



## LANDSCAPE CASE STUDY: BARKERS LANE, WYTHALL



**Barkers Lane in Wythall, Worcestershire, is a project requiring soft landscape of shrubs and native hedging for a housing estate of 28 new homes on a proposed development site currently comprising of two operating businesses; a caravan storage site and dog boarding kennels, surrounded by farmland and residential homes.**

A landscape statement was written to consider the potential effects of the proposed development on:

- landscape elements and features such as vegetation and topography etc. and landscape character
- visual amenity
- the effect on openness of the surrounding landscape



The proposed development has been carefully designed to reflect existing similar routes already characteristic of the local landscape and include strategic soft landscape and mitigation measures.

The site is surrounded by a border of thick mature vegetation consisting of tall trees and bushes which lies outside the site boundary so will not be removed during development.

To encourage wildlife in a built up area, hedgehog habitat boxes, log piles and bird boxes were included throughout the development.

Where evident in views, the appearance of the proposed development would not change the character and openness

of the wider landscape or the immediate locality of the site, and there would be no physical effects of the development beyond the proposed development site.

The area of landscape and immediate locality of the site is not 'undeveloped' countryside; it is a well settled and working environment that forms part of a wider agricultural/residential landscape incorporating transport networks and settlement.



The landscape statement concluded that any resultant alteration to the overall character and openness of the wider landscape would be limited, with a negligible landscape and visual effect on the Green Belt and openness of the area, and that the proposed housing development was supported by relevant national and local planning policies. Any minor negative visual impact will be mitigated with new and existing landscape planting.

### PROJECT BENEFITS:

- **Protect the landscape character and openness of the surrounding landscape**
- **Limit physical effects of development on locality**
- **Conserve existing trees**
- **Include planting of new trees and hedgerows**
- **Encourage wildlife in a built up area**
- **Create 28 new residential homes**