

Gillan Court, Grove Park, Lewisham, London

We were appointed by a housing association client to prepare landscape related information to support a detailed planning submission for this proposed infill residential development located behind an existing block of flats. As part of the planning submission the landscape surrounding the existing dwellings was also considered.

The existing plot is located on a brown field site with an existing car park located to the rear of their existing dwellings. Within the plot are a number of existing mature trees, a number of which have Tree Preservation Orders. There is an existing fall of approximately 2m from west to east across the site.

As this is a residential development with restricted space we assumed traffic speeds would be slow making it suitable for shared surface type principles. Pedestrian and vehicular surfaces are flush with the different surfaces being indicated by contrasting paving. All sight lines within this zone are kept free of visual obstacles.

The communal garden area, which is to serve both the existing and proposed residents, has been designed to accommodate elements of under 5 years play equipment. The intention is to make this space appealing for all members of this proposed community.

As part of the design development we provided material for and attended at a number of public consultation events. Comments from the events were collated and, where appropriate, incorporated into the final landscape design.

Proposed levels were carefully considered across this site, particularly within the vicinity of existing trees which were to be retained.

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