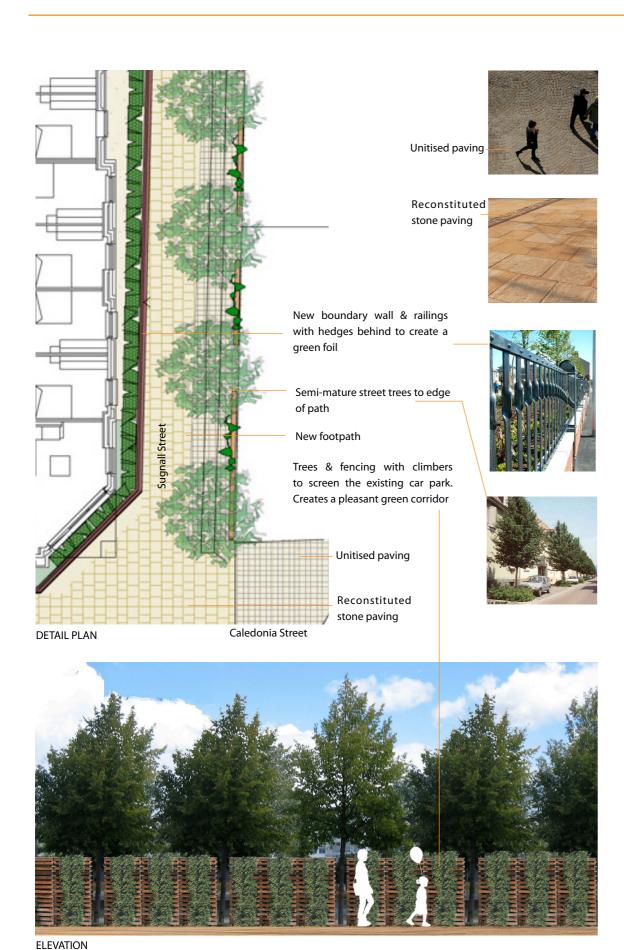
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DELIVERING A QUALITY ENVIRONMENT

The landscape design detailed opposite clearly sets out the intention to deliver a high quality public realm adjacent to the new development. The proposals describe our approach to the street scene improvements.

ADJACENT STREETS

The proposed development includes a high quality, uplifted public realm scheme which extends beyond the boundaries of the development in order to ensure it is fully integrated into the surrounding environment. The proposed uplifted materials palette within the site will go some way to raising the quality of future street improvements in the vicinity. Unitised paving is proposed in lieu of flexible materials to not only safe guard against potential future access to below ground servicing but provide a more robust, easily maintained and aesthetic surface finish for all paths surrounding the development which is in line with the Liverpool Public Realm Design Guide. The materials have been chosen to complement & enhance the conservation area that the site sits within, whilst also unifying the perimeter to the development.

Drop off & servicing bays will have modular units in order to integrate them with the street scene & create a high quality surface

All such works on adopted land will be designed and installed to adoptable standards to create a safe and robust environment.

STREET TREES

A number of semi mature trees (up to 6m in height) are to be planted along the edge of the existing car park, along the new pedestrian footpath between Falkner & Caledonia Streets, helping to animate the street. The trees will add an instant impact, help to screen the car park & add human scale, creating a pleasant avenue walkway. Upright, fastigiate tree species are proposed for the Caledonia Street frontage to provide screening to bedrooms and also to animate the streetscene but will be subject to final approval from LCC Trees and Woodland Manager.

Hedging along the new footpath side of the development will provide a green envelope to the development & enhance the greening of the footpath. The perimeter of the scheme will feature high quality low stone walls and railings to integrate with the character of the area.

Tree planting species will be selected to add seasonal interest around the development, diversifying the character of the streets throughout the year. Providing avenues of trees in this way may also add to the biodiversity value of the site and may go some way to providing wider foraging lines for local wildlife.

IMPROVING PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS

A key component of the proposal will be the reintroduction of a pedestrian footpath between Falkner Street & Caledonia Street. Sugnall Street had been an adopted highway back in history but was de-allocated and used as a private car park. The new footpath will feature high quality unitised paving to complement & enhance the conservation area. Semi-mature trees & fencing with climbing plants will screen the car park, creating a pleasant green avenue to walk down. The other side of the footpath will feature high quality low height wall with railings & hedge behind, the green envelope to the new development, whilst also enhancing the Georgian character of the area.