

## Port Lane Hythe, Colchester

We were appointed by a developer client as consultant landscape architects for this new build low density housing scheme. The plot is located on a 2.38ha brownfield site to the south east of Colchester town centre. Our scope was to provide landscape architect's information to support a detailed planning submission.

The built form for this proposed development consists dwellings fronting onto a spine road that arcs through the site. Along the route of the road trees are proposed. These trees are to be planted within tree pits joined together with soil cells. This detail will ensure these trees continue to thrive into the future.

The principals of Home Zone have been adopted when designing the street scape. Flush surfaces between the footway, carriageway and parking has been specified in the majority of locations. Paving materials were carefully selected to ensure the clear delineation between the carriageway and footways. This will help to improve pedestrian safety and provided a clear wayfinding strategy.

Mid way along the western edge of this scheme a public open space is shown. This will provide relaxation and play opportunities in a community focused environment.

The 'Heritage Trail' is located at the north west corner of the plot. This provides a pedestrian and cycle connection between the site and Port Lane. Along the route of this path information board are proposed. These will convey the Paxman's Engineering story and the site's history. The location of a former notable building will be marked on the ground and an electricity generating exercise area will also be incorporated into this space.

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