Planting proposals

Beam Parkway lies between the Beam and Ingrebourne rivers, where the loose, eroded soil of the Thames floodplain meet the gravel areas of the north. The planting has been chosen to reflect this physical, geographical and historical context – as well as creating a biodiverse and interesting landscape to look at.

A wide range of plant types will be included, made up of both native species which might be found in the local creeks and marshes, as well as some new species which refer back to the past trade links of the Thames estuary.

All species chosen – both native and exotic – have been chosen for the way they look and their robustness, ensuring they are well suited and can thrive in the area where they will be planted. This should allow a sustainable, biodiverse and beautiful landscape to develop which will remain in place for the long term. The full grown sizes of the trees has also been considered when looking at where they will be located along Beam Parkway.

Swales planting will help deal with rain water runoff from the road and other hard surfaces, forming links physically and visually to the adjacent rivers and wetlands.

Material palette

A consistent and robust palette of street furniture (bollards, litter and recycling bins, seating, benches, planters, lighting, etc.) and surface materials has been put together, taking into account ease of maintenance and durability.