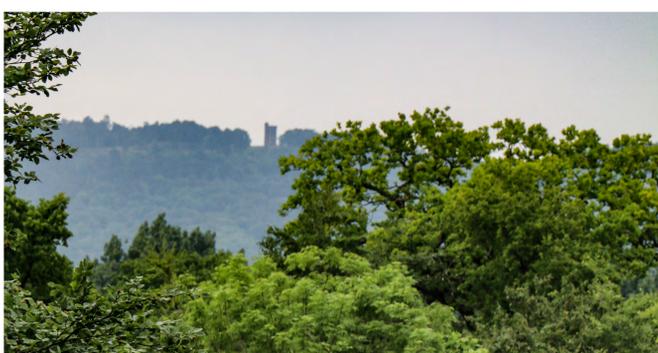


Landscape Character & Proposals

Landscape Strategies

- Retain and enhance the Ancient Woodland and bring these areas back into active management
- Accommodate mature category A to B trees into the proposals where possible
- Enhance the sunken garden for use by guests
- New buildings to be sited sensitively within the site and within the undulating landform
- Improve the water quality and biodiversity value of the ponds
- Improve the public rights of way network which cross the site
- Improve the entrance and approach road (experience) to the Medi Spa

Our wider landscaping proposals focus on remodelling the existing golf course. The proposals would be to retain 18 holes but the course itself would be improved. However, we also recognise the rich setting of the site, of which the existing landscaping plays an important role. It for this reason that we will be preserving the existing mature landscape in order to maintain the secluded and attractive setting of the site in future.



Wider Landscape Masterplan

1 Boundary Woodland

Areas of Mature & Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland (predominantly Oak) with some areas of Coppice standard (Oak standard - hazel coppice). These areas have a rich understorey of flora/fauna - bluebells visible in March/April. We propose to reintroduce the coppice form of woodland management where possible as it is particularly beneficial for a wide range of wildlife. Coppicing will reduce shade cast onto the fairways and informal pathways can be cleared within these areas to create circular walkways around the site.

2 Large Pond to the north of the building

The three large ponds located to the north of Gatton Manor Hotel vary in character. The central and western ponds are naturalistic in character with earth banks in contrast to the eastern pond (formally a swimming pool / lido) which has sharp vertical edges constructed from concrete and containing a number engineering features.

The proposals seek to improve the water quality within all three ponds. The eastern pond will be reconfigured to provide a natural swimming pond which is purified using submerged plants to filter the water and is surrounded by flowers and plants.

3 Health and wellbeing area

This woodland group of predominately oak with some hornbeam has natural clearings and would make an ideal space for open air health/wellbeing activities such as Yoga and Pilates.

4 Sunken Garden

This area contains mature trees, shrubs and rich ground flora. The space is crossed by a meandering stream crossed by a series of stone bridges. Stone pathways create a network of short walks to seats and stone feature points.

The removal of the septic tank will open up this space and create a better relationship with the new building and ponds. Generally a light touch is required in this area to maintain and enhance its existing character.

5 Productive landscape

The former covered storage structure and adjacent yard area are to be removed and replaced with a productive landscape and greenhouse. This area will be a unique space where the visitors can experience the benefits that gardening can promote.

Visitors can either simply enjoy this area or take a more active role in tending the productive landscape. It is proven such spaces can help promote physical health, mental health through relaxation and satisfaction, and better nutrition. The produce and flavours grown here will be incorporated within the daily food/drink menu so that guests can sample.

6 Parkland to the south of the carpark

The existing carpark area will be replaced with parkland, creating a strong landscape setting to the front of the Medspa. It will enhance the arrival experience whilst providing opportunities for new tree planting and swathes of species-rich semi improved grassland.