

# 11 LANDSCAPE CONSIDERATIONS

## Landscape Strategy

The proposed landscape strategy builds on the principles established in the approved outline scheme. The retention of existing features, the creation of open space and new planting will contribute to the creation of a high quality development that respects the distinctive landscape character and integrates the new buildings into the landscape.

1. The majority of the hedgerow and trees along the frontage of the site will be retained and protected. The vegetation will be strengthened with new native planting maintaining views along Stortford Road and protecting the contribution it makes to the Conservation Area.
2. A mix of native vegetation including hedgerows and trees comprising locally indigenous species will be planted to the northern and eastern boundaries to soften the development edge in views from the nearby rights of way and to integrate the buildings into the surrounding landscape.
3. Mixed ornamental tree planting in rear gardens will reinforce the existing vegetation along the boundary of existing properties in Town Farm Crescent.
4. An area of open space and landscaping at the frontage of the site will provide a visual amenity softening views from Stortford Road.
5. Within the development a mix of ornamental trees, hedges and shrub planting will establish a strong landscape structure, enhancing existing landscape features and improving biodiversity, on a site which currently has a negligible ecological value with very limited potential to support important species.

