassland and riparian planting along the River Wey and The Bourne buffer, benefiting a range of wildlife.
- Above ground attenuation basins will be planted with biodiverse matrix planting that extends the riparian planting within the River Wey and The Bourne buffers, and provides an ecologically enhanced frontage.