We were appointed by an architect client as landscape architects for this mixed use residential scheme located in Barnet, West London. We initially developed a sketch landscape design to the satisfaction of the client. We were then tasked to provide landscape architect’s information to discharge Planning Conditions. Once Conditions were approved we prepared a full tender package of landscape architect’s information.

Our landscape architects needed to carefully consider the landscape design of the courtyard space and the south frontage of the residential block as both of these spaces are located over a podium deck to a lower ground floor car parking area. The details for all planters within these zones were carefully considered so as to provide a suitable growing zone for grass, shrub and climbing planting. Carefully consideration was also required at the interface between the flat landscape to the south of the south building block and the sloping footway of Llanvanor Road. There is a significant level change along this elevation and the treatment of the proposed retaining wall needed careful detailing so as to create a pleasant pedestrian environment.

The planting design for the areas over the podium deck slab needed to consider the potentially stressed environment in which these plants are expected to grow. Both the limited depth of topsoil required in these locations and the shading cast by the adjacent proposed buildings were considered.

The faces of the building elevations fronting onto the courtyard space were to be greened with climbing plants, effectively creating green walls.