LANDSCAPE MASTERPLAN



- Arrival Court: a simple and flexible space to accommodate domestic and agricultural vehicle movement. The primary surface is recommended as a versatile macadam for practicality and endurance, bound by a generous band of high-quality stone setts which complement and reflect building materials. The restrained materials palette reflects the rural setting whilst sensitively creating cohesion between the various structures to reinforce arrival in the heart of the estate.
- Dwelling Entrances: at each residential entrance a generous paved threshold de-marks a distinction between vehicle and pedestrian spaces. The main house includes a more generous paved threshold to reinforce the property hierarchy. Either side of each entrance a simple palette of plants provides animation and seasonal interest.
- Primary Entrance: a generous threshold of stone setts combinied with a low wall and piers reinforces arrival and containment of the Arrival Court.
- Cattle Grids: provide fluid access for vehicles and quad bikes between the arrival court, buildings and wider estate, whilst containing field stock. Access to the quad store from the adjacent paddocks utilizes a cattle grid to provide quick paddock access.
- A simple return and extension of the existing stock fence improves the arrival setting of the main house.
- A small arrival space with cattle grid provides fluid quad access between the arrival court and paddocks beyond.
- A simple intimate lawn below the northern boundary of trees provides a green backdrop and tranquil view from the primary living space and gym windows. In this space where direct sunlight is limited, views are encouraged to the wider landscape and space beyond. A glimpsed view from the gym along a stepping stone path draws views to the adjacent kitchen garden.
- The kitchen garden is retained in the current location which benefits from the south west aspect and a visual connection to the house as a positive landscape feature. A low evergreen hedge provides containment and shelter which could be wrapped by border of scented plants and seasonal herbs. The existing walls of the walled garden are kept clear of planting to ensure their character contributes to the landscape experience.
- Summer Terrace: the south facing aspect is utilized for a generous summer terrace with potential future summer house. Both the terrace and summer house are positioned as a key visual focus from the glazed gable end.
- Potential future summer house.
- Informal mown footpaths through a wild flower meadow, orchard and nuttery. Footpaths are introduced on key vistas from the house and garden to create intrigue and visual interest.
- Small mown clearing and informal seating with potential to enjoy midday sun in seclusion.
- Wild-flower meadow under planted with bulbs for naturalizing and seasonal interest. Management would be limited to seasonal actions.
- 14 Informal layout and groupings of fruit and nut bearing species.
- West facing terrace for evening entertaining sheltered by the building wings from wind.
- Reinforce the estate heart and approaching arrival court with a simple macadam drive flanked by a band of high-quality stone setts. Cattle grids and materials reinforce the sense of arrival.
- Specimen tree planting in the wider paddock softens the view and transition between woodland blocks, orchard and garden.

