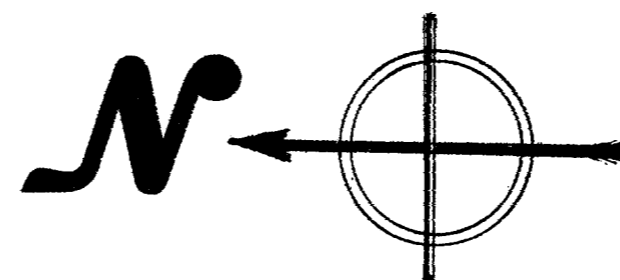
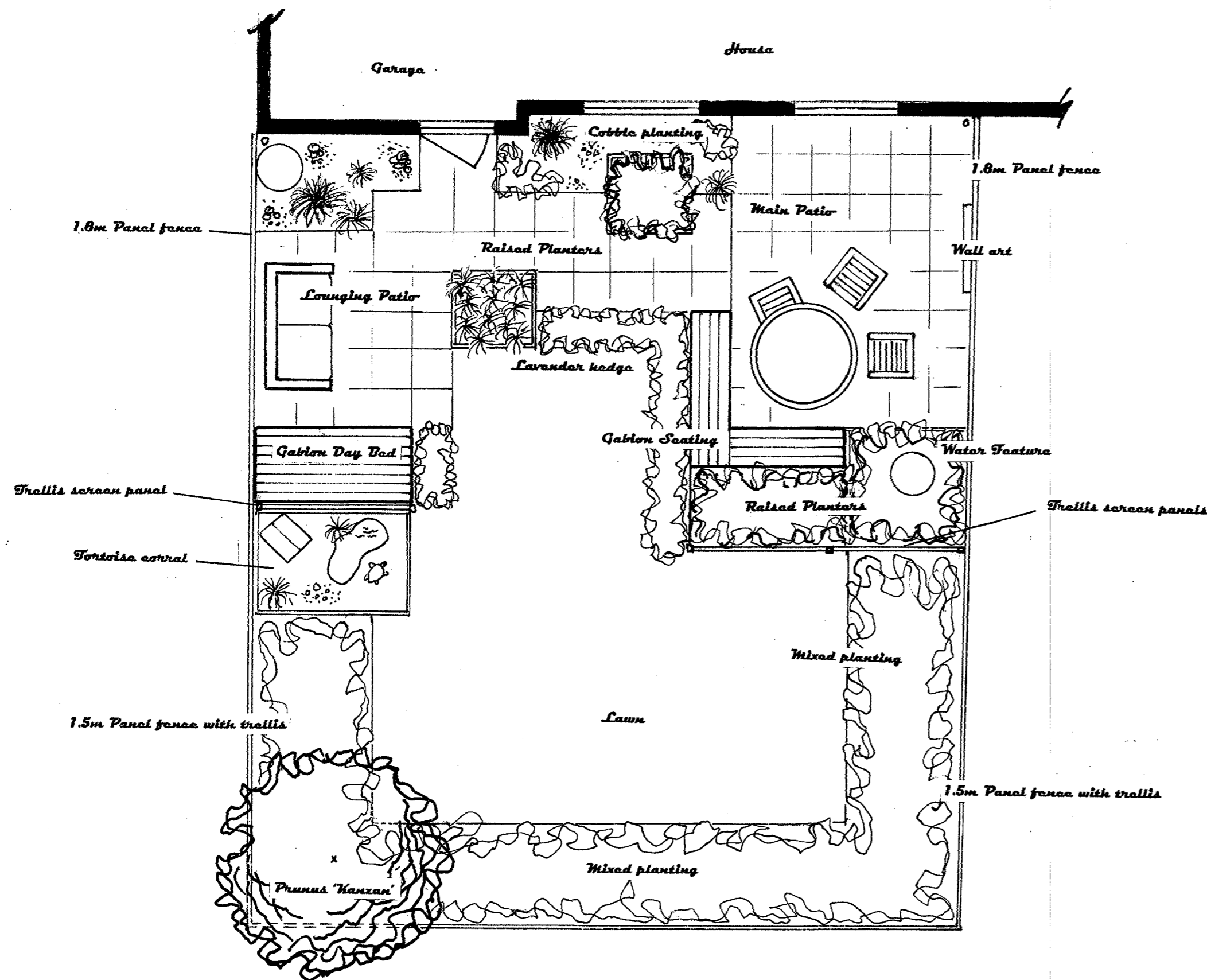


10 Felstead Crescent



Overview

This modern family home is in the new development of Forest Hall Park, Stansted. Being a typical new-build the garden is in need of a full make-over to create a "proper" place for the all-female household to entertain & relax.

The brief called for the relatively small space to include areas for dining & chilling out & a tortoise corral (a first for Quercus).

The sunny, west facing site already benefited from sturdy panel fences & trellis on all three sides - just in need of painting in a contemporary fence stain to lift their appearance. However, a certain amount of screening will be necessary, along with some techniques to lessen the impact of the surrounding urban background.

Hard Landscaping

The initial idea of the plan was to keep the focus of garden users within the garden & detract from the surrounding buildings. Firstly, the fences will be painted in a pale grey or pink to brighten & lift the space.

The existing 450x450mm pale paving units will be used to extend the dining patio, create a new "lounging" patio & connect the two.

Raised timber planters & benches made from cobble filled gabion baskets topped with timber will be painted in pink or berry. Trellis panels erected behind the two patio areas help provide privacy & screening.

The planting area near the house & the raised planters will be finished with cobbles of various sizes

Trees

A new tree - maybe Prunus 'Kanzan' will add vertical interest, colour in spring & autumn & will help hide the garages behind the garden.

Planting

Planting of structural shrubs, grasses & perennial plants will be used throughout the garden. The theme will be contemporary Mediterranean. The colours will be subtle (mauves, blues, pinks & white) maybe with some brighter (& some black) accent plants - making use of existing plants wherever possible.

A lavender hedge softens the paving edges & provides scent near the seating areas.

Additional Features

A self-contained stainless steel water feature sits next to the new gabion seating area on its raised pebble base.

A piece of colourful wall art on the side fence by the dining area provides an attractive & interesting focal point.

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