

Plots K & L, CBP Chelmsford, Essex

We were appointed by a developer client to provide landscape related information for detailed Planning submissions; to discharge landscape related Conditions and prepare tender information for the soft landscape element of Plots K and L at Chelmsford Business park. These two plots were developed independently and treated as individual projects for the duration of our appointment.

These two development plots are adjacent to an archeological site to their south, a TPO woodland to their east and a number of individual TPO trees (two on plot K and one on Plot L). Careful consideration was given to the on plot kerb and paving alignments within the root protection areas of trees to be retained. The intention was to as to minimise the root damage caused to the on plot TPO trees. The local authorities tree officer was required to sign off our proposals prior to construction taking place.

A carefully selected plant palette was chosen to give the planted scheme the best chance of survival. Plants were chosen that were less palatable to rabbits as there was a significant presence on site. In addition it was required that they provide all year round visual interest.

Finally, we were required to work closely with the appointed ecologist to enable our client to achieve the desired BREEAM outcome. BREEAM dictated that our plant specification had a significant portion of native species and a number of bird and bat boxes needed to be accommodated within our final proposals.

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