

# 1.1 HARDWORKS LOOK AND FEEL

The proposals focus material changes around the pedestrian plaza with cast in situ exposed aggregate concrete to the carriageway. This material has been chosen for its decorative aesthetic, and ability to be shaped to form cuts which build upon the detailing of the Liver Bird wings. It is also very hard wearing with simple maintenance achieved through jet washing.

Small formate concrete paving will define building edges and entrances to accentuate the pedestrian feel to these areas.

Concrete walls around the entrance will provide a smart edge to a raised planting bed able to be utilised for seating.

Secondary circulation routes are proposed to be a square format concrete block paver to tie into existing pedestrian routes on site. This provides an opportunity to reuse some of the existing paving from routes being removed for the new development.

Service routes to the back of the new indoor arena will be brushed in-situ concrete to tie in with servicing routes around the AXA, this is due to its durability and ease of maintenance.

Proposed car parking areas will reflect the existing road, these will be a hot rolled asphalt with red chippings.



**CONTRASTING COLOURS OF IN-SITU EXPOSED AGGREGATE CONCRETE**



**EXISTING SQUARE FORMAT CONCRETE PAVING**



**PATTERNS IN CONCRETE TO REFLECT BIRDS WING ABSTRACTION**



**IN-SITU EXPOSED AGGREGATE AGAINST CONCRETE WALL**



**DETAIL**



**WARM COLOURED CONCRETE PAVING**



**HOT ROLLED ASPHALT WITH RED CHIPPINGS**

# 1.1 SOFTWORKS STRATEGY

The site-wide softworks strategy aims to enhance legibility and establish a coordinated planting palette across the Academy. This will comprise a mix of native and non-native ornamental species, promoting pollinators, supporting drought-tolerant planting, and providing structural definition.

Key objectives include:









Increasing screening around the new show pitch, particularly along Arbour Lane and Simonswood Lane

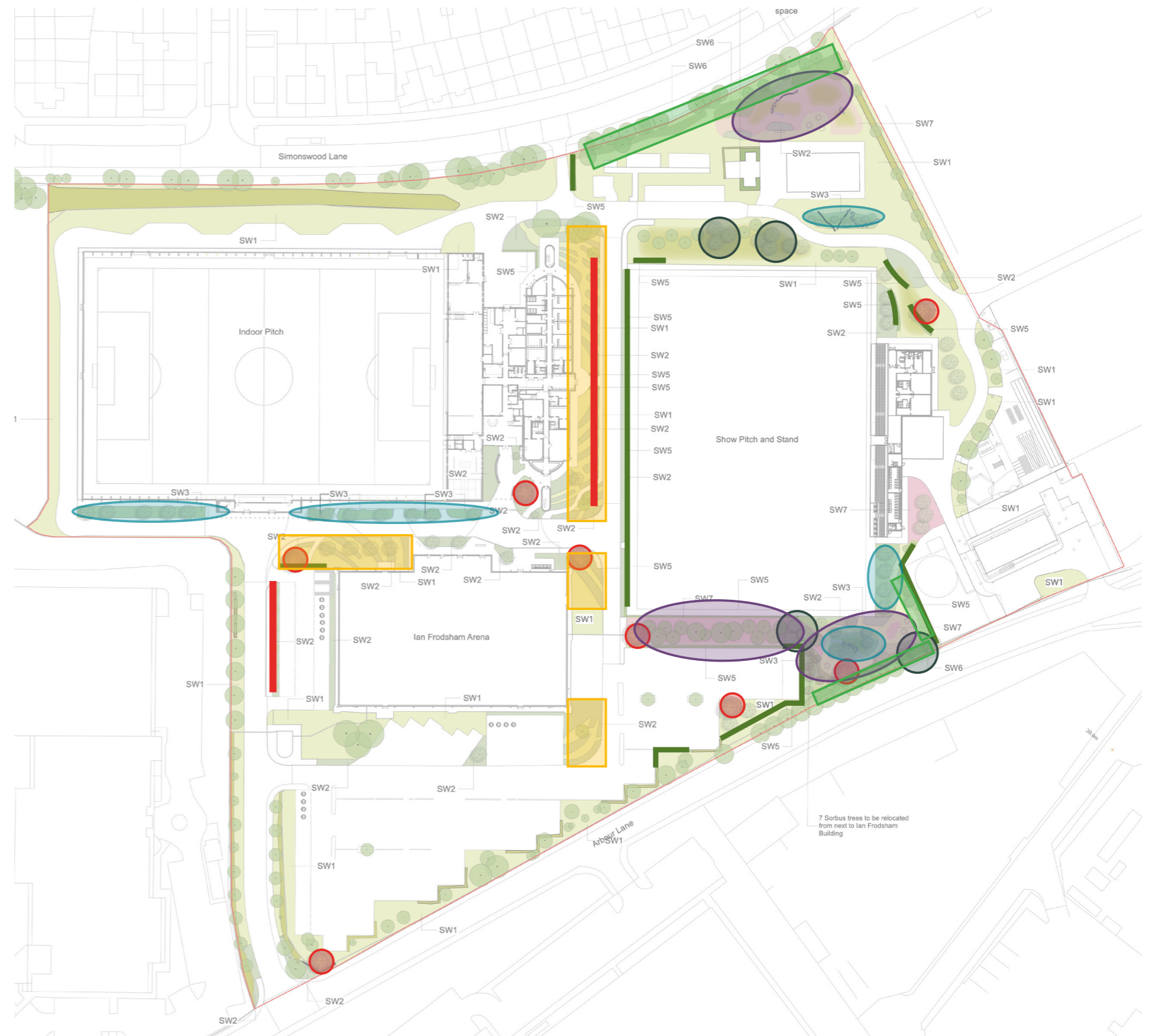
Introducing swales and rain gardens to support water retention and sustainable drainage

Creating varied biodiversity and habitat opportunities across the site

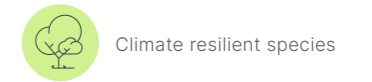
Planting of 70 new trees to enhance habitat and mitigate losses across site.

## Key

-  Proposed hedges to screen and improve wind mitigation
-  Proposed raingarden planting
-  Areas proposed of amenity planting integrated into mown lawn.
-  Wildflower areas
-  Feature trees
-  Proposed pines to increase screening
-  Avenues of formal planting to enhance arrival
-  Proposed biodiversity and buffer planting



# 1.1 TREES AND SPECIMENS LOOK AND FEEL



The proposed key tree species have been selected for their climate resilience, compatibility with the existing site palette across the Academy and AXA, and to reinforce the Liverpool Football Club identity, particularly through the strong red autumn foliage.

Consideration has also been given to leaf size and the number of pines, limiting larger species to reduce the risk of damage to maintenance equipment beneath the trees.

Carpinus betulus pillars have been chosen for their formal appearance, these will be paired against clipped domes of yew to provide high quality frontages to key areas.

The Prunus lusitanica hedge has been selected to tie in with the AXA as this has been very successful on site



**LEGACY TREES - LIQUIDAMBAR  
STYRACIFLUA**



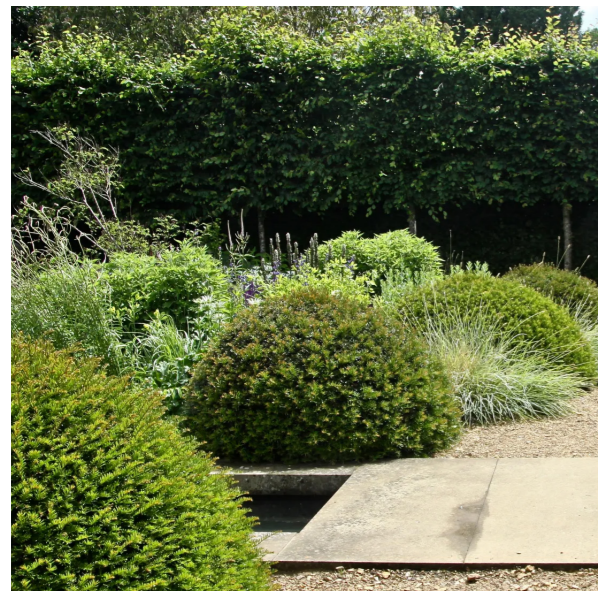
**LARGE TREES -FRAXINUS  
ANGUSTIFOLIA**



**SCREENING TREES - PINUS NIGRA**



**AVENUE TREES -ACER CAMPESTRE**



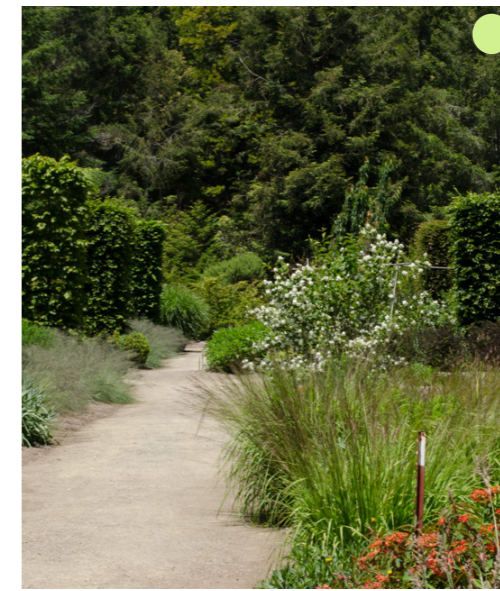
**CLIPPED TAXUS BACCATA DOMES**



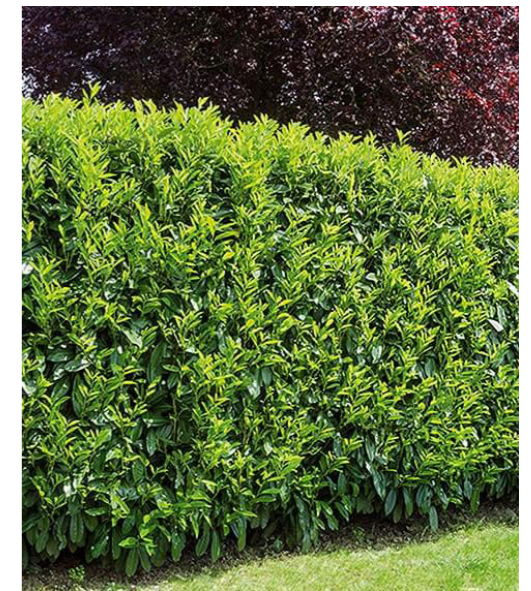
**SORBUS AUCUPARIA 'AUTUMN SPIRE'**



**AMELANCHIER LAMARKII**



**CARPINUS BETULUS PILLARS**



**EVERGREEN HEDGE - PRUNUS  
LUSITANICA**

# 1.1 SOFTWORKS LOOK AND FEEL

The softworks strategy combines formal and informal planting styles. Formal elements provide structure, while informal areas enhance biodiversity through a naturalistic approach, incorporating pollinator-friendly and colourful species.

Seasonality is a key feature, with autumn colour in trees, summer flowering meadows, and winter structure and evergreen planting, ensuring year-round interest and visual diversity.



Native meadow



Strong blocks of planting



Bands of planting



Hedge with planting in front



Raingardens



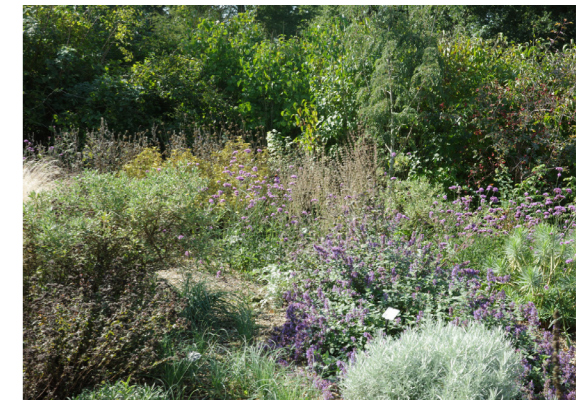
Raingardens



Clipped forms, structured planting



Formal and informal planting



Biodiversity areas planting


















# 1.1 FURNITURE STRATEGY

The furniture strategy includes a curved feature bench at the Academy entrance to reinforce a strong sense of arrival. Standard benches along the plaza viewing edges provide resting areas for spectators. In informal and nature areas, recycled picnic benches made from LFC pitch materials are proposed, offering flexible, communal seating that can be repositioned to suit the Club's requirements. All metal as part of proposed furniture will be powder coated the same grey as the buildings, and all timber proposed will be FSC certified.

A small section of fencing at the car park extension will match existing on-site fencing.

Play interventions will use natural materials, including boulders and timber stepping logs, with the potential to source timber from felled on-site trees where suitable.

## Key

	Extent of Works Boundary		F9 - Proposed legends panel
	F1 - Curved feature bench		F10 - Electric Vehicle Charging Bay
	F2 - Bench with backrest and armrest		F11 - Bug Hotel
	F3 - Picnic bench made from recycled pitch material		F12 - Bird Box
	F4 - Play boulders		F13 - Bee Post
	F5 - Play timber stepping logs		F14 - Nature/Sustainability interpretation element
	F6 - Play timber balance beams		F15 - Cycle Stand
	F7 - Existing fence		F16 - Cycle Parking Hub
	F8 - Proposed fence to match existing		

