



NORTHERN HILLTOP AMENITY CONCEPT

This space resides along the central amenity corridor and is located at the top of the hill. It is a large space measuring more than 850 sq.m. (excl. public footpath) and is generally quite level. The space has a very high biodiversity value, with 50% of the zone dedicated to pollinator shrubs with a tree line link. In addition to great habitat, this also provides a framework for a safe play space. An internal amenity path enhances the sense of separation and a special place. The southern end has the greatest visual prominence. For this reason, large canopy trees are proposed, which will visually rise above the nearby house ridgelines. The trees are smaller adjacent to the houses to minimise garden shading. Components within the zone include:

1) Formal Play Area - Designed for younger kids (1-8 yrs) using RoSPA certified play equipment with coloured rubber surface surfacing. It is meant to cater to the estate homeowners. The play area is large enough to contain variety and interest (80 sq.m.), yet small enough so that it won't be a regional draw for users outside of the estate.

2) Amenity Lawn - A 320 sq.m. level grass area with direct connectivity to the play area. The narrow-to-wide organic shape allows a variety of use and a comfortable sense of separation for those not associated with the play area. 2 no. seat benches allow for respites and monitoring.

3) Biodiversity Framework - Enhancing habitats for birds and insects is a key attribute of the space. There are pollinator benefits in all 4 seasons. While the trees are deciduous, the groundcover is evergreen, providing good year-round coverage and overwintering.



Examples of formal play equipment at the play area (Supernova, Springer, Swings).



(left) Mixed species of winter-flowering Heather provide off-season nectar. They form a quality evergreen buffer to separate amenity users from the road, while allowing full supervision of the space.

(right) Proposed seat benches throughout site. Cast iron supports with low-maintenance, composite slats. Irish made.

Notes

1. For location of amenity on plan and planting schedule refer drawing L206.
2. For road and house layouts refer Architectural and Engineering drawings.