Landscaping and biodiversity enhancement

The Winking Hill project is being specifically designed to include comprehensive landscaping measures to reduce potential visibility of the scheme.

A landscaping plan will form part of the planning application and will set out new planting measures to provide visual screening of the project.

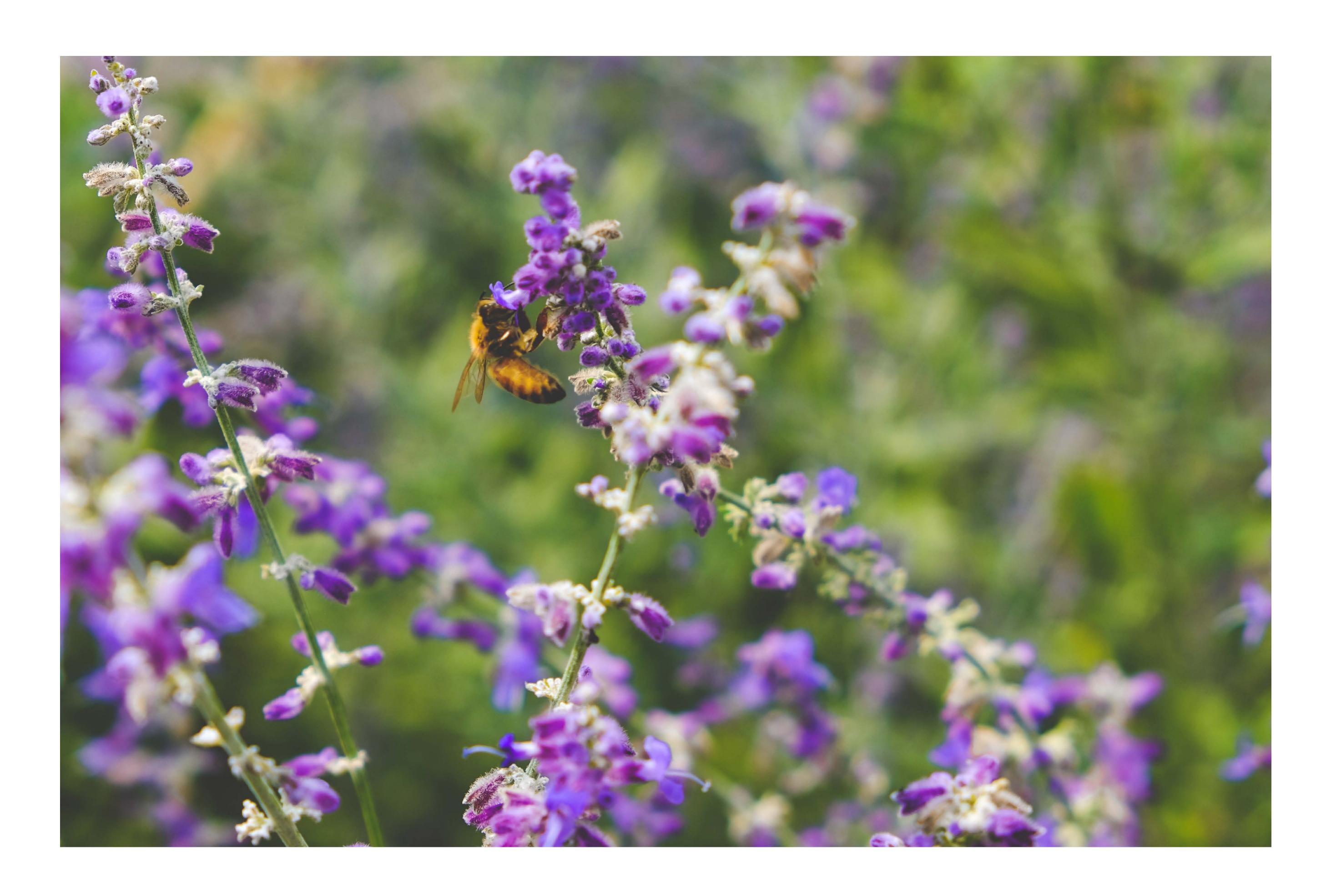
The landscaping plan will also provide information on the timings and aftercare regime for all planting.

In addition, for the Winking Hill proposal, as with all RES developments, our goal is to deliver a meaningful biodiversity net gain over and above the 10% statutory requirement in England.

We aim to retain as much of the existing vegetation as possible, whilst improving the ecological value of the site by planting native hedgerow, trees, grassland mixes and scrub. This planting will be informed by the Landscape and Visual Assessment to ensure potential visibility is minimised.

Where possible we look to plant a seed mix which can provide nectar-rich areas for pollinators. Riparian woodland planted around any surface water and drainage systems could deliver further biodiversity enhancements, providing good habitat for invertebrates that ultimately provide food for aquatic life.

Where appropriate, we would also introduce measures such as bird, bat and reptile housing.



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