

1. Existing Landscape Framework and Public Open Space

A variety of planting across the Site will achieve a high quality landscape design and help to integrate the new development into the existing landscape framework. The Site is bound by dense tree hedgerows, which provide a strong and well-defined perimeter and contribute positively to the local landscape character. In addition, two lines of mature trees form internal field boundaries. These features are of particularly high landscape quality and value, and their retention will help to preserve the Site's existing structure and visual amenity. The proposed planting will reflect the character of the area and provide an attractive place to live, with native species introduced within areas of open space and to strengthen the Site boundaries. Proposed planting will be easily maintained and complement the setting of the new residential development. New street trees will be planted alongside the primary vehicular routes. The proposed planting will include a high proportion of native species and flowering non-native species of known benefits to wildlife. The palette of species will create a vibrant character to the development, helping to integrate it into the existing landscape.

Below is a suggested list to be included in the Native planting palette:

Native Tree Species

Quercus robur
Betula Pendula
Acer compostre
Tilia cordata

Common oak
Silver birch
Field maple
Small leaf Lime

Native Understorey Planting

Crategus monogyna
Corylus avellana
Rosa canina

Hawthorn
Hazel
Dog Rose



4. Recreational Routes

A network of new recreational footpaths will provide safe routes from the new residential areas to the surrounding public open space. Trim trail fitness stations will also be located along the route, promoting a healthy lifestyle for adults and teenagers alike. The recreational routes will improve the quality of the Green Infrastructure network by supporting improved links.



Potential active travel connection to wider allocation

2. Play Strategy

The play strategy will comprise a number of play spaces and facilities catering for a range of ages and abilities. An area within the open space to the east will be set out as children's provision, benefiting from the adjacent open amenity space. Youth provision will be located within the central part of the site and will be well overlooked by adjacent residents. This youth space will encourage social interaction and will include appropriate seating. These spaces will have a natural theme, including predominantly timber elements, as well as boulders and climbing features, which will reinforce the local sense of identity.

Informal seating areas will be installed within the open spaces to encourage congregation. A series of small doorstep play stations will be located alongside the walking routes, encouraging 'play on the way'.



3. Ecological Enhancements

The proposals include significant areas of new Green Infrastructure, providing a variety of habitats and contributing towards achieving an overall biodiversity net gain. This includes large areas of native tree planting, swathes of new meadow grassland and native hedgerow. A series of attenuation basins will also be included within the northern open space, including one permanently wet basin, and will be designed to form an integral element of the landscaping. The attenuation basins will be surrounded by native grassland/ flora mix and marginal planting which will provide seasonal interest as well as a varied habitat for local wildlife.



LEGEND

- Site Boundary
- Indicative Access Route
- Active Travel Link
- Public Footpath
- Indicative Access
- Residential Blocks
- Vehicular Roads
- Recreational Footpaths
- Existing Vegetation
- Proposed Native Trees
- Proposed Ornamental Trees
- Community Orchards
- Native Hedge Planting
- Thicket Planting
- Amenity Grassland
- Wildflower Meadows
- Aquatic Planting
- SuDS Basins
- Wet Thicket Planting
- Pond
- Rain Gardens
- Public Open Space (POS)
- Children's Play / Youth Provision
- Seating
- Mown Paths
- Trim Trail Stations
- Pump station

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