

Alston Gate Malborough



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

This small site is unused land on the northern edge of Malborough, between the nursery and the first houses on the outskirts of the village. It has been used for tipping spoil. The land is screened from the road by earth banks and planting, but development is potentially visible in the wider landscape from several viewpoints.

ENVIRONMENTAL CAPITAL

Asset: Recent planting to eastern boundary.

Current value: Screens open view.

Proposal: Retain and add further boundary planting.

SUSTAINABILITY INDICATORS

Resource minimisation.

Sustainable drainage. Parking area to have permeable surfaces.

Design quality.

Minimise impact in landscape setting by reducing levels by approximately 6 metres, dense boundary planting, and using materials with low reflectivity.

Opportunity and equity.

Possible site for single large building or subdivided into small business units to meet local needs.

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DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES

The development should be a single structure running parallel to the road, set down into the site behind earth bunds and dense planting belts of native trees and shrubs around the boundaries. The internal site levels should be reduced to ensure that the building is contained by the boundary treatment. The roof should be a shallow low pitch using a non-reflective dark coloured sheet.