

Landscape Strategy

The overall landscape design principles for the proposed development have been informed by a thorough understanding of the site and its context and include the following aims:

- Integrate the proposed built form with that of Chiswell Green to the east, providing a new boundary to the Green Belt to the west
- Provide a positive outlook for existing residents of Hammers Gate and Forge End
- Enhance the attractiveness and sense of place of the proposed development through creation of a landscape framework of green infrastructure
- Retain and enhance existing features including healthy trees and hedgerows
- Enhance the biodiversity and ecological value of the site through establishment of a network of species rich habitats
- Provide an attractive and accessible wetland habitat integrating SuDS on the southern part of the site.
- Provide an attractive central open space as a focus for the proposed development.

In order to provide variety and interest across the site, and to enable a strong landscape response to the existing characteristics and future uses, a landscape character area strategy has been established, with five areas identified:

Area 1- Central Hub / Green Core

A central open space designed with shallow mounding, trees, shrubs and native hedgerows to create an attractive amenity feature and wildlife habitat integrated with the key green route running through the Site. This will provide the main open space in the development.

This area will have a semi-formal character with a mixture of native hedgerows, small native and ornamental trees, meadow and amenity grassland to create a landscape framework within which amenity areas of varying sizes to provide play space and larger expanses of open space for recreation are set.

The landscape character zone will incorporate:

- Native hedgerows
- Species rich meadow
- Earth bunding features with shrub planting
- Formal and informal play areas
- Footpaths/cycle routes
- Opportunity for creation of focal points through use of land art



Area 2 – Southern Space - Swale / Meadow

An accessible and attractive wetland area comprising SuDS, meadow planting and pathways and provide opportunities for recreation and relaxation.

SuDS to be designed as a functional flood attenuation area incorporating wetland habitat to create a rich biodiverse landscape of ponds and wetland, accessible by raised walkways where necessary.

The landscape character area will incorporate:

- Reed bed planting
- Marsh meadow grassland
- Species rich dry grassland
- Footpath linkages
- Raised boardwalks
- Natural play



Existing features

Trees

Shrubs

Proposed features

Native parkland trees

Ornamental street trees

Orchard

SuDS with marginal planting and nearby play areas

Footpaths

Reinforced defensible Green Belt boundary

Area 3 - Orchard

A central orchard to provide community involvement, encourage and sustain the active engagement of residents with the landscape.

The landscape character area will incorporate:

- Native fruit trees
- Species rich meadow
- Informal footpaths
- Seasonal interest



Area 4 - Community Play Area to Front of School

An accessible and attractive informal open space to front of the Primary School with active travel routes to integrate with the adjacent neighbourhood and provide opportunities for recreation and relaxation.

The landscape corridor character area will incorporate:

- Meadow grassland
- Natural play equipment
- Sensory planting



Area 5 - Strategic / Community Amenity Area

A landscape transition between Forge End and the proposed development to discreetly sit within the existing and enhanced landscape framework.

Planting to provide screening of filtering of views from residential properties on Forge End with informal and organic landscape design. The naturalistic swathes of mostly native tree and shrub planting will be interwoven with areas of SuDS and ecological features, wildflower grassland and woodland buffers.

The landscape character area will incorporate:

- Low earth bunding features with hedgerows and shrub planting
- SuDS
- Species Rich Meadow
- Footpaths



Green Belt Boundary

Landscape to enhance the existing defensible boundary with the reinforcement of the framework of vegetation. Planting will provide substantial visual screening along the western edge of Chiswell Green.

The landscape character area will incorporate:

- Native tree and shrub planting
- Habitat corridor



Figure 8

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Chiswell Green

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