

The canal in this part of the city is set below street level with pedestrian and cycle access provided by steps and ramps. These access points provide space for incidental planting of trees and other soft landscaping. The building proposed for extension/alteration is adjacent to this important canal corridor.

Soft landscaping provides biodiversity, shade and an attractive softening of the urban area. The approved development resulted in the removal of some trees, but improved interaction between the upper and lower pedestrian areas.

The Trust advised the LPA that the landscaping of the proposal needed to be dealt with carefully to avoid the creation of a barren area or the severing of the link to the wider ecological infrastructure.

The Trust also had a project for this area to provide a better environment for both ecology and people through the creative use of both native and horticultural plants. This included looking to plant orchard trees, scented climbers and provide soft landscaping within the urban environment to create interaction for people, and nature.

The landscaping areas proposed within the scheme provided space to achieve this through careful choice of species.

The Trust requested a soft landscaping condition that promoted a Trust project for planting wildflowers along the canals and an appropriate condition was attached to the planning permission by the LPA.



Landscaping using a careful choice of species provides opportunities for improved biodiversity. The Trust can provide advice to assist with this.

LPA's and Developers can help to provide landscaping within the urban setting to create an inviting canalside area that people and wildlife want to use.