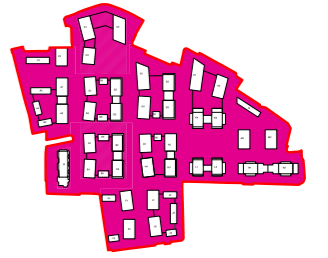


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3.24 Soft planting

3.24.1 Soft planting strategies are to be developed by Designers to complement the wider Character Areas.

3.24.2 The planting strategy is described in the outline Design and Access Statement and illustrated on the adjacent figure.

3.24.3 Ecology areas should prioritise native species.

3.24.4 **Planting must reflect the narrative of each Character Area.**

3.24.5 **A mix of planting must be selected to provide both year-round foliage and seasonal variety with colour, flower and leaf types of various heights and sizes.**

3.24.6 Planting should reaffirm the structure of the proposed public realm and define its identity and distinctiveness.

3.24.7 Planting throughout The Site should promote local biodiversity by increasing the overall population of native species and attracting the local fauna offering ecological niche and refuge.

3.24.8 For safety and security, planting next to a footpath should start with grass and low growing plants with taller shrubs and trees to the rear. This is to avoid the potential for anti-social behaviour and the ability to conceal illegal items such as weapons and drugs. If planting next to a path is required in tight areas it should have a clear and visible ground plane to deter concealment.

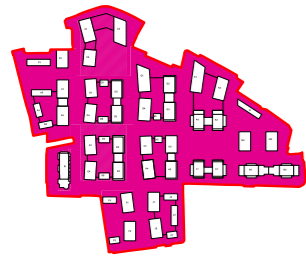
3.24.9 SUDS appropriate planting should be used where designated tolerable of both wet and dry conditions dependent on seasonal rain fall and drainage network capacity.

3.24.10 The adjacent images (Fig. 3.58) provide references for the desired design quality throughout the illustrative masterplan.



Figure 3.58: Precedents of soft planting solutions which align with the Design Guidelines.

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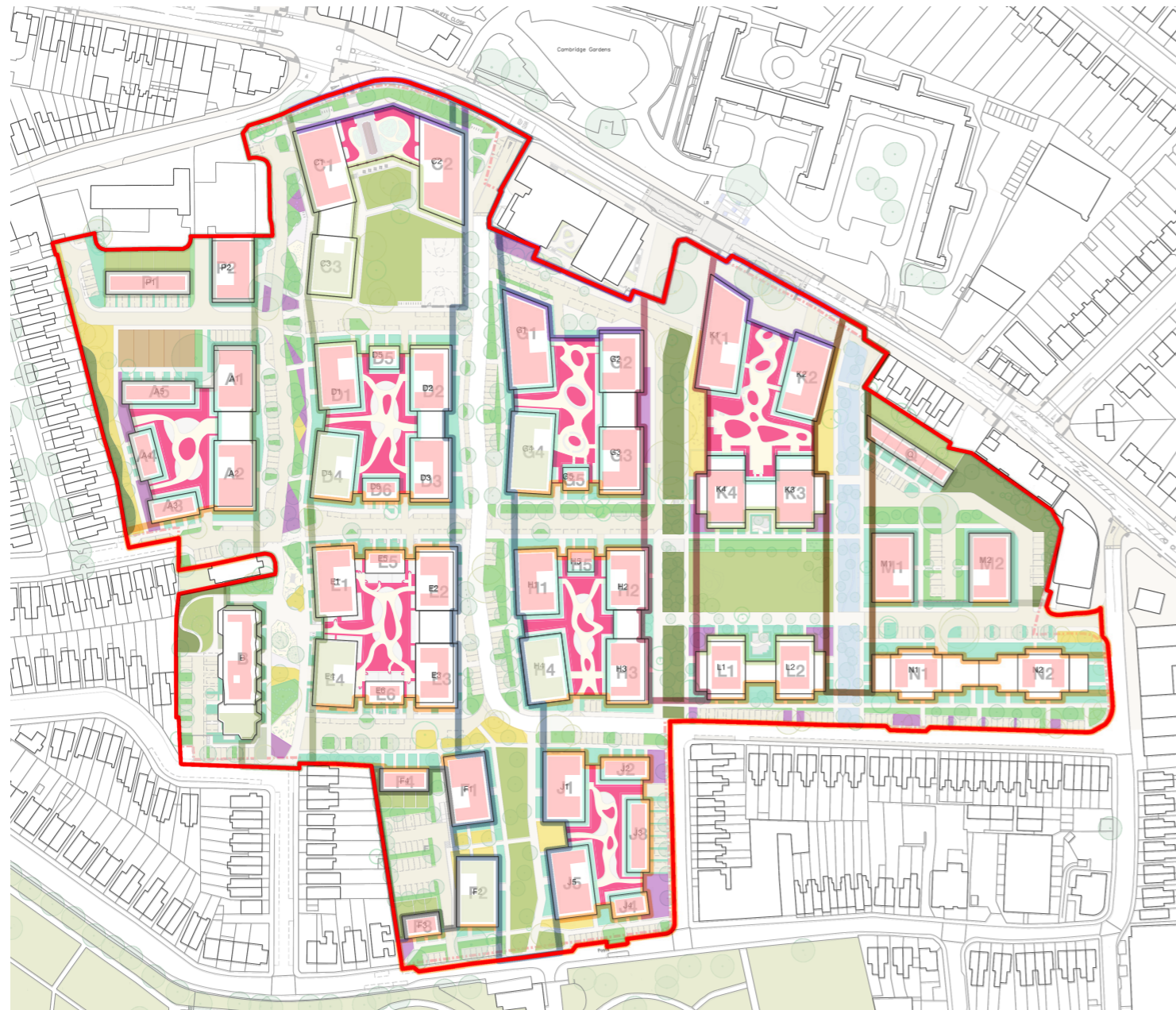


Figure 3.59: Illustrative soft planting strategy.

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Figure 3.60: Illustrative biodiverse roofs planting strategy.














Figure 3.61: Illustrative intensive green roof planting strategy.



3.24.11 Species selection notes:

- The planting specification should be selected accordingly with the following criteria:
 - Ensure a long term durability, by selecting robust species capable to resist and adapt to the possible consequences of climate change.
 - Provide seasonal visual amenity during the whole year with attractive ornamental qualities.
 - Promote local biodiversity by increasing the overall population of native species.
 - Consider plant health and biosecurity issues through use of the Landscape Institute Biodiversity Toolkit when importing trees from outside the UK to help control pests and diseases.

Legend:

 Amenity lawn	 Community growing space
 Native buffer planting	 Courtyard ground cover / ornamental
 Ground cover / ornamental	 Buffer planting for privacy frontage
 Tall perennials	 Biodiverse roofs
 Grassland / meadow	 Intensive green roofs
 SUDs channel	