LANDSCAPE STRATEGY V1
FENN ROAD, TANKERSLEY (GLEBE COURT)

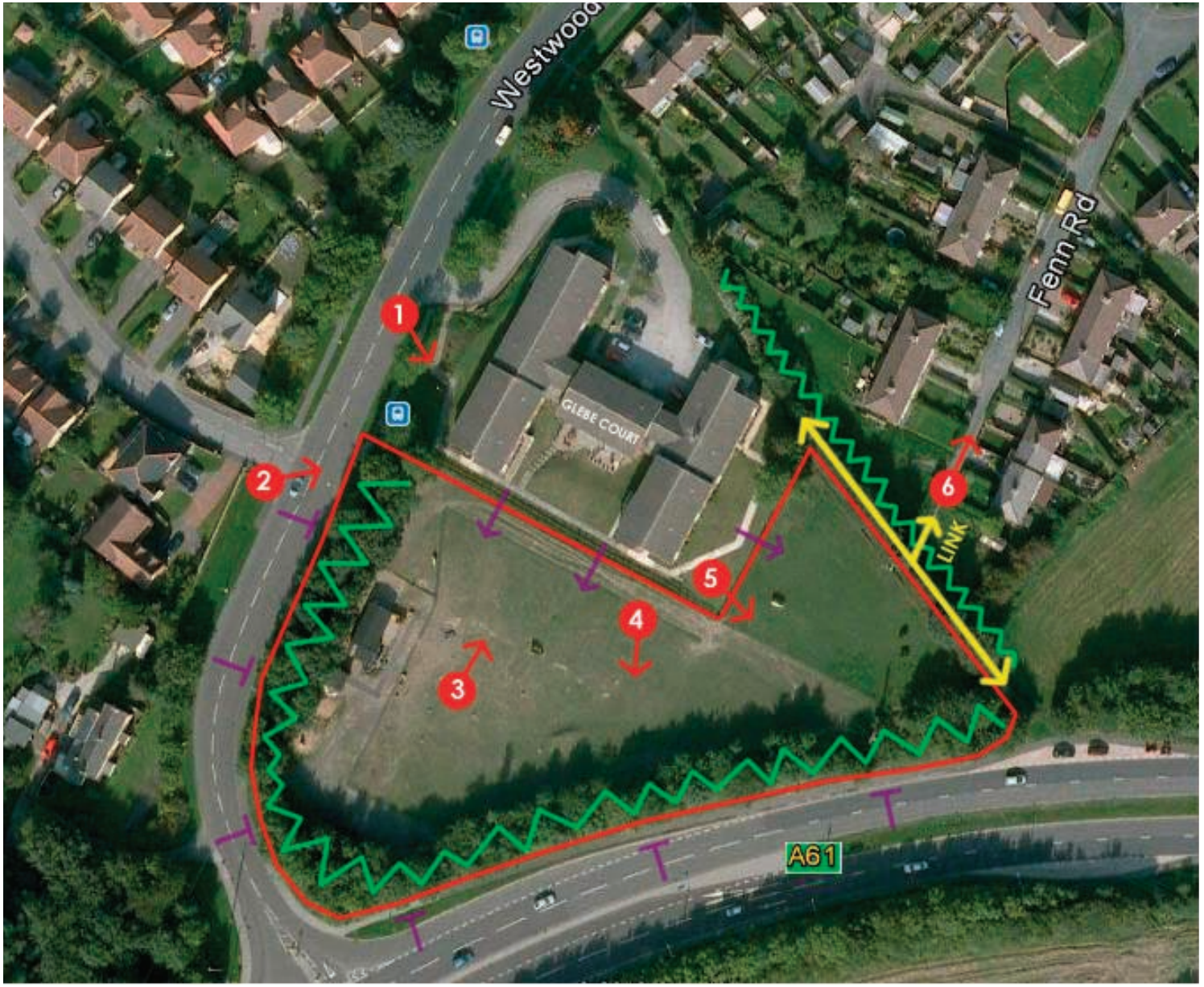
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1474.02 Tree Removals, Retention and Protection
1474.03 Geneal Arrangements
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SITE DESCRIPTION

The site is located in the village of Tankersley, close to the M1 between Barnsley & Sheffield. It appears to be part of the wider grounds of Glebe Court and occupies the southern triangular section of the site.

To site is at an elevated position from the A61 along the southern boundary and Weswood New road along the western boundary. The embankments are planted with trees which contribute to the visual amenity and provide screening to the site.

To the north (western end) the site has open views into Glebe Court and in the north east corner there is an existing footpath which links into Fenn Road. There is a hedgerow which runs the length of the footpath and provides screening.

For photographs of the site please refer to following page.

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P1 - Looking up towards the embankment from Westwood New Road to the western elevation of Glebe Court



P2 - Taken from Westwood New Road looking up to the trees along the embankment screening the western embankment



P3 - Taken from inside the site looking towards Glebe Court



P4 - Looking across the site looking south to the trees along the southern embankment along the A61



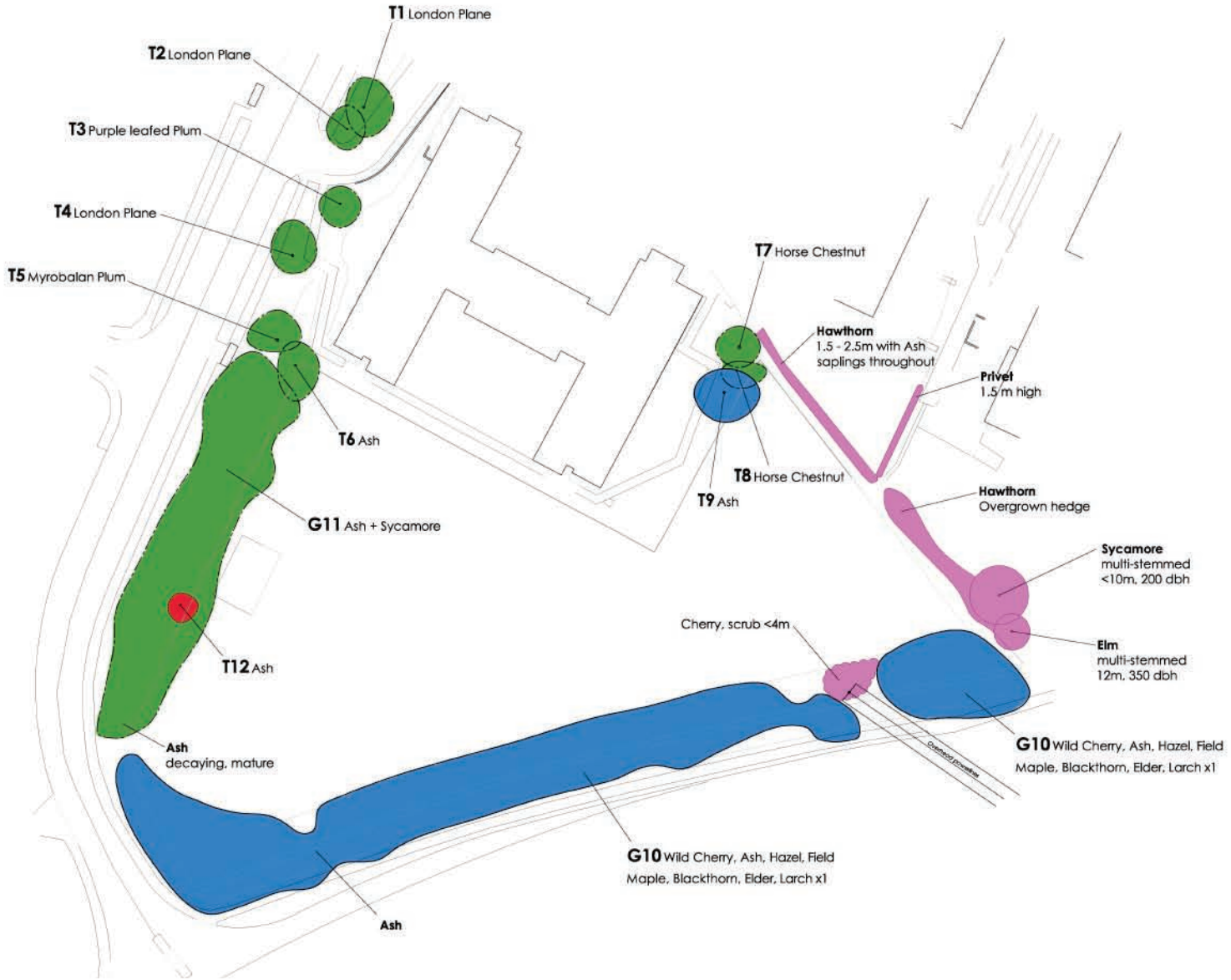
P5 - Taken from Glebe Court looking south towards the tree planting along the southern embankment along the A61



P6 - Photograph taken from the footpath looking down towards Fenn Road with the site behind

SITE PHOTOGRAPHS - FENN ROAD, TANKERSLEY (GLEBE COURT)

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EXISTING VEGETATION

The trees were assessed in line with BS5837:2005 to gain an understanding of the conditions and types of trees on site. For full details please refer to TPM tree survey and drawing 1474.01

There are two large groups of trees around the site boundary these include; G10 a mixture of young and mature specimens of Cherry, Ash, Larch and shrubby under storey. The trees in the group have been classified as grade B, and G11 a mixture of Ash and Sycamore of a similar age to the G10 but in a poorer condition. As a group they offer screening to the site, but as individuals they are of limited value and have been surveyed as grade C.

There are several individual trees along Westwood New Road in front of Glebe Court and around the back. These have been categorised as a grade B and C trees of low to medium amenity value.

Where the site bounds the end of Fenn Road there is a Hawthorn hedge. It is over grown in parts but does provide some screening to the site.

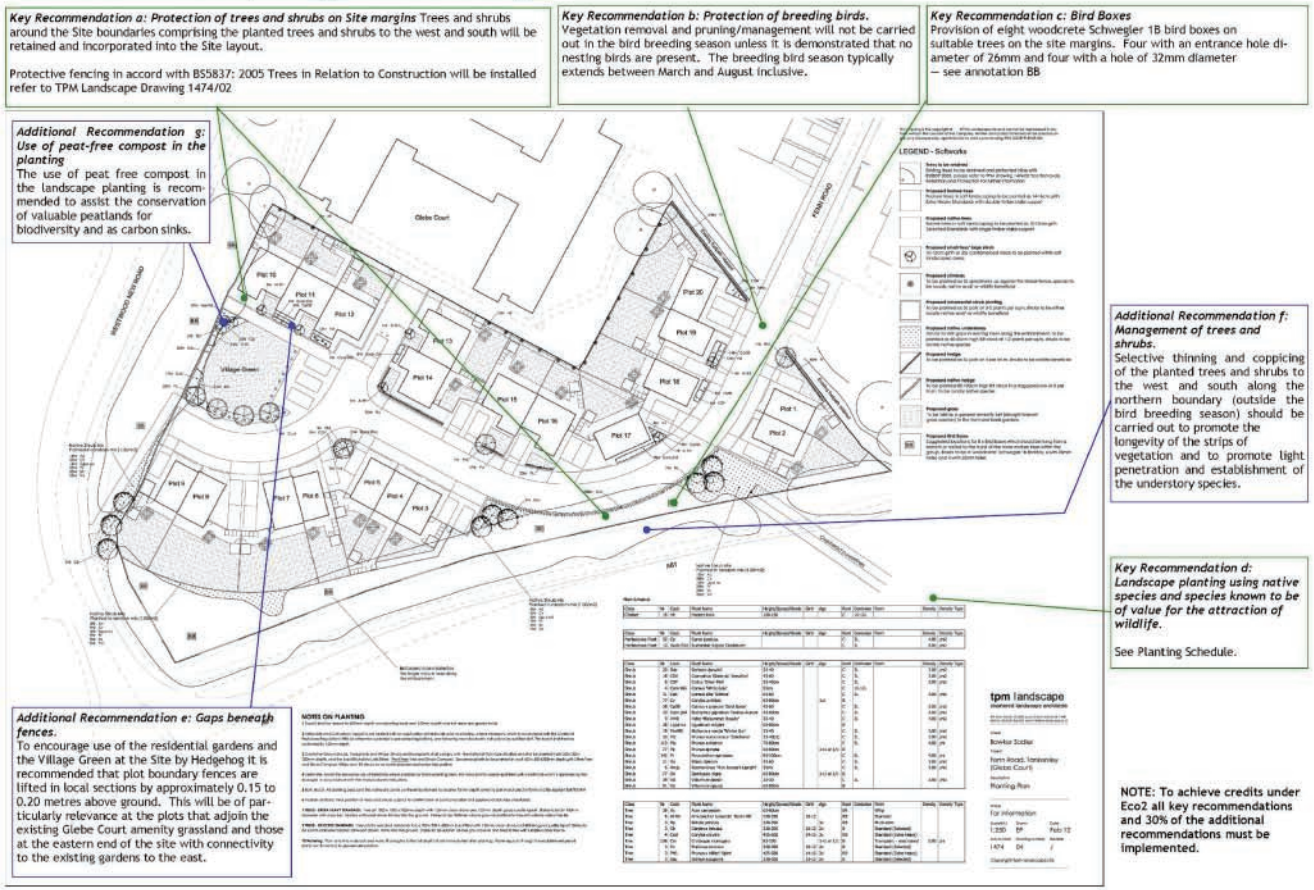
CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The site is not in a conservation area and none of the trees are protected by TPO's.

There are no trees within the main body of the site therefore the development will not result in any significant tree losses on site.

The trees along the embankments should be retained within the development to provide screening and preserve the visual amenity. All trees to be retained should be protected in line with BS5837: 2005, refer to TPM drawing 1474.02 for Tree protection measure

The privet hedge would have to be removed and Hawthorn hedge cut into to provide access into the site, new hedgerows could be planted within the site to compensate.



Extract from Ecological survey and assessment dated February 2012; Figure 4

This diagram illustrates the key recommendations and additional recommendations as advised by the ecologists to achieve credits under Eco2. These recommendations played a key role in informing the landscape strategy and detailed planting plan. Please refer to origional ecology report for further detailed information.

ECOLOGY

A comprehensive ecological survey was carried out in accord with standard survey methodologies in February 2012 by ERAP Ltd (Consultant Ecologists).

The site does not have any statutory or non-statutory nature conservation designations.

Habitats present comprise unmanaged neutral grassland with a grass dominated, species-poor composition and local stands of tall-herb vegetation. The sloping western, northern and southern margins are planted with a diverse mix of native trees and shrubs. This habitat will be retained, protected and enhanced in conjunction with the development.

The small section of Hawthorn hedgerow and the Privet hedgerow to be removed to facilitate site access is not 'important' in accord with the Hedgerows Regulations 1997. Removal will be scheduled outside the bird breeding season.

None of the habitats to be affected by the proposals are representative of UK Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) Priority Habitats or are of substantive ecological value and no evidence of use of the site by protected species was detected.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The tree and shrubs habitats are suitable for use by nesting birds. The ecological report presents prescriptive guidance for the protection of breeding birds during the site clearance and the enhancement of the tree and shrub habitats for wildlife.

The proposed use of native species within the landscaping at the new housing development will maximise opportunities for the attraction of wildlife and will contribute to the achievement of maximum credits under the Code for Sustainable Homes scheme.

Based on the survey information presented in this ecological assessment, it is concluded that the principle of the proposed development at Fenn Road, Tankersley is feasible and acceptable in accord with the key principles of PPS9, the aims and objectives detailed in the publication 'Planning for Biodiversity and Geological Conservation: A Guide to Good Practice', local planning policy and guidance provided in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan.

This conclusion is valid provided that guidance detailed in the ecological report and landscape proposals plans is implemented.



The layout may changes throughout the developmnet of the planning application but the strategies applied to the landscaping will remain the same.

LANDSCAPE STRATEGY

1 Provide new hedgerows to screen the development from the footpath and improve ecological connectivity around the site.

2 Plant native shrubs and trees on the embankment in the gaps to reinforce screening, and along with good management practices look to promote the longevity of the woodland.

3 Plant hedgerows and shrubs along the main access road into the site to dress the street scene and soften the built form.

4 Plant climbers along the back garden fence to promote ecological connectivity across the site.

5 Plant feature trees at key locations across the site to provide a sense of arrival and help navigation around the site.

6 Provide structured landscaping to the green space and provide an open lawn area to create a pleasant recreational space.

7 Plant new trees and shrubs along the new access path to mitigate for the loss of trees in this area during the installation of the path.

NB: Species to be of native origin or beneficial to wildlife to promote ecological enhancements across the site in line with ecologists recommendations

At least once timber fence panel along each boundary and/ or garden to be lifted 10cm off the ground to allow the passage of small mammel (hedgehogs).