

## Mind the GAP (Green Access Project) - Landscaping Contract

### Phase 1: Ensuring that everyone has access to the toilet, a den and some growing spaces

Access to the toilet can be provided by creating a solid, level, wheelchair accessible pathway from Polytunnel 3 and the arrival and parking area, down the rear of the site. There are two options for the route which the path could take from the upper level of the site down to the lower level:

Ideally, this path surface should be extended to encompass the quiet area, the picnic area, the shed and the approach to the accessible toilet. One of these extensions could double as a passing place. In addition, this route would offer wheelchair access into Polytunnel 2 and the greenhouse

The creation of a base for a children's den at the rear of Polytunnel 3 will require replacement of the current wood chipped pathway with a route with solid, level surfaces. Drainage improvement (currently a shallow French drain round the perimeter of the concrete slab base of the polytunnel) down the length of the tunnel is needed in improving the pathway down to the den.

The area in front of Polytunnel 3 is level but the surface is made up of large pieces of gravel, making it difficult to negotiate. A solid, level surface to this area is needed for improved access to the entrance doors and to the pathway to the den

### Phase 1a: Providing access to the forest area - subject to budget

Extending a pathway into a wild area to the rear of Polytunnel 3.

### Budget

The allocated budget is £23,800 for improved surfaces to existing pathways, new paths and play areas. We also have a separate budget line of £2,300 to cover direct purchase of materials such as ramps and railings. Budgets include VAT if applicable. The funding award is fixed. If quotes are above the level of funding we will prioritise what may be afforded. If quotes are below the allocated budget we will use the balance on signage and communications upgrades. Payment in full will be made at project completion.

### Time scale

Work must be completed by 31 March 2025. We hope to accommodate landscaping work without impacting on activity by volunteers and visitors. This could mean working in late autumn/winter, or scheduling work in designated areas to allow continued use of parts of the community garden.

### Written Quotations

Quotations are invited detailing prices for all elements of the landscaping and direct purchase of materials together with a sketch of pathways and a timeline for starting and completing the works. Customer references for landscaping projects completed recently would be helpful.

Please email quotations to [info@serpentinecommunitygarden.org](mailto:info@serpentinecommunitygarden.org)

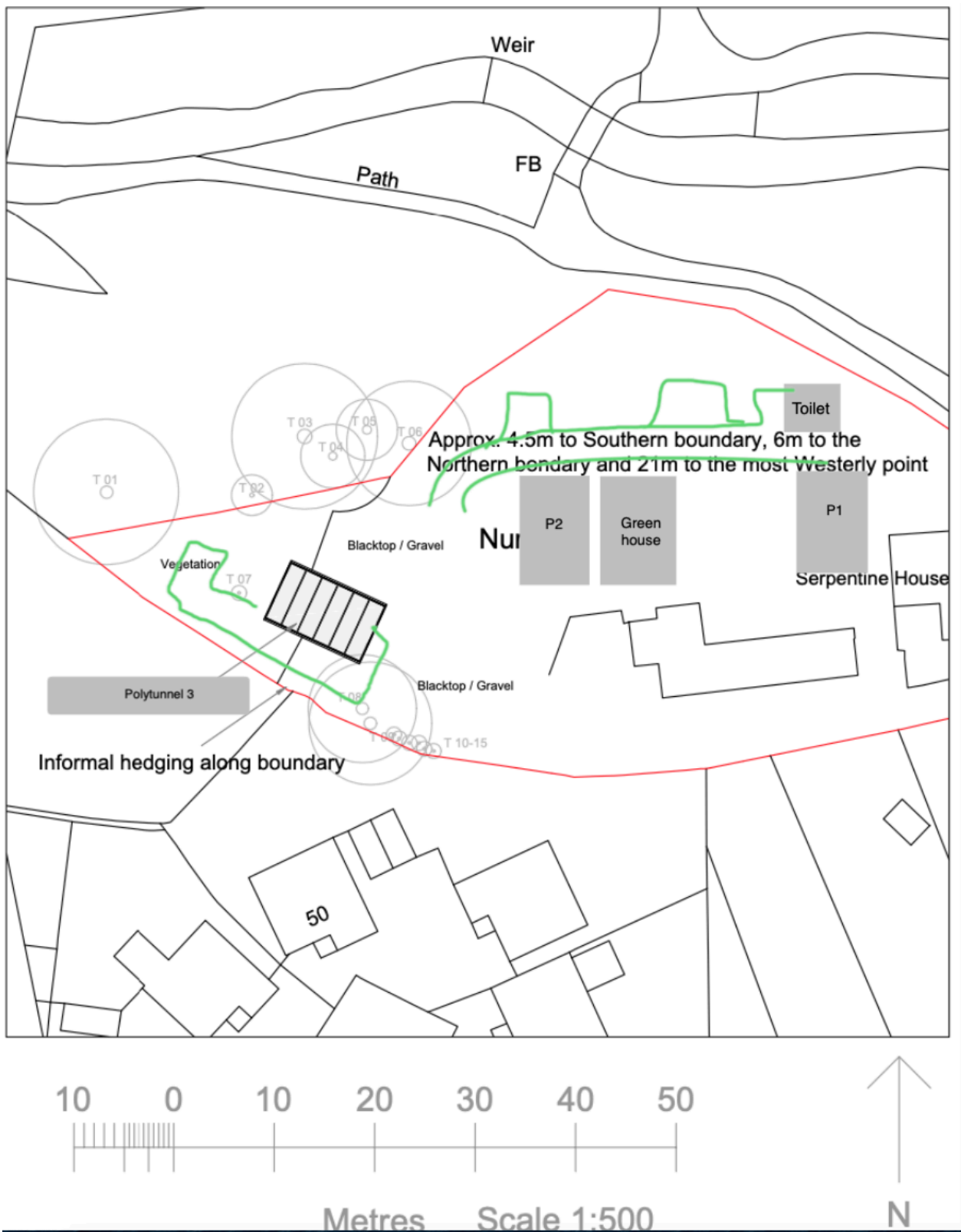
Please see a site map overleaf. Detailed specifications / options for landscaping are set out in an accompanying document.

In assessing quotations and agreeing award of the contract, trustees will observe good practice guidelines on obtaining best value for money. The offer of a contract will be subject to sight of public liability insurance and risk assessments. A drawing of the proposed layout will need to be reviewed by our landlords who would then issue a licence for change of layout.

### Site visit and further questions

Please contact us to arrange a site visit and exploration of any questions.

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Location and dimensions of Polytunnel 1, Polytunnel 2, the composting toilet, greenhouse are not exact. The green pencil markings give a rough indication of pathways and resurfaced areas.