

Woodland

All areas of Ancient Woodland across and adjacent to the site to be retained and protected with woodland buffers. There areas provide opportunities for enhancement of the woodland edge and for informal recreation.



Woodland for Wildlife

Areas of woodland managed for nature conservation, with no public access, and to contribute to the attractive setting and enclosure for the park and the development.





Open Space and Street Planting throughout the Development Area

Incidental areas of open space throughout the development to provide an attractive environment, incidental opportunities for meeting neighbours and for play.

Planting of substantial tree species in these spaces, and along streets, to provide further greening, microclimate benefits, and help to soften views towards the development from the wider setting.



Drainage

Sustainable drainage features throughout the proposals to be designed to tie into existing streams and maximise their contribution to the natural landscape.

Fir Tree Grove

This area to be secured to provide an attractive pedestrian and cycle access from Rocks Road. The route will pass through the existing woodland on a boardwalk and provide a contoured landscaped connection to rocks road to provide inclusive access. The area will be brought into appropriate management to retain its informal, naturalistic woodland character and to secure long term wildlife and visual amenity enhancement.

Existing woodland retained

Woodland park

Drainage

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Housing area

Parking for woodland park

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Public open space with potential for pitches and childrens play area

New cycle / pedestrian link to Town Centre

Drainage

Housing area

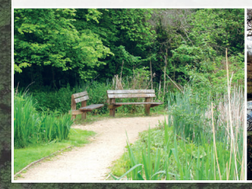
Pedestrian and cycle link to Rocks Road

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Downlands Woodland Park

Downlands Woodland Park to secure public access to existing privately owned woodland and grassland. The Park will retain its informal, naturalistic character and include:

- Grassland enhancement to create species rich meadow;
- Woodland enhancement to improve accessibility in balance with biodiversity
- Mature trees managed for longevity;
- New tree and shrub planting to contribute further to visual and wildlife diversity;
- Enhanced access, including car parking, signage, and footpaths; and
- Seating and information boards to take advantage of views and provide information to contribute to the enjoyment of the site.







Green Corridors

Green corridors to provide attractive, accessible, green routes for people, for access to facilities and recreation, and wildlife, allowing this access to a wider habitat.



Orchard

Orchard to provide an attractive pedestrian access to the site, provide informal recreation opportunities and 'food for free', and an appropriate green buffer to the Barn at Downlands Farm (Grade II) listed building.

Central Park

The Central Park to provide a multi-functional community green hub that is accessible from across the site via green routes. The Park to include:

- Opportunities for informal recreation for all;
- Equipped play for all including a kick about area;
- Retention and natural buffering of the existing pond;
- Retention, enhancement, and addition to existing planting to provide structure and enclosure; and
- Green drainage attenuation features designed to contribute to visual and wildlife diversity.







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Figure 6.2: Illustrative Landscape and Ecology Strategy Plan

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