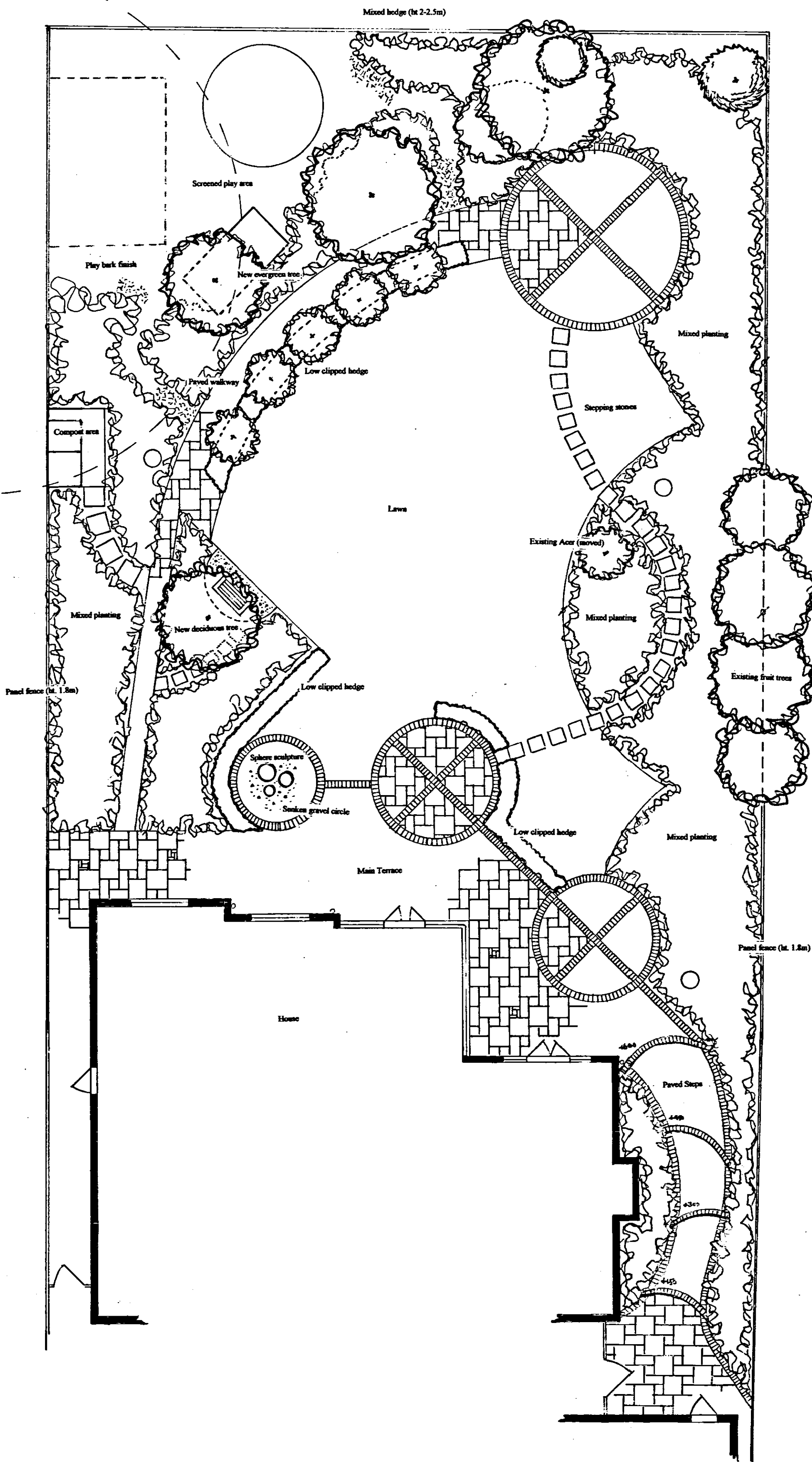
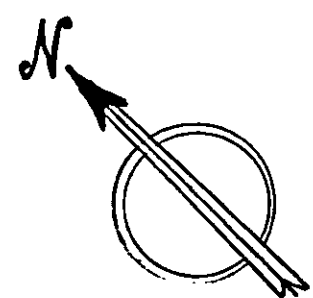


# Stirling House



<b>Overview</b>	Stirling House is an imposing contemporary property that is in need of an imposing contemporary garden to complement it. The design brief requested an contemporary outdoor dining & lounging space & a significant exciting play area for the twins Ellie & Max. The brief also called for softening of the angular building & plot, so circles & curves provide the geometry of the design.
<b>Hard Landscaping</b>	<p>The large north-east facing plot benefits from many established trees &amp; shrubs providing structure &amp; screening in some areas. Further planting will add to the mix &amp; complete the picture.</p> <p>All the paths &amp; the generously proportioned patio areas are finished in a stylish golden sandstone paving complemented by dark grey bricks. These materials linking beautifully with the creamy brick &amp; grey slate tiles of the house. This limited palette of materials brings strong continuity &amp; simplicity to the design adding to the contemporary feel.</p> <p>The sunken sculpture feature will be finished in chipped golden limestone &amp; edged in grey bricks. Three spheres of twisted steel ribbon will sit in the centre.</p> <p>A stepping stone path through planting &amp; lawn winds across to the dining area &amp; four broad, shallow steps will lead down to the garage at the side of the property.</p>
<b>Trees</b>	<p>A new deciduous tree (maybe Pyrus 'Chanticleer' or Sorbus 'Joseph Rocke') will add vertical interest nearer the house &amp; screening for the dining area. A small beech that's not too well will be removed &amp; replaced with an evergreen (Eucalyptus?) near by.</p> <p>The beautiful red Japanese Maple will be moved into the new border &amp; retained (if possible).</p>
<b>Planting</b>	<p>Planting of structural shrubs, clipped hedges, grasses &amp; perennial plants will be used throughout the garden. The theme will be low maintenance &amp; extended seasons of interest. The colours will be subtle (mauves, blues, pinks &amp; white) with bright accent plants.</p> <p>Much of the existing established planting will be retained &amp; repositioned if possible. Clipped Lonicera nitida hedges will be used to "mug" some of the circular areas &amp; another will edge the main path punctuated by clear stemmed shrubs.</p>



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