



SMESTOW WOODLAND AND BROOK

A HEATH MILL ROAD

The proposed Prime Oak site lies down Heath Mill Road, a relatively large straight highway of large industrial factories and brick built offices blocks. The eastern side of the road is characterised by a row of mature lime trees and this character is intended to be mirrored on the site to enhance the experience for staff and visitors when approaching the site.

B SITE FRONTAGE

An 'instant' yew hedge is proposed along the site frontage that will maintain a neat year round screen to the car park that would could grow to some 4m and 'soften' any visual impact from the proposed security fence. Yew will thrive in the sub-optimal soils and provides an ideal source of food and shelter for a variety of birds.

C SMESTOW BROOK AND WOODLAND

The existing deciduous woodland and neighbouring public right of way sits around 4m lower than the existing site so views into the site are heavily obscured. From the wider landscape, the mature woodland provides a screen to the dwellings in Smestow. Grassland scrub vegetation along the western boundary is cut back to admit the new security fence and storage area.

D NORTHERN BOUNDARY

Existing self-set pioneer tree species of a poor quality category C (ash and pear) are removed to permit the proposed racking area for wood storage. A new paladin security fence is proposed to replace the existing concrete post and mesh fence with barbed top. Dense evergreen shrubs, suggested pyracantha, will climb the fence and form a 'screen' to the neighbouring car park whilst lower growing spikey shrubs strengthen this boundary.

E SOUTHERN BOUNDARY AND FOOTPATH

The dilapidated fences along the southern boundary that run alongside the public right of way are removed and replaced with a new neat paladin security fence. Existing self-set pioneer tree species of a poor quality Category C (birch and sycamore) are removed and wood reused on site for its habitat value in keeping with the ethos of the Prime Oak business. The southern side of the building is gravelled to provide a tidy finish that is easily maintainable.

PROPOSED EXTERNAL
STORAGE AREA

DELIVERY YARD

PROPOSED
PRIME OAK
FACTORY

F PRIME OAK FACTORY AND DELIVERY AREA

The proposed factory building sits in the centre of the site and screens the majority of views to the rear delivery area from Heath Mill Road. The proposal includes outdoor electric charging points for vehicles.

G FACTORY ENTRANCE

A high quality paved 'plaza' forms a clear entrance to the factory covered by a large cantilevered canopy. The space is highlighted and enclosed by two proposed large stock size (20-25cmg) fastigate oak trees which have a restricted crown spread to maintain views of building frontage. A low growing hedge provides formality and an extra 'cue to care'. Large stylish pots with colourful shrubs sit at regular intervals in front of the buildings glazed frontage. A celebratory sculpture in the centre of the space provides a focal point when approaching from different directions. Cycle parking is provided opposite the front entrance and is well overlooked from the offices to aid passive surveillance. Some outdoor seating is provided to allow staff and visitors a place to eat their lunch outdoors.

H CAR PARK PLANTING

The frequent movement of heavy goods vehicles means the car park planting is designed to be robust and give an instant groundcover. Proposed native large stock sized trees in the northern end of the car park, including fastigate oaks, line the entrance road and create some visual separation for visitors from delivery vehicles. All the removed trees are of a poor quality so new stock provides the opportunity to significantly improve the quality of trees on site.

J PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

The proposed pedestrian access route leads directly from the front entrance of the building to Heath Mill Road, encouraging and aiding the movement of staff to walk to Wombourne and the nearby shops.

K NEW LIME GROUP

A group of seven new large lime trees (18-20cmg) echoes the lime avenue on the other side of Heath Mill Road and provide more of a screen to the factory behind. These trees sit in a bed of new native woodland shrub planting containing more ornamental species such as hazel, dogwood and ivy that creates an area of rich habitat value.

L HABITAT FEATURES

Felled timber and brash from removed trees is re-used in new and existing woodland areas as habitat features for invertebrates and small mammals including hedgehogs to provide increasingly rare 'standing dead wood' habitat. Interpretation panels across the site explain the function of this material to staff and visitors who may be unfamiliar with this sort of 'ecological' design.

MCCAIN FOODS

M FEATURE PINE TREE

A large feature pine tree (20-25cmg) at the entrance is visible to everyone who passes by. The pine is to be lit up to create a landmark on the road frontage and adds balance to the up-lighting on the totem sign on the opposite side of the entrance.

NOTES:

1. Initial issue based on HSSP Architects data 7983_X001_Site Plan.dwg.
2. For arboricultural information, refer to Brindle and Green's Arboricultural Impact Assessment Survey and Report.

REVISIONS:

- Initial Issue: 14th November 2019.
- A 6th December 2019/je. Revised to match HSSP Architects drawing 7983-03-003PI_A0_Proposed Site Plan.
- B 9th December 2019/je. Entrance surface treatment altered following Architect's comment.

HEATH MILL ROAD, WOMBOURNE

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