The Junction of Akeman Street – A Green Oasis (with sound track)
Sheet 1 of 2 - Concept Plan and Visualisation

OBJECTIVE: build on the opportunity afforded by high footfall to local shops and the bus-stop by providing a new crossing, taking up the asphalt and replacing with soft landscape elements, benches and play equipment to provide recreational and amenity value. Refer to Figure 2 for details of the proposed Rain Gardens.

CONCEPT PLAN - Rain Gardens with New / Replacement Tree Planting

VISUALISATION - viewing north-east towards Akeman Street
**PLANTING PHILOSOPHY**

A large feature tulip tree with two supporting birch trees will replace the existing poor quality birch trees. The trees are planted in slightly sunken rain gardens which capture surface water runoff and perform a bio-retention function.

The understorey planting includes herbaceous plants, grasses, evergreen structural shrubs, and groundcover plants. The planting / seeding mix will be adapted every five years in response to the changing light conditions beneath the tree canopies and the competition for water and nutrients as tree roots grow.

Adaptive management will be used to ensure any planting or seeding which consistently fails to thrive is replaced with a suitable soft landscape treatment. Bare ground susceptible to footfall and subsequent compaction / erosion will be avoided.
OBJECTIVE: enhance streetscape character by providing a new tree planting design which includes large species with an open canopy. Selected existing small tree species will be replaced to achieve long term environmental, social and economic benefits including biodiversity, improved air quality and reduced surface water runoff.

CONCEPT PLAN - New / Replacement Tree Planting

CROSS SECTIONS - Expected Growth Rate of London Plane Trees
VISUALISATION - Viewing north-east across Histon Road towards Langham House
OBJECTIVE: the existing mature birch trees in grassed areas are in reasonable condition and provide suitable character and sufficient benefit to the local area. Removal of three mature birch trees at Blackhall Road is proposed to accommodate the bus, cycle and walking improvements. Three replacement birch trees will be planted. There will be a slight reduction in the size of the grassed area at Brownlow road but no tree loss is anticipated.
Replacement Planting opposite Hazelwood Close

CROSS SECTION - EXISTING

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CROSS SECTION - PROPOSED:
1.8m Metal Mesh Fence planted with Ivy
Verge to be seeded with species rich grass

Section A-AA

PLANS: Replacement planting and proposed seeding between Brownlow Road and Blackhall Road
Material and Planting Palette

**Trees**
- *Platanus x hispanica* (London plane)
- *Liriodendron tulipfera* (Tulip tree)
- *Betula ermanii* (Gold birch)
- *Betula pendula* (Birch)

**Evergreen Groundcover**
- *Pachysandra terminalis* ‘Green Carpet’
- *Geranium ‘Orion’*
- *Lysimachia punctata*
- *Veronica longifolia*

**Flowering Perennials**
- *Hypericum x hidcoteense* ‘Hidcote’
- *Miscanthus sinensis* ‘Zebrinus’
- *Calamagrostis x acutiflorus* ‘Karl Foerster’
- *Panicum virgatum* ‘Rehbraun’
- *Deschampsia cespitosa*

**Shrubs**
- *Cornus alba* ‘sibirica’
- *Cornus sanguinea* ‘midwinter fire’

**Grasses**
- *Scoutmoor Yorkstone*
- *Tegula Cobbles*
- *Clay Paviors*

**Surface Materials**
- *Broxap Parkgate Bench*
- *Richter Dance Chime*
- *Mobilane Green Screen*
- *Hedera varieties*