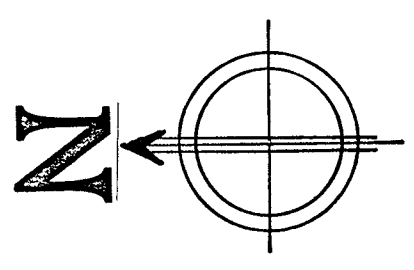
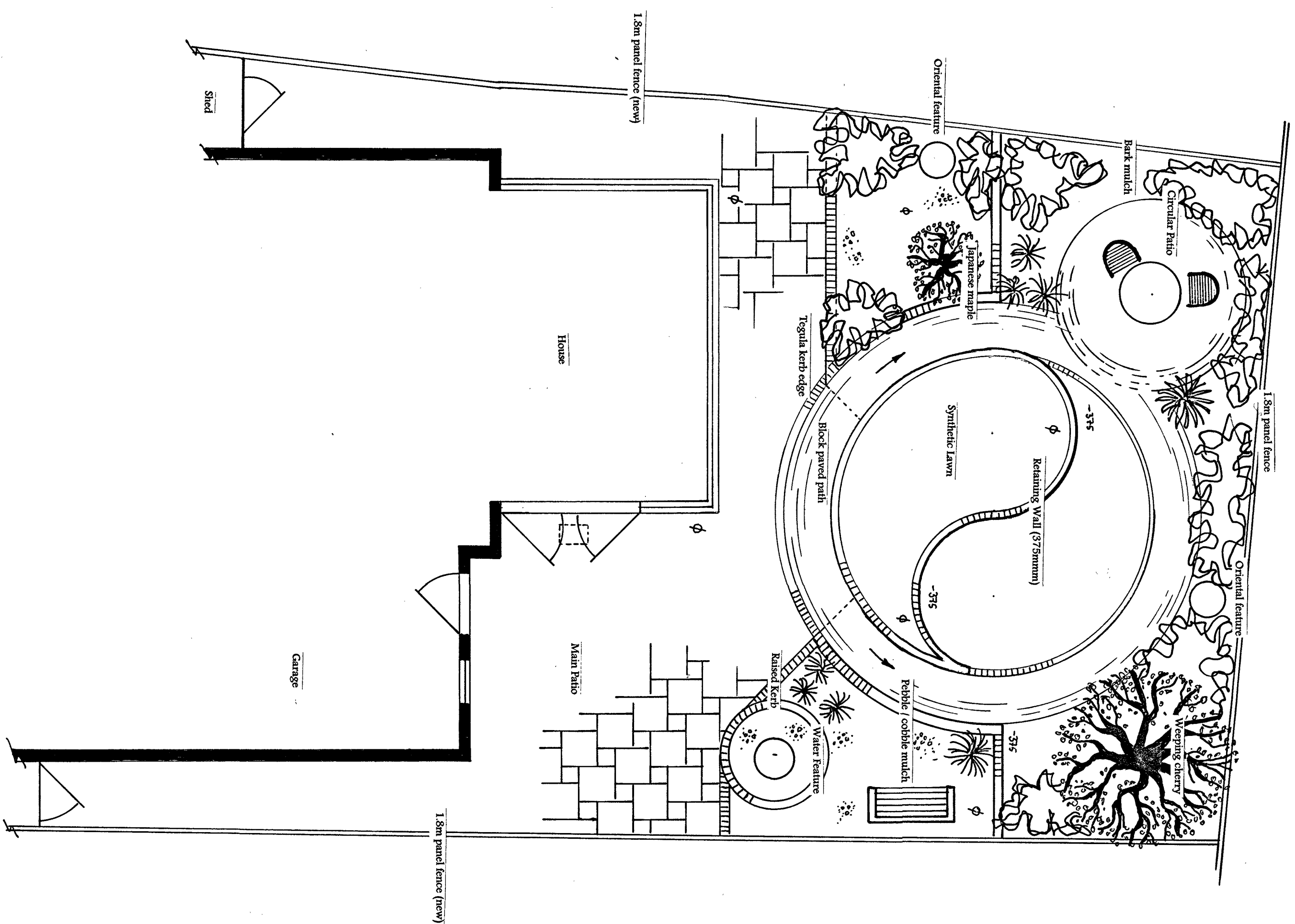


# Contemporary Oriental Garden



## Overview

This modern family home is in the popular St. Michael's Mead, development, on the outskirts of Bishop's Stortford. Approaching 20 years old the garden is now in need of some revitalisation & design ideas to make the best use of the relatively small space.

Benefiting from a southerly aspect the main entertaining area gets plenty of sun. However, some techniques to lessen the impact of the surrounding buildings will be needed & dealing with the slope would be a challenge. With very little in the garden worthy of keeping this really is a "blank canvas" project.

The design brief called for the new garden to include areas for dining & relaxing, to be low-maintenance and use modern materials. The theme of the garden is to be Oriental & the geometry curvy. So with synthetic grass on the wish-list the solution would need to be a Japanese garden with a contemporary twist!

## Hard Landscaping

The main paved area will be in Marshall's 'Sunrise' Firestone paving laid in a random pattern & pointed with a resin compound.

A Tegula (traditional) block circle in the corner will be linked with a circular Tegula block path around the split-level synthetic lawn.

A curvy Tegula walling retaining wall of 375mm will divide the lawns & deal with the level change (along with a slope to the path).

Tegula kerbs will edge paving, path & water feature.

A pebble / cobble covered area on either side of the garden will provide space to sit and stage focal point statues etc.

## Planting

It is important not to over-plant an Oriental themed garden – careful & restrained selection of plants is essential. A weeping cherry will be used as the main focal point plant. Black bamboo will provide instant height & screening.

A mix of typical oriental shrubs (including a good few evergreen plants) will be mixed with certain perennial plants (peony, iris, hostas & ferns) & grasses – structure & texture being the main features of the theme.

## Additional Features

As well as a self-contained urn-based water feature other oriental themed features will complement & finish the garden. Examples could include : feature boulders, stone lanterns or pagodas, bamboo screening & oriental statuary. Planted areas will be mulched with pebbles or bark chippings.

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