

Project 3

Large Country Garden

Download GD1100 mark form from the 'Assignments' section on the User Dashboard of the student website and read carefully.

Download the 'Project 3 Information Files' from the student web site. This contains a CAD file, a SketchUp file, photos and a short video of the site.

Site Brief

The site is 2.5 acres or just over 1 hectare. It's in an Oxfordshire village set on chalk soil and a gently sloping site which falls approximately 4 meters across the plot.

The back of the house faces north east.

There is a public foot path that runs along the southern boundary and will need screening for privacy

The House is detached modern and brick built in the 1980's The client would like a conservatory added and also if possible a balcony at the back of the house outside the master bedroom. (Big widow, far left hand side as you look back at the house)

The internal rooms of the house step down inline with the external steps outside the house, so make sure you study carefully the spots heights as doors will have different **levels** (see **VW class Survey-Doors**)

Client Brief

Client (in her 50's single with grown-up sons) wants parking for 4 cars in the front with an overflow car park in the back garden, as she entertains a lot. The front door need to be made more obvious as there is currently a choice of 2 doors when you arrive at the property.

(You can change all doors and add small modifications to the building such as porches, conservatory, balcony and alter the facing material of the house to improve its looks)

The client would like a breakfast terrace outside the kitchen (opposite side of the house to the front door [see 2 steps to the kitchen door either side of gravel and a cypress tree 4m on plan])

At the back of the house she wants a conservatory (think carefully about its position and avoid dividing the back of the house in half [remember to avoid corridor space, so choose door positions carefully]) A large dinning terrace, water feature to help drown out traffic noise and planting to provide a sense of privacy/cocooning.

The dinning terrace should lead off down some steps to the Jacuzzi terrace. This is her main entertaining terrace and she uses the Jacuzzi all year round. The single garage has been converted to a changing room and sauna and has a bar ear as well. You can reposition the Jacuzzi, but remember you need access to its motor for maintenance and repairs.

She wants this area to have privacy from neighbours but also wants outside sofas and an entertaining area for relaxation and outside party/gathering space. Consider using planting arbour and pergolas to help provide this private space.

On the north boundary the garden adjoins neighbouring property and she is keen to pride a screen/planting to provide privacy but would also like to maintain vehicular access around the boundary of the entire property for access and maintenance.

She would like a 'swimming pond' at the bottom corner of the garden as well as good access to the existing tennis court.

She would like the garden to have a large lawn area and wants the site to make the best of its views and location

Budget £300,000 (not including the conservatory)