

# Princes Gardens Restoration Project – Phase 2



**For the Hanger Hill Garden Estate  
Residents Association**





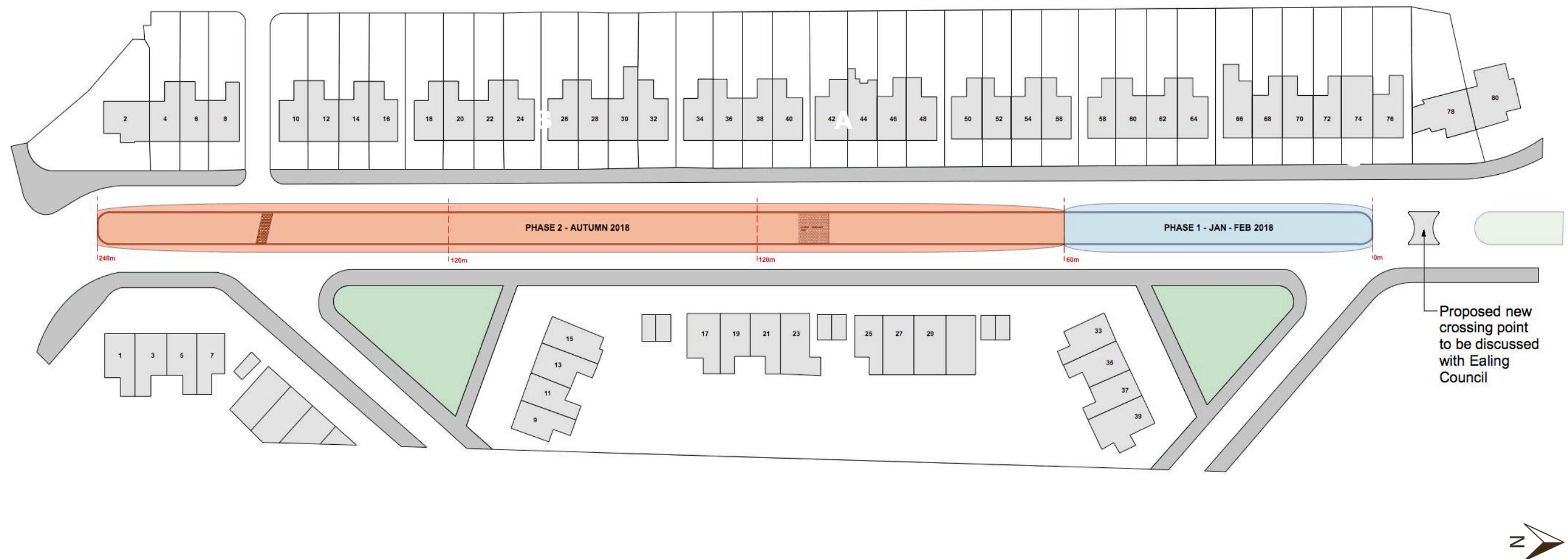
# Princes Gardens – Work Phases

Work is to be carried out in two phases:

**Phase 1** addressed the top section of Princes Gardens, covering the first 60m, an area of 360m<sup>2</sup>. This equated to approximately a quarter of the entire space and implementation took place over the winter/spring of 2018. This area is currently sparser than the rest of the central reservation and was chosen as a good area for a pilot scheme. Any lessons learnt in phase 1 will be applied to phase 2

**Phase 2** will address the remaining 180m of the central reservation with work planned to commence in September 2018

The following pages show the planting palette of trees and shrubs proposed for use in phase two



# Princes Gardens – Phase 2 – Planting Palette – Trees



Seasonal interest  
Bee Friendly  
Flowering tree  
5-7m high

**Amelanchier lamarckii multistem**  
Serviceberry

Starting in spring, the profuse white flowers emerge in plentiful racemes (clusters along the stems), covering the tree from top to bottom. The foliage follows the blossom, emerging a coppery colour which turns to bright green by late spring. The fantastic rich red autumn colour of Amelanchier lamarckii concludes this tree's remarkable display in conjunction with rounded fruits which are initially red in summer before turning black in the autumn.



Seasonal interest  
Bee Friendly  
Flowering tree  
3-8m high

**Cornus mas**  
Cornelian Cherry

The Cornelian Cherry is a native of central and southern Europe and gives a very long period of interest. This small growing, compact, tree has small yellow flowers that appear in February from the bare stems putting on a stunning display of colour in an otherwise gloomy month of the year! The bright red, cherry-like fruits are edible, and the leaves turn a delightful reddish purple in autumn. Will tolerate most soil conditions.



Seasonal interest  
Bee Friendly  
Good urban tree  
5-7m high

**Crataegus x prunifolia**  
Broad leaved Cockspur Thorn

White flower in the spring gives way to red hips by autumn so this tree is a popular choice for bird lovers. The green summer foliage turns a vivid yellow through to red in the autumn before leaf fall. Originating from eastern America, this tough hardy tree thrives on most soils. Needs very little maintenance, but the tree does carry thorns.

According to the RHS, this tree is particularly useful for growing in polluted urban areas



Seasonal interest  
Bee Friendly  
Flowering tree  
3-7m high

**Malus 'Rudolph'**  
Crab apple

This tree has a glorious display of rose-pink flowers which appear in late spring. The foliage emerges after the flowers and is initially a copper-red in colour, over the summer period Malus Rudolph turns to a bronze green, the only remnants of the red being the bright venation of the leaves. In the autumn time the elongated red fruits emerge as the foliage turns a clear yellow.

Unlike some Malus, this tree is extremely resistant to pests and disease, one of the reasons that it is so highly rated.



Seasonal interest  
Bee Friendly  
Flowering tree  
7-12m high

**Prunus padus 'Albertii'**  
Bird Cherry

Prunus padus Albertii is a clone of Bird Cherry has been cultivated since the 1900s and is one of the best clones for planting where space is more restricted.

The leaves are long, pointy and fairly dense for a cherry, making this tree easy to distinguish from other cherry trees even when it is not in flower. The flower is unique to Bird Cherry trees, producing long, hanging white racemes that adorn the tree at a similar time to the foliage emerging.



Seasonal interest  
Bee Friendly  
Flowering tree  
3-8m high

**Prunus Shirofugen**  
Flowering Cherry

Prunus Shirofugen is a beautiful pink flowering cherry that holds its display of flowers until as late as possible in spring.

This tree is one of the last cherries to produce its show of beautiful double white flowers, which gradually turn pink. In fact it is easy to assume that it is a different species from the beginning to end of the flowering period as the flowers are so different in colour.

The young foliage is coppery in colour, contrasting nicely with the turned pink flowers; it continues to turn to green then orange in the autumn time.



# Princes Gardens – Phase 2 – Planting Palette – Trees



Seasonal interest  
Bee Friendly  
Flowering tree  
7-12m high

**Prunus cerasifera 'Nigra'**  
Purple plum

Prunus cerasifera Nigra is a dark leaved form of Cherry Plum which was popularly planted as a street tree in post war Britain.

This tree has pretty single pink flowers that appear early in the spring and remain on the tree whilst the dark foliage begins to emerge, gradually fading to white and contrasting fantastically with the dark leaves. The leaves are small and very dark purple and unlike many purple leaved trees the leaves remain dark throughout the entire season, until turning a brighter red in the autumn time before falling.



Seasonal interest  
Bee Friendly  
Flowering tree  
5-7m high

**Amelanchier arboreal 'Robin Hill'**  
Juneberry

Juneberry trees have the significant benefit of providing some interest at all points of the year; starting in spring, the profuse white flowers emerge in plentiful racemes (flower clusters along a central stem), covering the Amelanchier from top to bottom. The foliage follows the blossom, emerging a coppery colour which turns to bright green by late spring. The fantastic rich red autumn colour concludes this trees remarkable display.



Seasonal interest  
Bee Friendly  
Good urban tree  
12-17m high

**Liriodendron tulipifera Aureomarginatum**  
Variegated Tulip tree

Liriodendron tulipifera Aureomarginata has large, smooth lobed leaves that are dark green with distinctly variegated edges; they appear in spring and lose the distinction of the variation towards the end of the summer, further turning to golden yellow in autumn.

Like the species, the most notable feature of this tree is the curious large, green-yellow tulip shaped flowers produced in June and July and unlike its parent this tree tends to produce flowers at an early age



Seasonal interest  
Bee Friendly  
Berries  
3-8m high

**Sorbus hupehensis**  
Mountain Ash / Rowan

Splendid white berries start out pink before turning white they are produced in large clusters with stunning red autumn colour. These characteristics typifies Sorbus hupehensis as a small low maintenance tree which thrives on most soils and can tolerate the rigours of the urban environment



Seasonal interest  
Bee Friendly  
Flowering tree with berries  
7-10m high

**Sorbus aria Lutescens**  
Bird Cherry

A very popular choice for urban gardens it requires little maintenance and tolerates chalk soils. The young leaves emerge silvery-white from purple shoots in spring before hardening to grey-green in summer.

This is a small compact rounded tree producing white flowers in April and May and in good years orange-red cherry like fruits in autumn.

A very good choice for streets gardens and parks



Seasonal interest  
Autumn colour  
12-17m high

**Liquidambar styraciflua**  
Sweet Gum

The Sweet Gum is one of the finest trees for autumn colour. Introduced from its native Eastern USA in the 17th century, it won the equivalent of the Award of Garden Merit in 1975.

Sometimes confused with maple on account of its similar leaves Liquidambar styraciflua makes a large tree with a broad, pyramidal crown if its central leader is retained.

# Princes Gardens – Phase 2 – Planting Palette – Trees



**Pyrus calleryana 'Chanticleer'**  
Ornamental pear

This pretty tree is the first to come into leaf in the spring, when its leaves emerge in conjunction with a pretty white flower which covers the tree. The foliage further emerges a bright and glossy green and remains on the tree until well into the autumn time, when it turns a bright orangey red before falling. Not only is Pyrus calleryana Chanticleer the first tree into leaf in the spring, it is the last tree to lose its leaves in the autumn time, a useful quality for screening.

Seasonal interest  
Bee Friendly  
Flowering tree  
7-12m high



**Laburnum x watereri Vossii**  
Golden chain tree

A most floriferous cultivar that won the Award of Garden Merit in 2002.

Selected in Holland late in the 19th century it has remained very popular over the years and is readily seen in gardens up and down the UK.

This small tree produces a wealth of yellow racemes up to 50cm long in spring.

Seasonal interest  
Flowering tree  
3-8m high



# Princes Gardens – Phase 1 – Planting Palette – Shrubs



**Ceanothus 'Italian Skies'**  
California Lilac

'Italian Skies' is a spreading medium-sized evergreen shrub with small, glossy dark green leaves and small bright blue flowers in compact conical clusters in late spring

1.5m High / 2m spread  
Attracts bees/butterflies  
Flowers April – May



3m High / 3m spread  
Winter colour

**Cornus alba 'Aurea'**  
Dogwood

Small, creamy-white flowers in May and June and gorgeous, golden-yellow leaves, which intensify in autumn and then fall to reveal stunning red stems. This vigorous red-barked dogwood look marvellous back-lit by the winter sun

Note: we may also include a few different varieties of Dogwood



2.5m High / 2.5m spread  
Flowers Jun-Sep

**Escallonia 'Apple Blossom'**

Masses of apple-blossom pink, tubular flowers from June to September among small, glossy, dark green leaves. This compact, bushy, evergreen shrub looks lovely towards the back of a sunny, shrub border



**Hebe 'Midsummer Beauty'**  
Shrubby Veronica

'Midsummer Beauty' is a medium-sized evergreen shrub to 2m in height, rounded in habit, with long narrow leaves tinged purple when young. Small lilac-mauve flowers, fading to white, are borne in racemes to 15cm in length in summer and autumn

2m High / 1.5m spread  
Attracts bees/butterflies  
Flowers April – May



2m High / 2m spread  
Flowers Jul-Sep

**Hydrangea quercifolia 'Snow Queen'**  
Oak leaved Hydrangea

A fantastic hydrangea, with bright green leaves shaped like giant oak leaves and large cones of white flowers in late summer. In autumn, the leaves turn dramatic shades of coral, pink and red, and the flowers fade to pale pink, then brown. A fabulous shrub that gives its best for most of the year. It's best in the middle of a partially shady border

Note: we also include other varieties of Hydrangea



3m High / 3m spread  
Flowers Nov-Mar

**Mahonia x media winter sun**

Slender spikes of bright yellow flowers appear from November to March, above rosettes of large, handsome, dark green, holly-like leaves. The flowers of this lovely, upright, evergreen shrub have a fragrance reminiscent of lily-of-the-valley, and seem to glow in the wintry sunlight. They are followed by bunches of highly ornamental, round, deep purple berries. This mahonia makes a lovely focal point for a shady spot in the garden, where its glossy, architectural leaves can be appreciated all year round.



# Princes Gardens – Phase 1 – Planting Palette – Shrubs



3m High / 3m spread  
Attracts bees/butterflies  
Flowers May-Jun

**Viburnum opulus 'Roseum'**  
Snowball tree

In May and June the branches of this vigorous deciduous shrub are smothered with large, snowball-like clusters of white or green-tinted white flowers - which sometimes age to pink. With maple-like, fresh green leaves that become purple-tinted in autumn it's an excellent ornamental plant for a sunny shrub or mixed border with fertile, moist, well-drained soil



2.5m High / 2.5m spread  
Flowers Apr-May

**Viburnum x burkwoodii**  
Burkwood Viburnum

Domed clusters of fragrant white flowers in April and May, opening from pink buds, followed by red fruit, and glossy, dark green leaves. This Viburnum is one of the best scented varieties and is usually evergreen when the plant matures. To fully appreciate the fabulously fragrant flowers chose a partly shady border close to an entrance or path.



0.7m high by 1m spread  
Flowers Apr - Jun

**Euphorbia amygdaloides var. robbiae**  
Wood spurge

A compact, shade-loving, spreading euphorbia that has long-lasting, lime-green flowers in late spring above rosettes of glossy, dark green leaves. It's a valuable plant for difficult areas of dry shade, particularly under trees and it also looks at home in a woodland setting. As it is evergreen and suckering it also makes attractive groundcover.

Note: We may also include different selections of Euphorbia



**Woodland Meadow Mix**

PM Turf is 100% floriferous material, meaning no grasses are added to the mix. This is because grasses quickly out-compete other plant-life, damaging the overall effect of the meadow and reducing its lifespan. PM turf meadows attract as much wildlife as possible so there are plants in the mixes which will flower right through to the first frosts, and species whose seed heads provide valuable winter feed for birds.



**Ornamental grasses**  
(Image - *Stipa gigantea*)

We plan to use a selection of ornamental grasses that will provide a long season of interest and subtle movement into the planting scheme