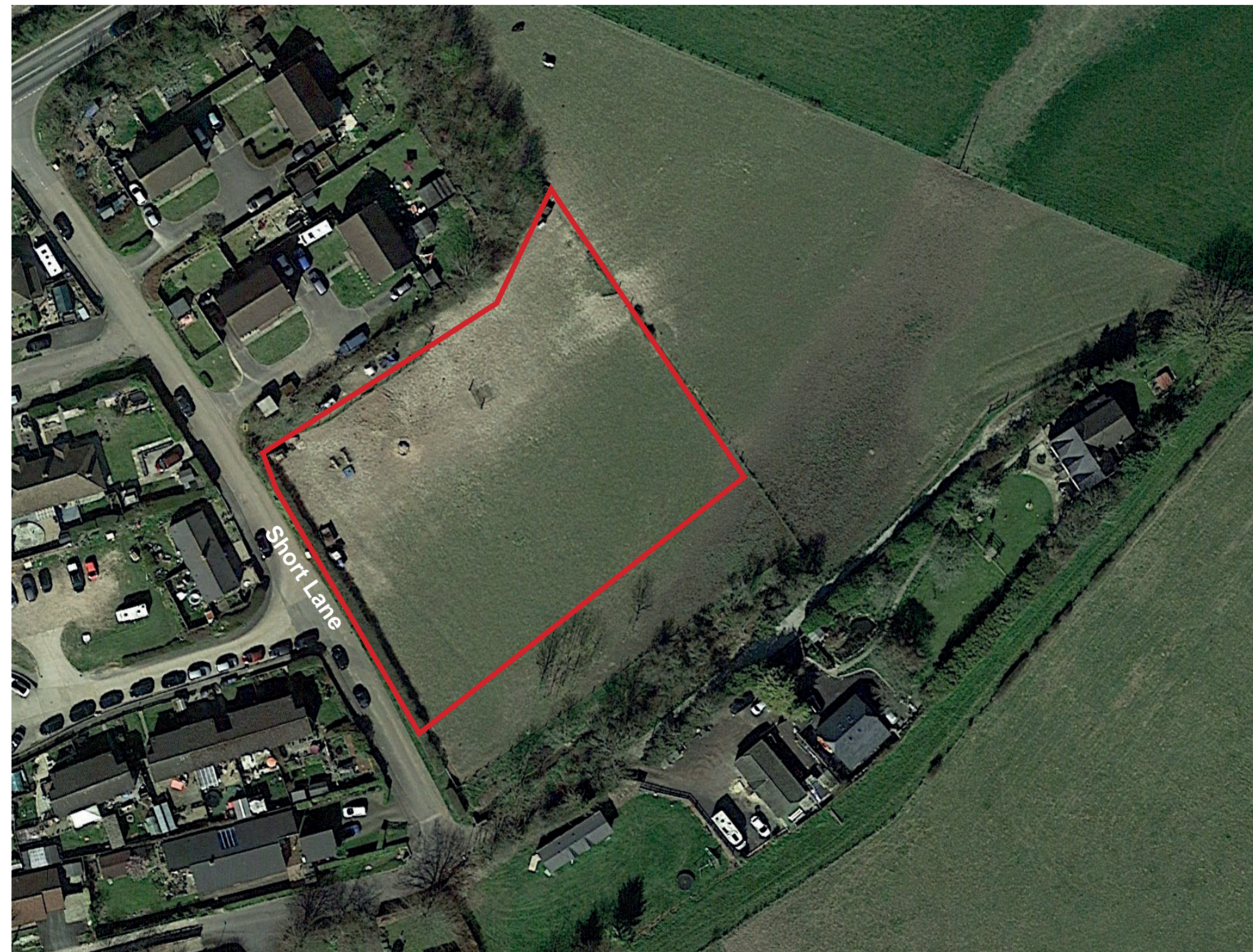


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SAP43 AONB Recommendations:

Existing trees and hedgerows should be retained and enhanced.
The site is in the Kent Downs AONB and any scheme coming forward on this site should be designed to be appropriate to the sites sensitive location in respect of scale, form, materials and colour palette. An appropriate Landscape buffer, comprising structural tree planting, should be provided along the southern and eastern boundaries to mitigate the impact of development on the AONB.

The Landscape Strategy has carefully considered the above comments and has proposed a scheme in reflection of the recommendations through:

- The large mitigation belt of tree and shrub planting on the eastern boundary.
- A mixed native hedge and interspersed tree planting on the southern and western boundaries.
- Internal soft landscape to provide habitat connectivity within the site to the boundaries and wider setting of the site.

Screening

- Extension of the existing landscape belt to the north, with proposed native scrub and interspersed trees. This will enhance and reinforce the existing vegetation belt to the north along the eastern boundary of the subject site, as well as providing a consistant feature for any views from the north east. This buffer planting aids screening of the proposed development within the site as well as enhancing biodiversity connectivity across the site and habitat and foraging opportunities for a range of wildlife.

Key Existing



Trees

Proposed



Buildings



Access road



Parking



Footways



Trees



Mixed native trees and shrubs



Mixed native hedge



Single species native hedge



Proposed shrubs



Native mix of shrubs and bulbs



Lawn



Grassland

Landscape Character Assessment:

Natural England:

This Landscape Strategy responds to Natural Englands description of the area of North Downs within this character area:

"Conserving the downland settlement pattern of nucleated villages, irregular fields and scattered farmsteads linked by a network of narrow, winding lanes and characteristic sunken 'hollow ways.'"

County Landscape Character:

The landscape of Alkham East Kent Downs - as noted within Landscape Assessment of Kent 2004, has been described as; *"There are fewer woodlands here than in the west, and most occur on the steep valley slopes, where cultivation has been uneconomic."*

Guidelines;

- Conserve existing woodlands.
 - Create woodland on steeper valley slopes.
- The landscape strategy aims to conserve, reinforce and reflect these guidelines and the existing character of the area. The proposed hedgerows, scrub and enhanced boundary vegetation respond to these guidelines as well as providing positive landscape features and biodiversity enhancement, strengthening the character of the area post development.



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PLANNING

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Indicative Tree Palette



Acer campestre Betula pendula Carpinus betulus Crataegus monogyna Tilia cordata Ilex aquifolium

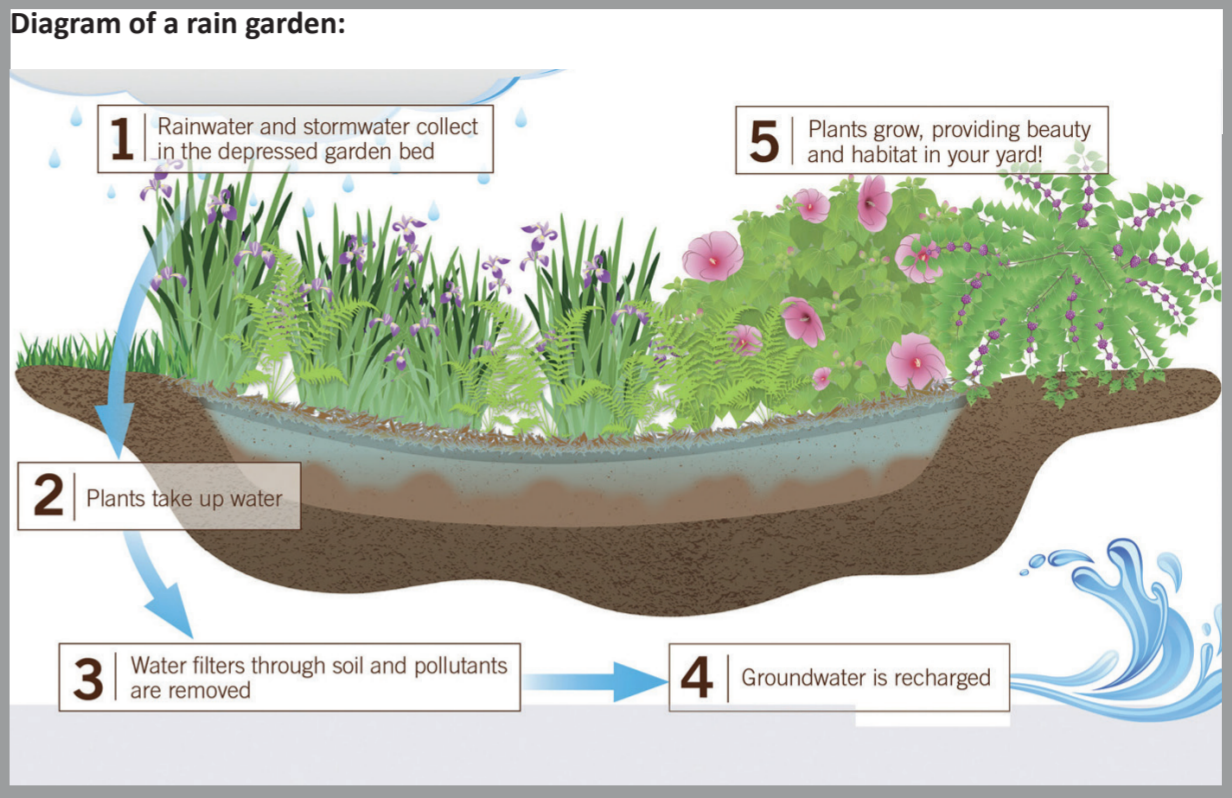
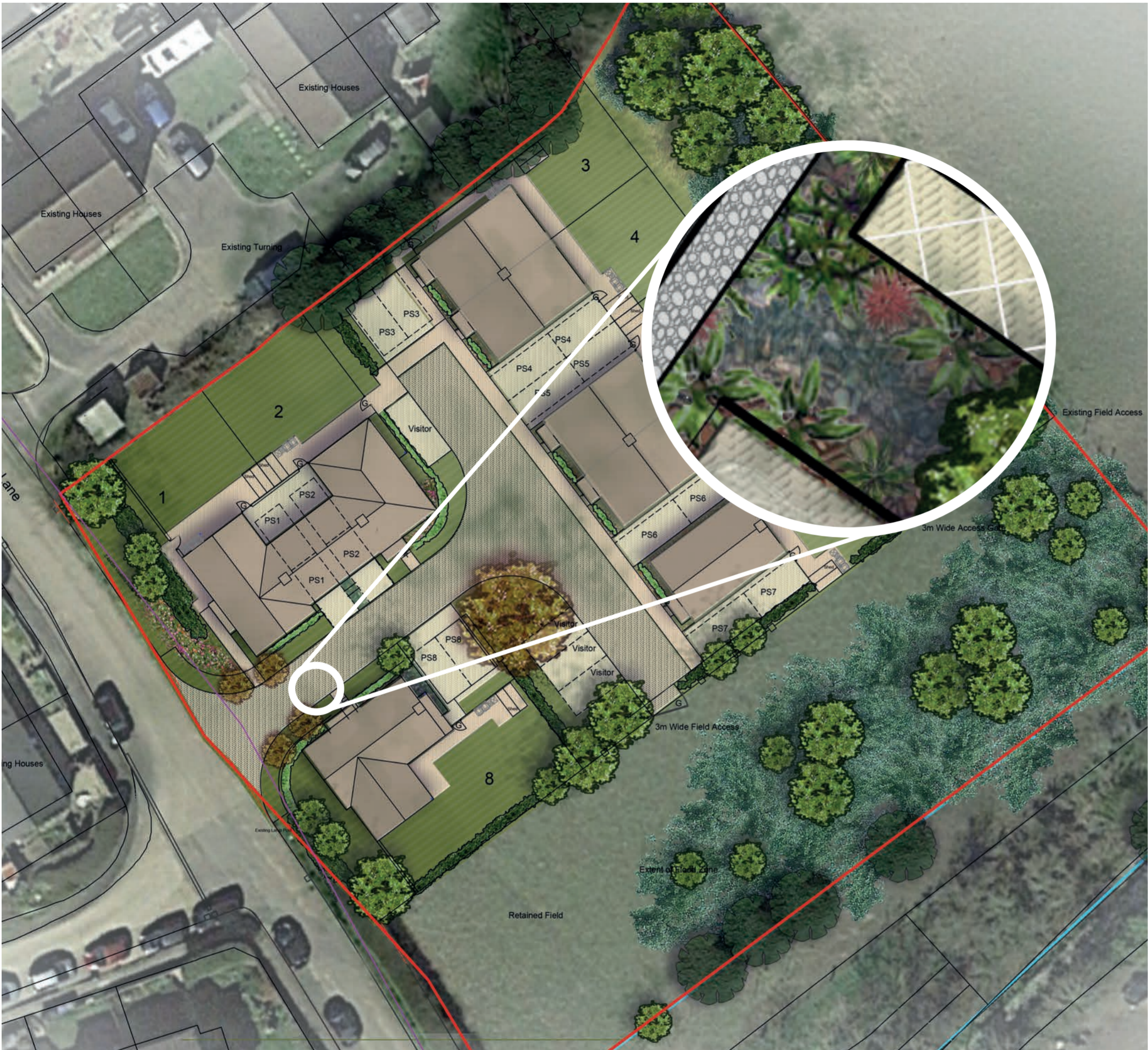
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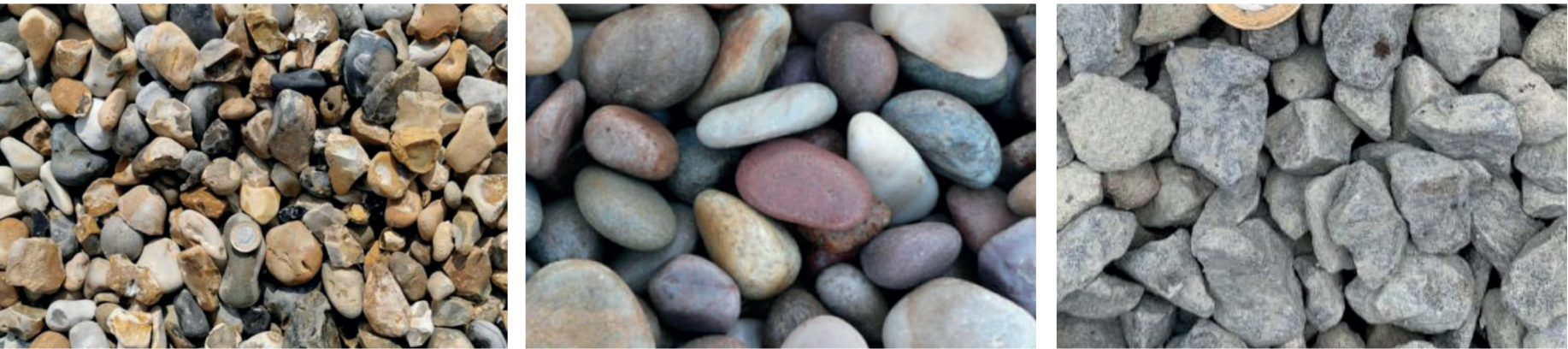
Cornus sanguinea Corylus avellana Crataegus monogyna Euonymus europaeus Ilex aquifolium Rosa canina

Existing Character reference, Short Lane view to the south:





Hard landscape design features:



Character references:



Planting suitable for raingarden:

