

**PROPOSED NEW BUILD ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION (14UNITS), AMENITY SPACE AND PARKING**

**Haddon Road, Athersley**

**REV: -**

**Date: 12.11.24**

## **LANDSCAPING STATEMENT**

Please read this statement in conjunction with both the existing and proposed site plans and the ecological impact assessment provided by Whitcher Wildlife Ltd to gain a better understanding of the site.

### **1.0 Overview Of The Existing Site**

The site primarily consists of concrete hard standing areas, which have since started undergoing ecological succession with grassland, tall ruderal and scrub species all colonising across this area. The site is bounded by brickwork walls in various states of disrepair, and rusty steel gates and fences, These existing surfaces and finishes provide limited or no ecological benefit..

### **2.0 Proposed Siteplan**

The proposed site layout provides several areas of landscaping around the site which vary in size and purpose. The main areas for use by residents are two amenity spaces which will be landscaped differently to provide two different feeling areas.

The main shared private amenity space will be more open, it will be bounded east west by the two residential blocks and north south by small hedges. The southern hedge will have a gap left in it for access and will have some small trees to provide scale and some nominal masking of the parking areas. The surface finish will be mainly grass to encourage relaxing during the summer months and will be combined with formal seating. The northern enclosure will be made up of low level hedges to encourage small mammals and nesting birds into the area.

The secondary amenity area will have a similar approach to the main area but it is intended to be more intimate, with again hedges and small trees providing the frame work for the area, masking the cycle & bin stores and parking, whilst a more formal paved area with fixed seating will provide a comfortable area to relax.

The remaining landscaping areas include the landscaping buffer to the southern boundary, and pockets of landscaping around the edges of the buildings between them and the footpath.

These will again be framed with low level bushes and small scale trees providing a consistent feel to the landscape design.

Hard landscaped areas on site are to be either tarmac for the parking areas, and concrete paving flags for the on site paths, which will provide a safe level finish for moving around the site.

### **3.0 Summary**

As noted above and in the ecological impact assessment the existing site provides limited to no ecological benefit, and because of this although we will be developing the site using some hard finishes, areas of landscaping have been included throughout and around the site. The design of the landscaping has yet to be progressed but we feel that the site plan provides sufficient areas around the site to soften the building forms, provide natural site boundaries and allow local mammals and birds to form new habitats. A landscaping proposal will be undertaken further into the project, and we are more than willing that this can become a condition to satisfy should we be granted planning approval.