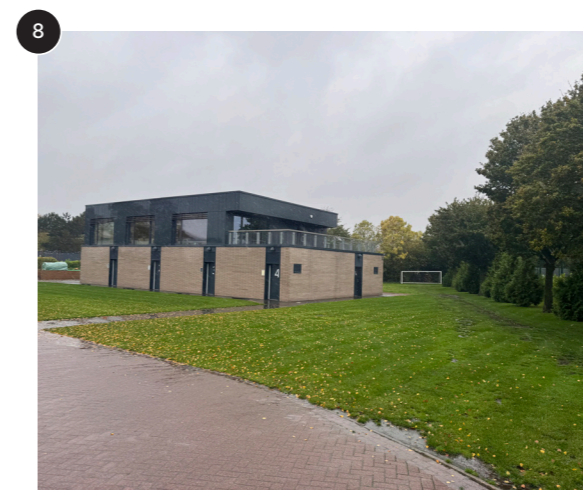
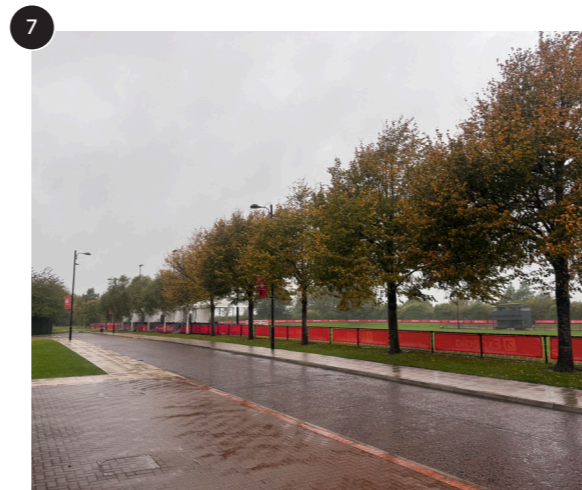
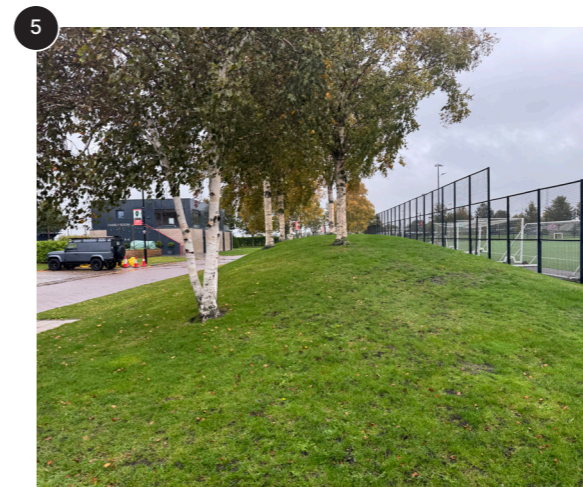
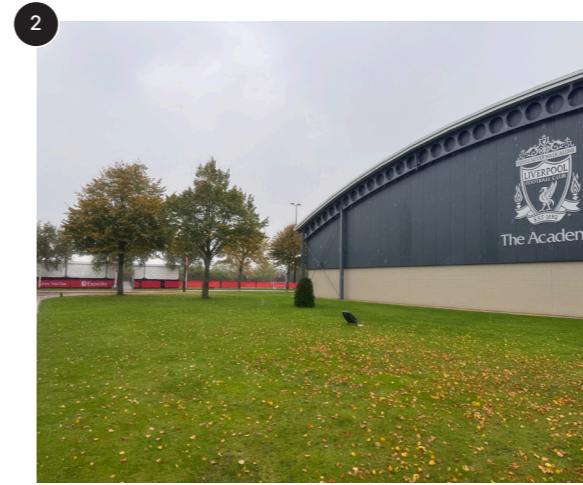


1.1 EXISTING SITE



Location Plan

1.1 OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

A key objective of the landscape proposals is to mitigate the loss of 32 trees across the site to accommodate the proposed indoor pitch and car parking relocation. A structured planting and habitat approach are required to achieve the biodiversity net gain targets of minimum 10%.








The fallow land located to the south west of the site is a constraint in this scheme due to its high ecological value and low ground stability, therefore it has been excluded from the proposals to preserve its existing ecological value.

In addition to environmental enhancements, the scheme provides a significant opportunity to improve

the quality and character of the visitor experience. Redesigning the arrival sequence strengthens the sense of identity and legibility at the Academy, while new and improved pedestrian routes, gathering spaces, and family-friendly areas will be required to enhance safety and comfort on both training and match days. With the site regularly accommodating large numbers of families and supporters.

An introduce seating, incidental play elements, and informal dwell spaces that foster social interaction are key to support a welcoming and inclusive environment.

Key

-  Secure line
-  Loss of vegetation to accommodate proposed buildings and car parking
-  Key focal points
-  Arrival spaces
-  Fallow land - unstable substrates
-  Entrances to site
-  Servicing routes

Ornamental scrub retained



1.1 EXISTING MATERIALITY

HARDWORKS CHARACTER

The existing hardworks character of the Academy is defined by a cohesive and distinctive colour palette. Buildings and street furniture are unified through the use of a dark grey finish, while LFC red is applied selectively to key features and interpretative elements, creating a deliberate and striking contrast that reinforces the club's identity.

The internal road network consists of tarmac surfacing with a red chipping finish, complemented by buff concrete square-format paving to pedestrian footways. Small-format

red concrete pavers are employed around key buildings and arrival spaces, clearly delineating their curtilage and enhancing their visual prominence.

The proposed landscape strategy will build upon this established palette to strengthen the hierarchy of external spaces, reinforce wayfinding and legibility, and enhance the sense of arrival to the Academy.

SOFTWORKS CHARACTER

The existing soft landscape character is defined by extensive mown grass across the site, supported by ornamental hedging to the boundaries. A tree avenue adjacent to the show pitch provides seasonal interest, with red autumn colour reinforcing the Academy's visual identity.

Wildflower meadow areas and associated biodiversity initiatives at the Academy and AXA sites contribute to habitat value and ecological enhancement. The current tree palette, comprising mixed native and non-native species including commemorative specimens, offers

diversity but lacks a clear hierarchy, presenting an opportunity for refinement through the proposed landscape strategy.

In pitch-side areas, evergreen shrub planting beneath trees provides screening and wind mitigation, supporting player comfort and enhancing the spectator environment.

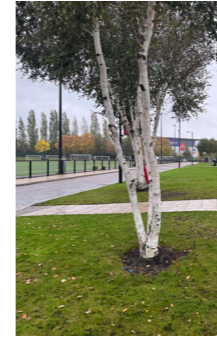
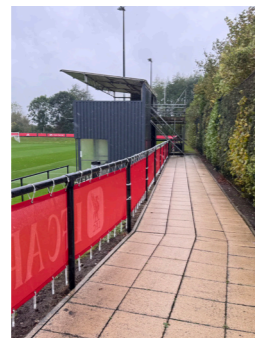


LANDING ZONES OF PAVING AROUND KEY BUILDINGS

WARM MATERIALS PALETTE

ALTERNATING FORMS OF CANOPY LAWN BENEATH

ORNAMENTAL HEDGEROW



CLEAR BRANDING IN KEY LOCATIONS

STRONG COLOUR PALETTE

TARMAC WITH RED CHIPPINGS

CONTRAST OF SINGLE AND MULTI-

NATIVE MEADOW

STRIKING AVENUES

1.1 KEY MOVES - BUILDING ON THE LFC BRAND

COORDINATED PLANTING PALETTE

Building upon the existing vegetation to create a strong coordinated tree and shrub planting scheme, this will have a focus on native species. Trees removed replaced in line with BNG requirements.



INCREASE AREAS OF PLANTING

Add to the sense of arrival at the academy through increased planting. Planting themes of international species can bring an element of climate resilience and celebrate the club culture. Build upon The Red Way initiative.



KEY BRAND MOMENTS

Increase key brand moments across the landscape of the club, this will enhance the sense of arrival.



WATER CAPTURE AND RETENTION

Using soft approaches like raingardens and swales to capture and retain water from hard landscaping and buildings to alleviate on-site and offsite flooding.



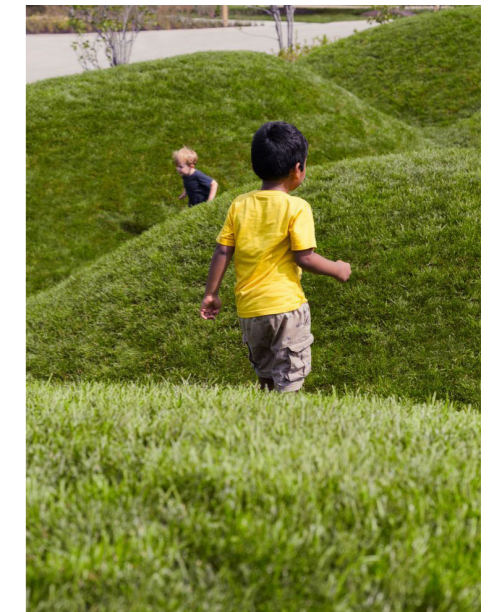
EXTENDING PLAY AND LEARNING

Increase areas for play and nature learning across site to support players and families journeys whilst visiting the Academy. These initiatives build upon the work the club undertakes as part of The Red Way.



UTILISING RECLAIMED AND SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS

Where it is possible prioritise the reuse of material to avoid it being taken off site. This could be through aggregate reuse and building up of mounds. Also prioritising more sustainable new materials.



1.1 MASTERPLAN

The Key moves of the landscape design are to improve legibility and sense of arrival to the Academy through improved vegetation strategy and hardworks palettes.

Provide replacement parking for the Academy car park being removed to accommodate the new indoor pitch alongside providing coach drop off and parking areas. Improvements to sustainable travel opportunities at the academy will be made by providing 14 electric vehicle charging bays as well as 15 covered and 7 uncovered cycle parking spaces.

Improvements to buffer and screening around Arbour Lane and Simonswood

Lane boundaries will work alongside additional hedging and tree planting around the new show pitch to improve privacy and wind mitigation for players and families.

A key area for improvement is the pedestrian arrival plaza between the Indoor facility and Academy Refurbishment and Ian Frodsham Arena. This will provide additional external seating, gardens and raingardens.

Key

1. Main academy entrance
2. Main car park
3. Coach parking
4. New car park
5. Arrival plaza
6. Main entrance
7. Maintenance access route
8. Habitat area
9. Family room social space
10. Service yard

