

## ALDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Council Document

Radlett Gardens Working Party -- Agreement of tree planting to replace border trees to be removed.

AGENDA item 7b

Full Council Meeting 28 September 2022

### Background

Aldenham Parish Council (APC) set up a working party to liaise with the developers of the former petrol station site regarding the planning condition that states that the trees on the border of Radlett Gardens and the former petrol station are to be removed and replaced by the developer, subject to agreement by APC and Hertsmere ward councillors of the suitable replacements.

The working party met representative of the developer plus their landscape architect on 18 August 2022. Several options were discussed and also what trees would be removed.

The proposed plans are attached, the trees shown are

- Himalayan Birch - Betula jaquemontii tree : Planted height around 5m, Mature height and spread up to 12 metres by 8 metres.
- Whitebeam - Sorbus Aria tree : Mature height and spread up to 8-12 metres.
- Crab apple - Malus evereste tree : Mature height and spread up to 4-8 metres

These will provide structure, canopy layer and wildlife benefit whilst linking to the existing trees. Whilst they will not hide the building (which will have a flint wall at its base) it will detract from views to new building and add visual depth to the park area. They are also native and climate resilient trees chosen to reflect the existing species in the locality.

### Recommendations

- a) That APC agree to the removal of the existing conifer and sycamore trees on the border down stump level initially, with full removal once the electricity substation is relocated from the network rail site on the edge of Radlett Gardens to within the former petrol station site.
- b) That the developer confirms that electricity will still be supplied to the telecoms site on Radlett Gardens (the cable is linked from the sub-station)
- c) Recommend that the trees suggested as replacement are agreed.
- d) That Hertsmere Borough Council ward councillors are informed of this recommendation as well as Hertsmere planning department.

### Financial Implications

There are no financial implications to APC as this is a planning obligation for the developer.

### Risk Management Implications

Members of the public may question why APC have agreed to remove the trees. As this was a planning condition that the trees will be removed there may be implications if, at this stage APC refuse to cooperate regarding removal of the trees. These trees are also on the mature side and will need probable works in the future at a cost to be borne by APC. There are more trees being replaced than are existing on the site. If the trees are to be chipped then this can be used in other areas on the parish for footpaths etc.

Members are asked to consider this report.  
Peter Evans (Council Manager).

# Landscape tree proposal for Radlett Gardens, Watling Street



Himalayan Birch - *Betula jaquemontii*

Proposed new ornamental trees chosen  
for growth habit, visual qualities,  
native descent, wildlife benefit  
and seasonality

From left clockwise to right:

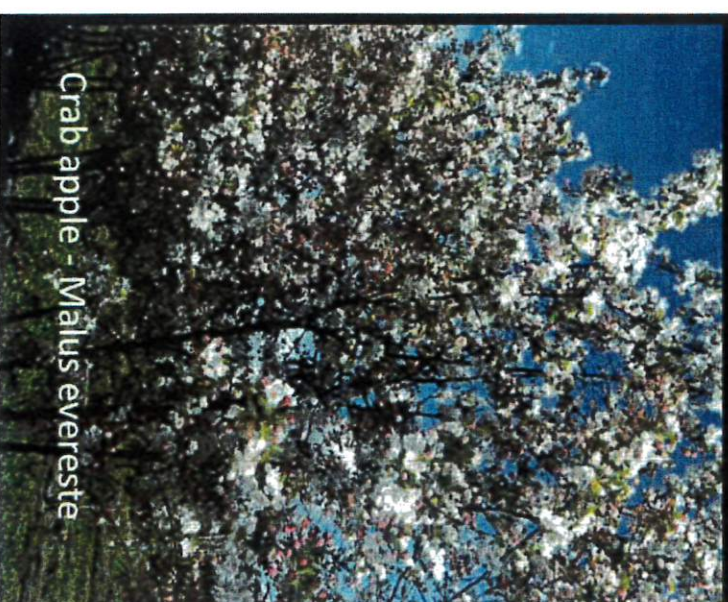
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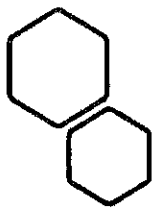
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Whitebeam - *Sorbus aria*



Crab apple - *Malus evereste*

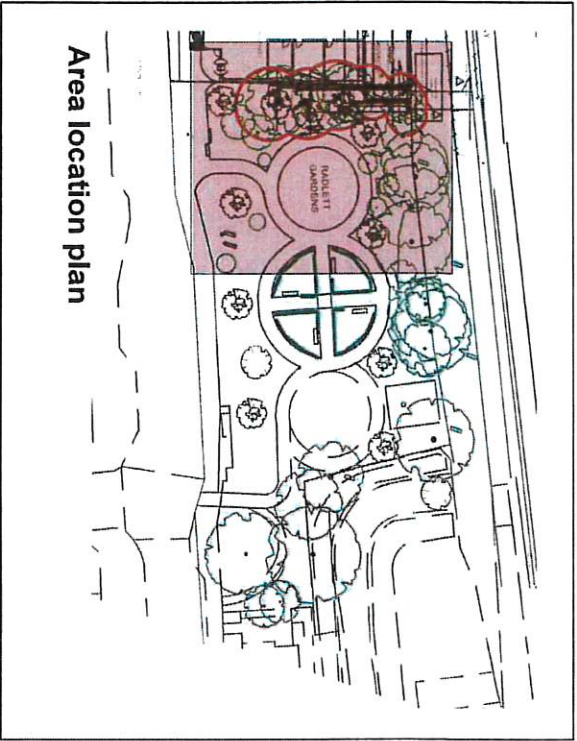


## Existing park views

- Top two images show site boundary conifer 'hedge' trees on the left hand side proposed for removal
- Views of areas where trees will benefit the spaces
- New trees will bring lighter visual qualities and better scale than the existing conifers
- Ornamental trees within the park space will add depth, structure, seasonality and wildlife interest







Area location plan



Existing mature Conifer tree  
hedge-line due for removal  
along Western boundary.  
All other existing trees to remain  
within the park area, with  
replacement trees shown on  
tree proposal plans.

Key



Existing tree



Tree for removal

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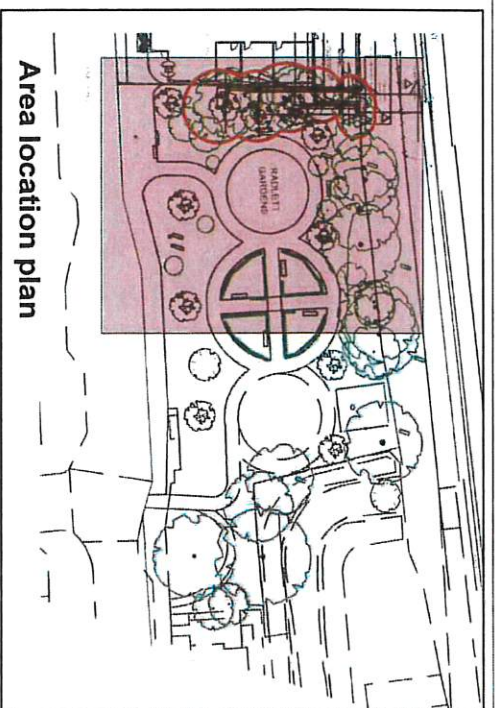
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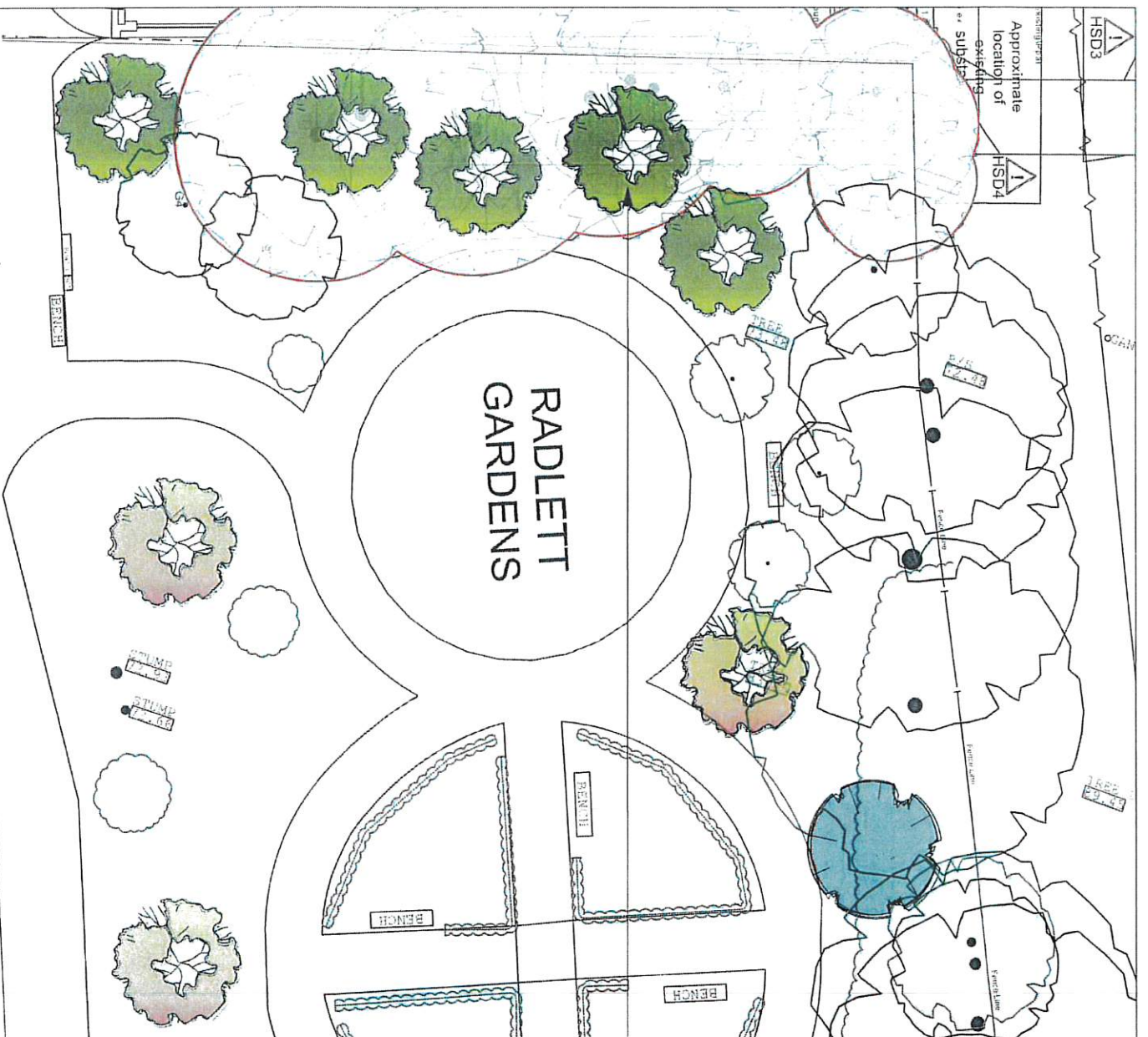
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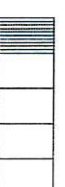
Area location plan



Proposed new trees selected for ornamental value and to add appropriate canopy layer to the park

- Key**
- Existing tree
  - Tree removed
  - New tree - Himalayan birch
  - New tree - Crab apple
  - New tree - White beam

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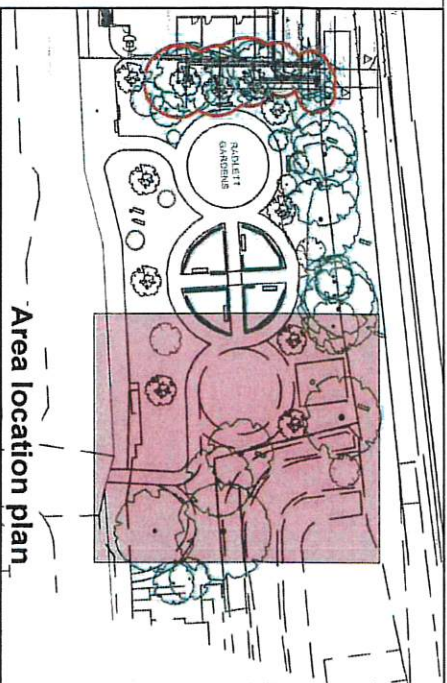
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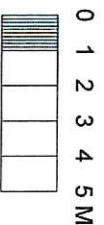


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Plan 2

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