



The gardens for the over 55s are provided at ground level and as rooftop terraces at different levels. They will be communal spaces with areas for growing vegetables, planting, sitting and social interaction with other residents. There would be perimeter planting along the eastern edge of the ground level garden. The boundary along this area could be railings to provide views out of the space and over the river. The adjacent plan identifies the potential which could be included within the spaces. Planting areas could be replaced with grass for other interaction activities within the space.

-  Hedge planting within the courtyard to provide footpath route delineation and to enclose the growing space. Hedge species to be tolerant of salt spray from the adjacent river.
-  Low-level shrub planting / SuDS features to include a variety of shrubs, herbaceous plants and grasses. Sensory planting to be provided where possible throughout.
-  Specimen plants to be positioned within the planting scheme to provide interest and height. Plant species to include Phormium sp. (phormiums), Aralia elata (Japanese angelica tree), and Viburnum x bodnantenses 'Dawn' (Viburnum Dawn)
-  Timber garden seat. Seats on terraced areas to be fixed to the slab and not positioned adjacent to parapet walls.
-  Surface finish to be resin gravel to avoid creating lines through installing paving which could cause confusion for residents who may experience the onset of dementia.
-  Raised timber planters for residents to grow own plants and vegetables.
-  Lightweight pergola design to encourage plants to grow along, for shade and cooling within the gardens. Pergola to be constructed with timber posts 'archways' and wires between the posts.
-  Shed for residents to keep garden tools inside. Potential for potting sheds to be provided to encourage residents to grow plants from seed.
-  Informal picnic benches
-  Slender upright trees adjacent to the boundary within the courtyard such as Quercus robur 'Fastigiata'. Fruit trees within the public area.
-  Rain garden to provide year round interest and enhance biodiversity with a mixture of shrub and herbaceous planting as well as managing rainwater runoff.

Scale 1:100 @ A1

