

# Design Guide

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This Design Guide presents guidelines which provide a framework design quality to control the coherence and quality of the overall development of Inverness Airport Business Park.











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#### Vision

Inverness is one of Europe's fastest growing cities and is well connected by the rapidly expanding international airport and local transport networks. The creation of a high quality, planned and coherent business park, coupled with the existing Inverness Airport, will respond to this strong regional economy, by acting as a key business location for Inverness and the Inner Moray Firth.

The IABP, in addition to offering an unrivalled business location that is well served by transport connections, is fully integrated with local development plans. Thus, the Business Park will set a benchmark for local economic development as well as put Inverness firmly on the world map, as a place sensitively integrated into the landscaped, that follows the highest design standards, where people aspire to work and conduct business.

















### Landscape

The landscape guiding principles are defined according to different character areas and integrated with the laid-out infrastructure, such as the airport link road. Proposed landscape features support and complement development, whilst retained landscape elements demonstrate the commitment to conservation, embracing surrounding woodland conditions.

Greater formality is reflected in the landscaping efforts bordering the A96 road and in the vicinity of the airport's entrance as these are areas where a greater degree of control is required. Hence, formal hedging is encouraged and tree planting should not interfere with visibility splays and plot entrances. Clear and appropriate signage is required in this area.

Conversely, a greater degree on informality is encouraged in areas of former woodland, with mature trees retained wherever possible. Development frontage conditions in this area are consistent with the 'woodland plot' character: orientation of buildings at right angles to the road forming active frontages, whilst allowing access to the deep plots, maximising development land without additional infrastructure.

In between the major developable areas, woodland planting is encouraged.



#### Hard Landscape Materials and Signage

This section describes the extent and nature of the estate-managed land within the IABP.

The estate managed land offers one of the most certain ways to define the quality of the IABP development. These areas are identified on subsequent pages but largely defined as zones adjacent to adopted roads in which street/ amenity tree planting, cycleways and footpaths, and boundary hedge treatments are provided and maintained by the IABP estate.

All plot signage to obtain IABP approval, which will be consistent across the developmnet.

Corporate logo's can be incorporated and installed in a pre agreed location on building elevations.

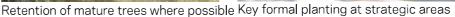












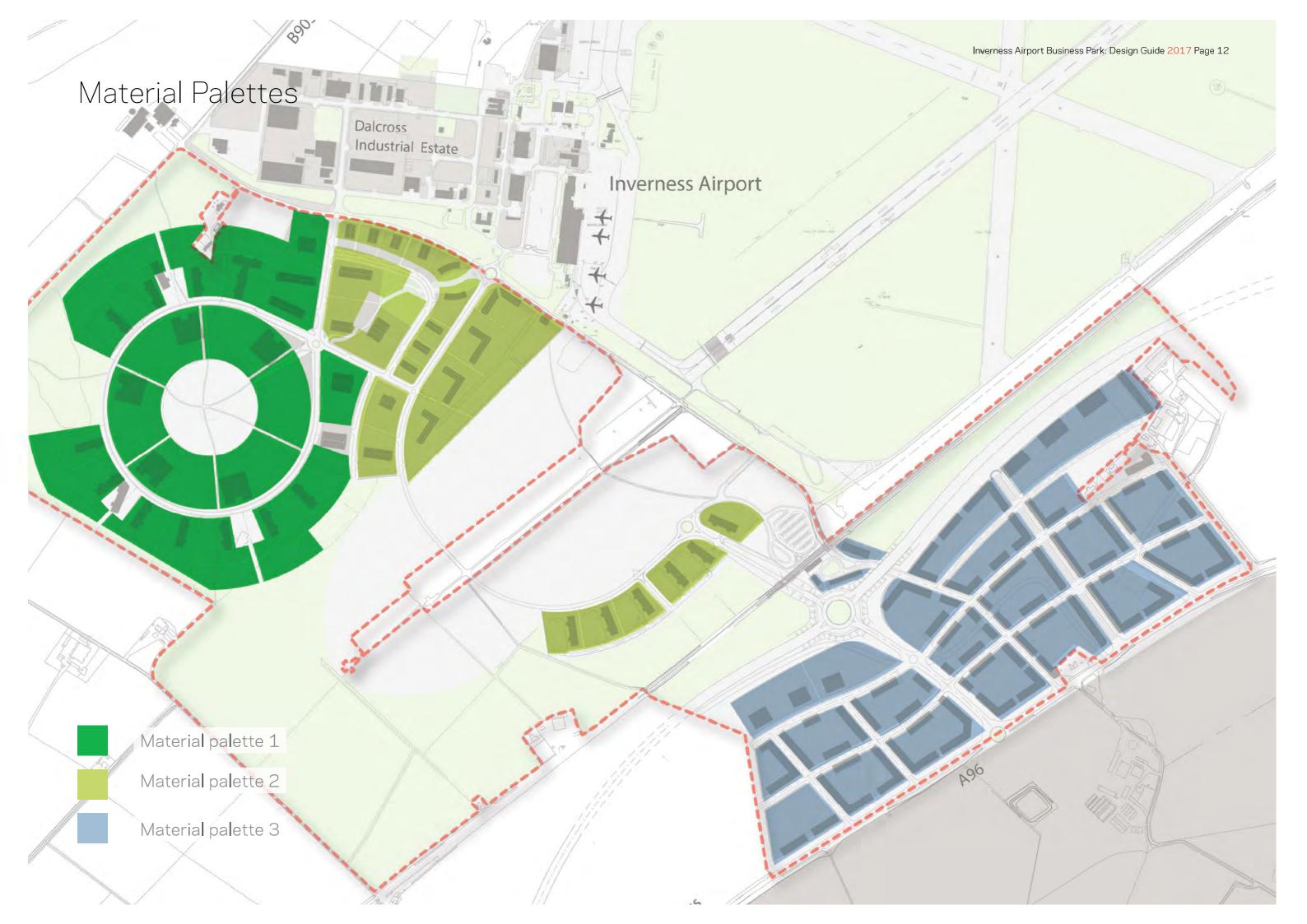




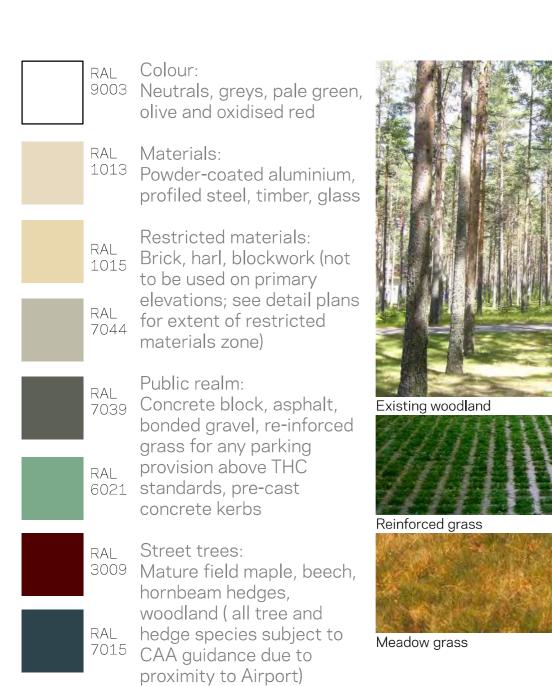
## Street materials

Key surface materials:





#### Material Palette 1 - Woodland



Colours for render/steel profile specifications, see

RAL colour chart











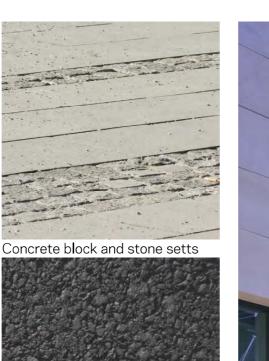




Timber and glass on primary elevations

### Material Palette 2 - Landscape Link





Asphalt

Lawn grass



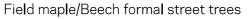












### Material Palette 3 - Tornagrain





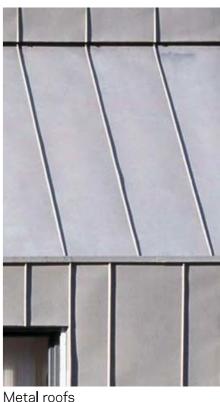
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Ash street trees

## Typical Plot A

- Materials Palette 1 applies.
- Buildings should be set back 5m from the plot frontage and screened by the estate tree and hedge planting.
- Buildings should be perpendicular to the highway so their narrowest elevation is presented to the front of the plot.
- No materials from the stated "restricted materials" should be used in the "restricted materials zone".
- Car parking should be set out within, and screened by, avenues or grids of trees.
- Perimeter tree planting should screen the plot from adjacent plots.



### Typical Plot B

- Materials Palette 1 applies.
- Buildings should be set back 5m from the plot frontage and screened by the estate tree and hedge planting.
- Buildings should be perpendicular to the highway so their narrowest elevation is presented to the front of the plot.
- Buildings should be located within the defined "building zone".
- The wooded area to the south of the plot should only be used for development if it can de demonstrated that it is necessary for the operation of the business. Trees in this area must be retained until such time as their removal is agreed with the estate.
- No materials from the stated "restricted materials" should be used in the "restricted materials zone".
- Car parking should be set out within, and screened by, avenues or grids of trees.
- Perimeter tree planting should screen the plot from adjacent plots.



## Typical Plot C

- Materials Palette 2 applies.
- Buildings should be set back 5m from the plot frontage, screened by the estate tree and hedge planting, and 8m from the north boundary.
- Buildings should be perpendicular to the highway so their narrowest elevation is presented to the front of the plot.
- No materials from the stated "restricted materials" should be used in the "restricted materials zone".
- Car parking should be set out within, and screened by, avenues or grids of trees.
- Perimeter tree planting should screen the plot from adjacent plots.



## Typical Plot D

- Materials Palette 3 applies.
- Buildings should be built to the edge of the plot boundary to define the public realm through a perimeter block structure.
- No materials from the stated "restricted materials" should be used on the street envelope of these buildings.
- All car parking should be set out within the perimeter block.

