

# 4/ Site Design: Building 455, 457 and Canopy Link

## 4.10 Planting Strategy

### Tree Strategy

Following a review of the existing trees on the site with the Council's Tree Officer, it was noted that proposals for tree loss should be made within the context of a wider tree replacement / planting strategy to establish tree cover and health for Heyford Park going forward in the longer term.

As a result, the Tree Planting Strategy has been developed to provide selected tree species which will complement the character and quality of the development as well as contribute to the overall tree health and canopy cover across the wider Heyford Park.

### Village Square

Due to the increased density of the development around the village centre, the building massing has been pulled closer together along Camp Road and around the Village Square. These spaces start to form a more urban context into which tree planting has been introduced to break up the hardscape. Use of species like Amelanchier and Ginkgo provide scale, colour and shade for pedestrians to enjoy as they relax in these public spaces.

### Courtyard Parking

To the west and to the east of the site are located 2 ancillary parking courtyards. These spaces have been designed to include shrub and tree planting along the edges of the parking areas to soften the large areas of hard standing and create a countryside garden / courtyard atmosphere to complement the central Village Square space. The trees planted into these spaces will have good branch structure and light canopies. The selection of Betula, Alnus and Amelanchier also provide variation in leaf and flower colour which will animate the spaces during different seasons.

### Village Green

Around the Village Green, a circle of semi-mature trees has been proposed which surround the open green space and provide shelter to the surrounding houses. To the north of the Village Green a new line of Ginkgo biloba trees is proposed to provide structure, shade and seasonal interest to the Brasserie Terrace area.

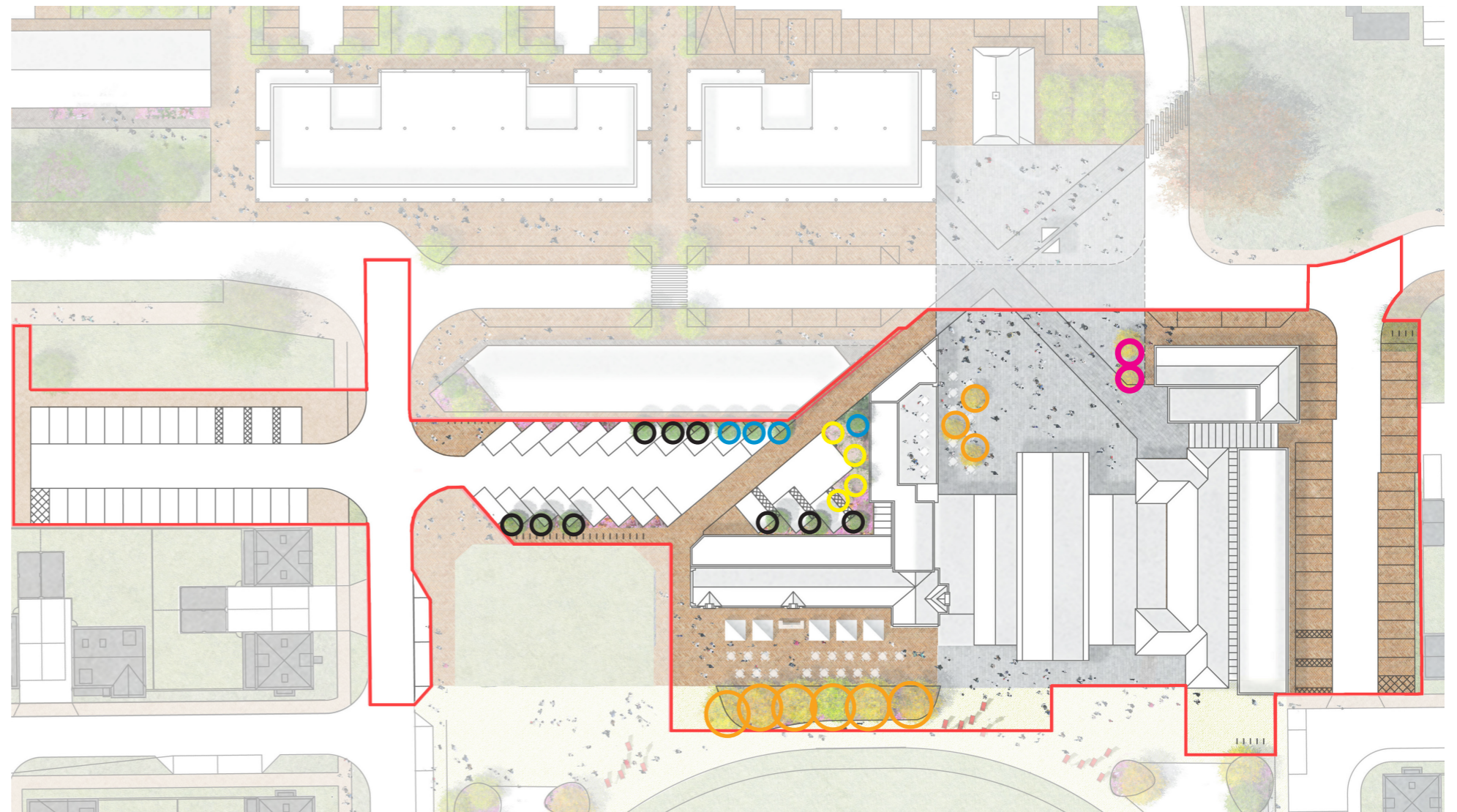
### Specification & Planting Notes

Tree species and planting methodology will be specified to a significant size and are planted in a manner to ensure their successful establishment and health in the long term. All plants shall conform to BS 3936 and National Planting Specification standards. Supplying nurseries shall be registered under the HTA Nursery Certification Scheme.

### Tree Planting Proposed

- 09 - Ginkgo biloba
- 02 - Gleditsia sunburst
- 04 - Amelanchier lamarckii multi-stem
- 09 - Betula pendula dalecarlica
- 04 - Alnus glutinosa 'imperialis'

28 Trees in total proposed



Tree Strategy Plan



Amelanchier lamarckii multistem or similar approved



Gleditsia sunburst or similar approved



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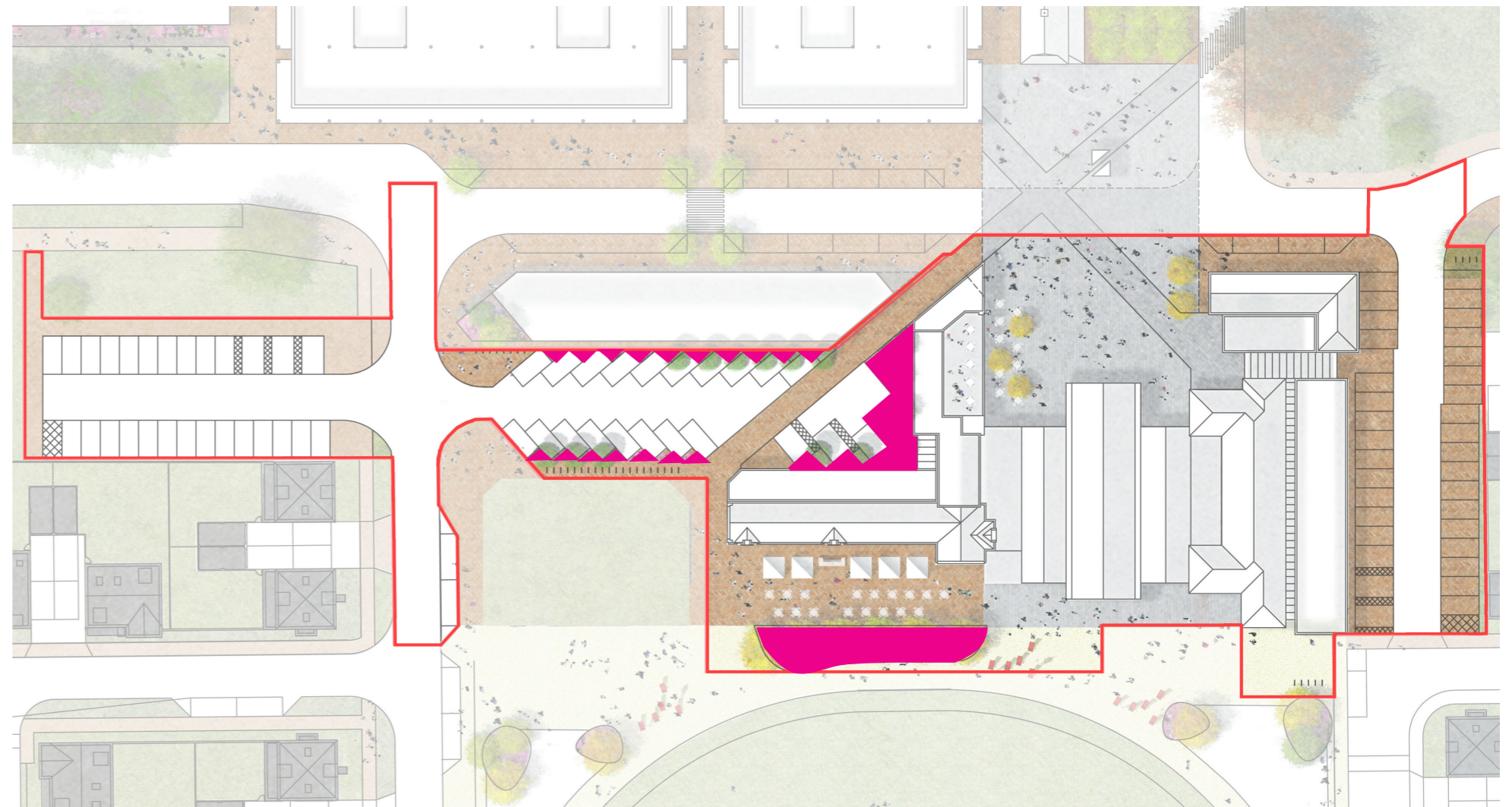
#### Public Realm Amenity Landscape

The landscape design of the village centre focuses much of the planting on the ancillary space of the car park located to the west of Building 457. This space is set back from the main vehicle movements along Camp Road and has the opportunity to be quieter and more garden like in character.

One of the main sources of inspiration for the plant selection has come from connecting the restaurant offering in the buildings and looking to the ideas of a modern Brasserie & Pub garden which is interspersed with an good palette of amenity shrub planting. With this in mind, the plants provide year round interest through scent, leaf colour, leaf texture or seasonal flowering.

Species would include (or similar approved):

- 01 *Hypericum hidcote*
- 02 *Perovskia 'Blue Spire'*
- 03 *Panicum virgatum*
- 04 *Salvia officinalis purpurea*
- 05 *Allium schoenoprasum*
- 06 *Sarrococca hoeriana*
- 07 *Calamagrostis x acutifolia 'Rubrum'*
- 08 *Santolina chamaecyparissus*
- 09 *Rosmarinus officinalis*



Shrub Planting Strategy



Shrub Planting Beds