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Appendices

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Background and Purpose

This document is a Design Code for the Simplified Planning Zone (SPZ). It sets out a series of design criteria which are to be used to deliver high-quality design across the SPZ.

The Design Code has been prepared by SEGRO and applies to development within the boundary being brought forward under the SPZ. This boundary is defined in the SPZ document.

The Design Code is part of the SPZ, and must be read in conjunction with the SPZ document and associated documents.

All imagery included within the Design Code is for the purposes of example illustrations only. They must not be interpreted as a specific design approach to be used.

1.2 Design Code Application

The Design Code provides criteria to be used in developing the design approach for individual development sites. Application of the Code to development sites will ensure that the design response for these sites is appropriate to their context.

Any new development being brought forward under the SPZ must comply with the Design Code criteria contained herein. However, it should be noted that Appendix 6 of the SPZ sets out the criteria of the Design Code which do not apply to certain types of development and therefore the Design Code should be read in conjunction with Appendix 6.

1.3 How to Use This Document

The diagram on the right provides an overview on how to use this document. Further explanation is provided in the text below.

Section 2.0 defines the Street Type. This is the starting point for understanding the design criteria that follow in subsequent chapters.

Refer to the Street Type plan to check which Street Type applies to the specific development site. A plot boundary (or boundaries) that adjoins a specific Street Type means that type applies to the development, and therefore which design criteria should be referred to for the development.

Where a development site has plot boundaries:

That align with more than one Street Type, such as on a corner where two street types meet, then the Principal Frontage is always the higher order street type. I.e. if one boundary is on a Primary Street and another on a Secondary Street, then the Principal Frontage is the one on the Primary Street.

- That align with the same Street Type on more than one street, such as on a corner where two Primary Streets meet, then the designer will need to make decision as to which is the Principal Frontage. A justification of that decision must be provided.
- That do not adjoin any Street Type then the design criteria in this document do not apply, although it is important to note that the requirements in the SPZ Planning Conditions including the Design-related conditions still apply (e.g. conditions which control plot density, percentage of landscape treatment for plots etc.)

Section 3.0 provides flow charts for each Street Type.

Refer here to identify the design criteria which apply to a development site, based on the relevant Street Type(s). There are two parts to each flow chart; built form design, and landscape design. These two parts reflect the way design criteria are set out in subsequent chapters.

Part A describes the design criteria that apply in relation to Built Form Design. This describes the detail of criteria relating to: Setback Line; built form; elevations; entrances, doors & windows; and rooftop plant, plant gantries, substations & multi-storey car parks.

Part B describes the design criteria that apply in relation to Landscape Design. This describes the detail of criteria relating to: soft landscape; boundary treatments; water management; and a sustainability checklist.

The diagram overleaf provides a sample page layout, with typical information and how to use it.

Various details referred to in Part B are provided in appendices:

- Appendix B1 provides details of species of planting that can be used in Landscape Strips, per Street Type.
- Appendix B2 provides details of water management criteria.





boundaries boundaries adjoining the same street type street types

adjoining one adjoining different street type



The highest order identifies which of street type is the is the Principal Principal Frontage

The designer

Frontage.

adjoining the



PART A: BUILT FORM

PART B: LANDSCAPE







1. Identify location of the development plot in relation to the Street Type Plan

2. Identify all the **plot** boundaries that adjoin streets



No plot boundary adjoining any street type - the Design Code does not apply here



The plot boundary street type is the Principal Frontage

There is no Principal Frontage - the Design Code does not apply here

3. Identify which street type applies to those boundaries. Examples of different situations that could occur are illustrated to the left.

4. Identify the **principal** and non-principal frontages.

5. Apply the Built Form design criteria, noting that in most cases these apply to the Principal Frontage

6. Apply the Landscape design criteria, noting that in most cases these apply to both principal and non principal frontages

Sample page layout showing typical information and how to use it





1.4 Glossary

The following terms are used within this document.

Base - the lowermost portion of a building incorporating the ground floor, and potentially additional floors, depending on building height.

Boundary Treatment - design feature which demarcates property boundary, such as a fence, wall, hedge, or knee-rail.

Building Form - the elements of the building that define its overall shape, size, proportions and profile, considering it as a three-dimensional volume.

Building Frontage - a building elevation relating to a street.

Cap - architectural trim on the uppermost part of a building's elevation, which provides a neat finish when viewed from street, e.g. a special material treatment on the top edge of facade or on rooftop parapet.

Crown - the uppermost portion of a building.

Inset - part of the Building Form that steps back from the Principal Frontage. An Inset must be no less than 20% and no more than 30% of the length of the building's frontage.

Landscape Strip - area of soft landscape that runs parallel to the street along and within the adjoining plot boundary, located at the back of the footway within the plot boundary. The Landscape Strip is primarily to be used for planting, however it can also include:

- Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) features of various types of elements, as described in Appendix B2.
- Various items such as street furniture, signage, wayfinding, lighting and public art.
- Utilities, both below and above ground.
- Crossovers for vehicular and pedestrian access points.
- Cycle infrastructure, in selected locations on Buckingham Avenue (depending on other design work being undertaken to upgrade cycling provisions along here).

Building elements that step forward of the Setback Line, excluding entrance canopies, (e.g. Projections or entrances as per design criteria requirements) must not compromise the minimum depth of the Landscape Strip.

Mass / Massing - the combined effect of the arrangement, volume, and shape of a building or group of buildings.

Mid - the portion of a building between the Base and Crown.

Non-Principal Frontage - a development elevation or elevations relating to a plot boundary of the street which has been identified as not the main street type using the steps at 1.3.

Plant Gantry - a frame structure to support and surround a building's plant and related equipment with cladding to achieve appropriate airflow.

Principal Frontage - a development elevation or elevations relating to a plot boundary of the street which has been identified as the main street type using the steps at 1.3.

Projection - part of the Building Form that steps forward from the Principal Frontage, excluding entrance canopies. A Projection must be no less than 20% and no more than 30% of the length of the building's frontage.

Return Frontage - the elevation of a building which wraps around a corner.

Setback Line - the line which the Building Frontage must be located on or behind, with the exception of Projections or Insets.

2.0 Street Type Plan



3.0 Process of Applying Design Criteria

3.1 Where Street Type = Bath Road







3.2 Where Street Type = Primary Street







3.3 Where Street Type = Secondary Street







3.4 Where Street Type = Tertiary Street



PART A: BUILT FORM



4.0 Setback Line

20m in length.



stores) that are not part of the main building and are less than 10m in height are not subject to the minimum gap requirement.



6.0 Elevations

Street Type:	Bath Road	Primary	Secondary
6.1 Layering Applies to Principal Frontage of all new development	 E.g. expressing building Base, Mid, and Crown All buildings must use design treatments that are complementary but visually different to present a strong hierarchy of layers to the street. Visual differentiation must be achieved using a combination of the following treatments: A) strongly expressed structural elements, B) contrasting but complementary colour or material treatments, C) rhythm of fenestration or other expressions of solid and void. 	 Figure 10 and 10	— Same crit
Applies to Principal Frontage of all new development 10m to 20m in height	Buildings between 10 and 20m in height must differentiate between the Base (the ground floor) and upper floors. They must incorporate a defined Cap (e.g. louvres, material trim or parapet design treatment on top of the building) that provides a simple roof profile. The Cap must have a minimum height of 1m.	Same criteria applies	Same crit
Applies to Principal Frontage of all new development over 20m in height	Buildings over 20m in height must differentiate between the Base (typically ground, or ground plus first floor depending on building height, approximately 20% of the height of the building elevation as measured from floor level of ground floor,), Mid-level floors, and the top / Crown of building (uppermost storey(s) and/or rooftop area, approximately 20% of the height of the building elevation). The Crown must be expressed as an independent element achieved by either architectural treatments A), B) or C) as described above, and/or a step back of Crown volume along its Principal Frontage by 2 to 3m. The Crown must have a simple roof profile. E.g. expressing building Base, Mid, and Crown in buildings over 20m high	Buildings over 20m in height must differentiate between the Base (typically ground, or ground plus first floor depending on building height, approximately 20% of the height of the building elevation as measured from floor level of ground floor), Mid-level floors, and the top / Crown of building (uppermost storey(s) and/or rooftop area, approximately 20% of the height of the building elevation). The Crown must be expressed as an independent element achieved by either architectural treatments A) or B) as described above, and/or a step back of Crown volume along its Principal Frontage by 2 to 3m. The Crown must have a simple roof profile. E.g. expressing building Base, Mid, and Crown in buildings over 20m high	Same cr



Street Type:	Bath Road	Primary	Secondar
6.2 Colour Palette	 Above the following height thresholds, building elevation materials must be of a colour(s) below: Along Bath Road: all buildings over 15m in height (above ground level). Applies to the Along southern boundary of the SPZ, west of Dover Road: all buildings over 15m in the part of the façade above 15m. Elsewhere: all buildings over 20m in height (above ground level). Applies to the part of buildings over 20m in height (above ground level). Applies to the part of buildings below the height thresholds set out above go straight to the note under Guidance is set out in 6 steps and must be read in entirety in the following order: Step 1-Step 3- Elevation Direction, Step 4- Building Crown, Step 5- Building Elevational Length ar 	e part of the façade above 15m. height (above ground level). Applies to of the façade above 20m. er Step 6- Adjacent Buildings. Location, Step 2- Height of Building,	Same cr
	To the north of the railway line Colour Palette - 1 To the south of the railway line Colour Palette - 2 Palette 1 must be used Image: Colour Palette - 1 Image: Colour Palette - 2 Step 2 - Height of the building: • 25m or less: Any colour from the relevant colour palette can be used in conjunction • Greater than 25m: See Elevation Direction and Building Crown below.	on with 6.1 Layering. Go to Step 5.	
	Step 3 - Elevation Direction (for building heights greater than 25m): • Northern and western elevations: must use colours from the left-hand side of the r • Southern and eastern elevations: must use colours from the right-hand side of the Colour Palette - 1 Image: Colour Palette - 2 I	•	
	 Step 4 - Building Crown (for building heights greater than 25m): A paler colour from the relevant palette must be used for the crown than for the rest of a Road and along southern boundary of the SPZ, west of Dover Road or above 20m elsewh 6.1c, the crown may use a mixture of solid and void which results in a paler perceived constrained by the second sec	here. Alternatively, subject to section blour. Thern boundary of the SPZ, west asible, changes in colour should	





Street Type:

Bath Road

Primary

Secondary

6.4 Architectural Lighting

Applies to Principal Frontage of all new development





Buildings along Bath Road **must sensitively integrate simple** and discrete architectural lighting within the elevation design on the Principal Frontage in such a way as to reveal some of the detail, materiality and rhythm and provide visual interest during hours of darkness.

Lighting colour temperature must be suitable to provide warm white lighting. Typically this will be 3000K, however some variance may be required according to the colour of elevation materials being illuminated.

The majority of the elevation lighting must be white light, however buildings with elevations addressing gateways (the corner of Leigh Road and the corner of Dover Road, as defined in SPZ Plan 2) should incorporate accent lighting in another colour(s) on these elevations.

All architectural lighting must be designed to **avoid light pollution via overspill** into landscape or the night sky.

All architectural lighting must be **controlled via an automated lighting control system** (e.g. to automatically switch on at dusk and switch off at an agreed curfew time).



E.g. precedent image for illustration purposes only.

Buildings along Buckingham Avenue with a Principal Frontage on Buckingham Avenue and Return Frontage on another primary street or secondary street (key junction corners, as defined in SPZ Plan 2) **must sensitively integrate simple and discrete architectural lighting within the elevation design on these frontages** in such a way as to reveal some of the detail, materiality and rhythm and provide visual interest during hours of darkness.

Lighting colour temperature must be suitable to provide warm white lighting. Typically this will be 3000K, however some variance may be required according to the colour of elevation materials being illuminated.

All architectural lighting must be designed to **avoid light pollution via overspill** into landscape or the night sky.

All architectural lighting must be controlled via an automated lighting control system (e.g. to automatically switch on at dusk and switch off at an agreed curfew time).

Not applicable



7.0 Entrances, Doors & Windows



8.0 Rooftop Plant, Plant Gantries, Substations & Multi Storey Car Parks (MSCPs)



Street Type:	Bath Road	Primary	Secondary
8.2 Plant Gantries <i>Applies to</i> <i>Principal Frontage</i> <i>of all new</i> <i>development</i>	Plant gantries must not be located on Bath Road principal frontages	For plant gattries following expression of main building yet with complementary but subservient cloar, using simple mesh which follows expression of main building. For Plant gattries following expression of main building yet with complementary but subservient cloar, using simple mesh which follows expression of main building. For Plant gattries following expression of main building yet with complementary but subservient cloar, using simple mesh which follows expression of main building. For Plant gattries following expression of main building. For Plant gattries following design does not follow. For plant gattries following for plant building. For plant gattries following for plant gattries in a complementary coloury. For plant gattries following for plant gattries or simple mesh with regular structural grides.	All plant and a treatments m mesh with reg grid.
8.3 Substations Applies to Principal Frontage of all new development	Substations must not be located on Bath Road principal frontages	E.g. substations following expression of main building. Substations located on the Principal Frontage must be designed to use complementary but subservient materials and colours (e.g. louvres or perforated metal screens in complementary colour) with respect to the main building's elevation / façade design treatment and integrate with the overall design language of the development.	All substation masonry cons detail within b to provide visu





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Same criteria applies

PART B: LANDSCAPE



9.0 Soft Landscape

Street Type:	Bath Road	Primary	Secondary	Tertiary
9.1 On-Plot Greening	All development must allocate a minimum of 6% of plot area for provision of landscape treatment. This must be achieved through an appropriate mix of in- ground greening components , which must include the Landscape Strip . Components can include: areas planted with trees, shrub and/or ground covers; areas of semi-natural vegetation; amenity grass; rain gardens or other vegetated SuDS (see Appendix B2). To be included within the 6% plot area calculation, landscape component must have minimum dimensions of 2m x 2m.		Same criteria applies	>
9.2 Landscape Strips	All development must include a landscape strip (as referred to at 4.1), of minimum 8 metres depth alongside the Bath Road boundary of the plot, in front of the perimeter fence line and at back of the footway / highway boundary.	All development must include a landscape strip (as referred to at 4.1), of minimum 5 metres depth , alongside the Primary Street boundary of the plot, in front of the perimeter fence line and at back of the footway / highway boundary	All development must include a landscape strip (as referred to at 4.1), of minimum 3 metres depth , alongside the Secondary Street boundary of the plot, in front of the perimeter fence line and at back of the footway / highway boundary. Lighting should be incorporated within the landscape on Weston Road and Fairlie Road (e.g. using illuminated bollards or uplighting) to provide subtle illumination during the evening, without causing undue light pollution.	All development must include a landscape strip (as referred to at 4.1), of minimum 2 metres depth , alongside the Tertiary Street boundary of the plot, in front of the perimeter fence line and at back of the footway / highway boundary. Where the tertiary Landscape Strip is 2m in depth, additional landscape must be incorporated within the adjacent on-plot parking area.
9.3 Soft Landscape Species	Refer to Appendix B1	Refer to Appendix B1	Refer to Appendix B1	Refer to Appendix B1



Refer to Appendix B1

10.0 Boundary Treatment

Street Type:	Bath Road	Primary	Seconda
10.1 Boundary Treatment	All new boundary treatments over 0.5m in height (e.g. security fence) must be located at least the minimum depth of the Landscape Strip from the back of footway	Same criteria applies	
	Trees and other planting in a Landscape Strip alongside any new Boundary Treatment must be positioned at least 1.0m from the Boundary Treatment line / designed with a clearance zone of 0.5m around Boundary Treatment foundations. All tree planting is dependent on there being no constraints resulting from below ground services.	Same criteria applies	
	Any new Boundary Treatments must not exceed a maximum 3.0m height for fences, and maximum 2.0m height for walls.	Same criteria applies	
	Solid walls must not be used for new boundary treatments on the frontage of the plot adjoining this street type.	Same criteria applies	

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Street Type:	Bath Road	Primary	Secondary	Tertiary Refer to Appendix B2	
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APPENDICES

- **B1 Landscape Soft Species**
- **B2 Water Management**



Appendix B1 - Landscape Soft Species

This species list is provided as a guide for the provision of new soft landscaping. Substitution of the suggested species to suit specific site conditions is acceptable where the alternatives are native and or naturalised species. Substitution is also acceptable where through the lifetime of the SPZ the suggested species become prone to disease or unviable due to the impacts of climate change. Again where substitution is proposed the preference is for alternatives which are native and/or naturalised to the UK.

Bath Road

Botanical Name	Common Name	Notes/Comments		
Trees				
Acacia dealbata	Silver Wattle	25-50 Semi mature; clear stem 175-200cm; 5 breaks		
Acer negundo	Box Elder	16-18 Advanced Heavy Standard; clear stem minimum 200cm		
Betula jacquemintii	Birch	14-16 Extra Heavy Standard, Rootball, Multi Stem		
Catalpa bignonioides	Indian bean tree	25-50 Semi mature; clear stem 175-200cm; 5 breaks		
Pinus corsicana	Black/Corsian Pine	N/A Leader with laterals; feathered to base		
Corylus avellana	Hazel	14-16 Multi stem with raised stems		
Ginkgo biloba (Male clone)	Maidenhair	20-25 Semi mature, Rootball, 1.75-2m Clear Stem		
Prunus avium 'Plena'	Double Gean	16-18 Advanced heavy standard, Rootball, 1.75-2m Clear Stem		
Quercus Robur	English Oak	25-50 Semi mature, rootball,		
Quercus robur Fastigiata	Fastigiate Oak	16-18 Extra heavy standard, rootball, feathered		
Tilia cordata 'Rancho'	Lime Tree	20-25 Extra heavy standard, Rootball, 1.75-2m Clear Stem		
Zelkova serrata	Japanese Elm	25-30 Semi mature;; clear stem minimum 200cm		
Hedging	•			
Corylus avellana	Hazel	20% 5L		
Crataegues monogyna	Hawthorn	30% 5L		
Eunonymus europaeus	Spindle	5% 5L		
Ilex aquifolium	Holly	10% 5L		
Ligustrum ovalifolium	Privet	20% 5L		
Prunus spinosa	Blackthorn	10% 5L		
Rosa canina	Dog Rose	5% 5L		
Notes				

Secondary Street

Botanical Name	Common Name	Notes/Comments	Suitable Bioretention
Trees			
Betula pendula	Silver Birch	25-30 Semi mature, rootball,	*
Acer campestre 'William Caldwell'	Field Maple	25-30 Semi mature, rootball,	
Sorbus aria	Whitebeam	25-30 Semi mature, rootball,	
Carpinus betulua 'fastigiata'	Hornbeam	25-30 Semi mature, rootball,	
Crataegus laevigata	Midland Hawthorn	25-30 Semi mature, rootball,	*
Platanus acerifolia	London plane	25-30 Semi mature, rootball,	
Hedging			
Corylus avellana	Hazel	20% 5L	
Crataegues monogyna	Hawthorn	30% 5L	
Eunonymus europaeus	Spindle	5% 5L	
Ilex aquifolium	Holly	10% 5L	
Ligustrum ovalifolium	Privet	20% 5L	
Prunus spinosa	Blackthorn	10% 5L	
Rosa canina	Dog Rose	5% 5L	

Notes

Use of native species (introduced shrub habitat) where possible to stabilise and improve wildlife habitats.

Planting a vibrant understorey under retained and proposed trees - mix of native and ornamental planting to provide seasonal interest.

Shrub planting to not exceed 1000mm in height.

Tree canopies to be no lower than 2000mm from the ground.

Primary Street

Botanical Name	Common Name	Notes/Comments	Suitable Bioretention
Trees			
Acer rubrum	Swamp Maple	25-30 Semi mature, rootball,	*
Populus tremula	Europena Aspen	25-30 Semi mature, rootball,	*
Liquidambar styraciflua	Sweet Gum	25-30 Semi mature, rootball,	*
Carpinus betulus	Hornbeam	25-30 Semi mature, rootball,	
Castanea sativa	Sweet chestnut	25-30 Semi mature, rootball,	
Platanus acerifolia	London plane	25-30 Semi mature, rootball,	
Quercus Robur	English Oak	25-30 Semi mature, rootball, feathered	
Hedging			_
Corylus avellana	Hazel	20% 5L	
Crataegues monogyna	Hawthorn	30% 5L	
Eunonymus europaeus	Spindle	5% 5L]
Ilex aquifolium	Holly	10% 5L]
Ligustrum ovalifolium	Privet	20% 5L]
Prunus spinosa	Blackthorn	10% 5L]
Rosa canina	Dog Rose	5% 5L]

Tertiary Street

Botanical Name	Common Name	Notes/Comments	Suitable Bioretention	
Trees				
Acer campestre 'William Caldwell'	Field Maple	25-30 Semi mature, rootball,		
Betula lenta	Cherry Birch	25-30 Semi mature, rootball,	*	
Prunus padus	Bird Cherry	25-30 Semi mature, rootball,	*	
Crataegus monogyna	Hawthorn	25-30 Semi mature, rootball,	*	
Carpinus betulua 'fastigiata'	Hornbeam	25-30 Semi mature, rootball,		
Prunus avium 'Plena'	Double Gean	25-30 Semi mature, rootball,		
Hedging				
Corylus avellana	Hazel	20% 5L		
Crataegues monogyna	Hawthorn	30% 5L		
Eunonymus europaeus	Spindle	5% 5L		
Ilex aquifolium	Holly	10% 5L		
Ligustrum ovalifolium	Privet	20% 5L		
Prunus spinosa	Blackthorn	10% 5L		
Rosa canina	Dog Rose	5% 5L		

Appendix B2 - Water Management

SPZ Applications will comply with following drainage design criteria:

- Use infiltration drainage whenever practicable.
- Reduced Volumetric Run-off by providing a minimum plot • permeability of 15%.
- Limit the rate of run-off to as close as practicable to the 1 in 100 year greenfield level.
- Include a 25% increase in rainfall intensity for the effects of climate change.
- Provide SuDS attenuation techniques to prevent surface flooding ٠ in the 100yr storm event.

SuDS Drainage Selection Matrix (right):

- To develop the surface water drainage strategy for a site the ground conditions must first be established to determine which SuDS drainage techniques are suitable.
- When a set of appropriate drainage techniques are established the Designer should first determine how best to provide the 15% plot permeability, while also taking into account the other requirements of the Design Code.
- The drainage strategy should then be developed to achieve the required reduced discharge rate and associated attenuation, using SuDS selected in accordance with the priority order.
- It is expected that in most instances the last priority SuDS techniques will be required to deliver some of the attenuation requirements, but this should not be at the expense of implementing first and intermediate priority SuDS.

SuDS Drainage Selection Matrix

	Site Conditions					
SuDS Techniques	High Permeability	Low Permeability	Water Table 2m BGL	Water Table 3m BGL	Potential Contamination	SuDS Priority
Green Roof / Canopy	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Swale	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	
Landscape Bio-Retention Zone	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	
Tree Pit Drainage	\checkmark	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	
Directly Infiltrating Surface	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Permeable Pavement	\checkmark	x	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	
Lined Permeable Pavement	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Lined Cellular Attenuation	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
Cellular Attenuation	\checkmark	X	X	\checkmark	×	



E.g. illustration of tree pit drainage



E.g. precedent image of bioretention zone



E.g. precedent image of swale

Priority of SuDS



First Intermediate

Last



E.g. illustration of lined permeable paving