

LANDSCAPE



The Site is not located within any landscape designations. It is heavily influenced by the existing residential area, due to a large part of the Site lying between the new Elmsbrook development and the primary school which form the first phase of the North West Bicester eco-town allocation.

A landscape strategy has been developed that responds to the local area and its visual context. This will reinforce and enhance existing Site scale and character, whilst establishing new distinctive spaces that provide an appropriate setting for the new community and create a unifying parkland landscape running through the development.

Our proposals and approach toward green spaces and landscaping include the following:

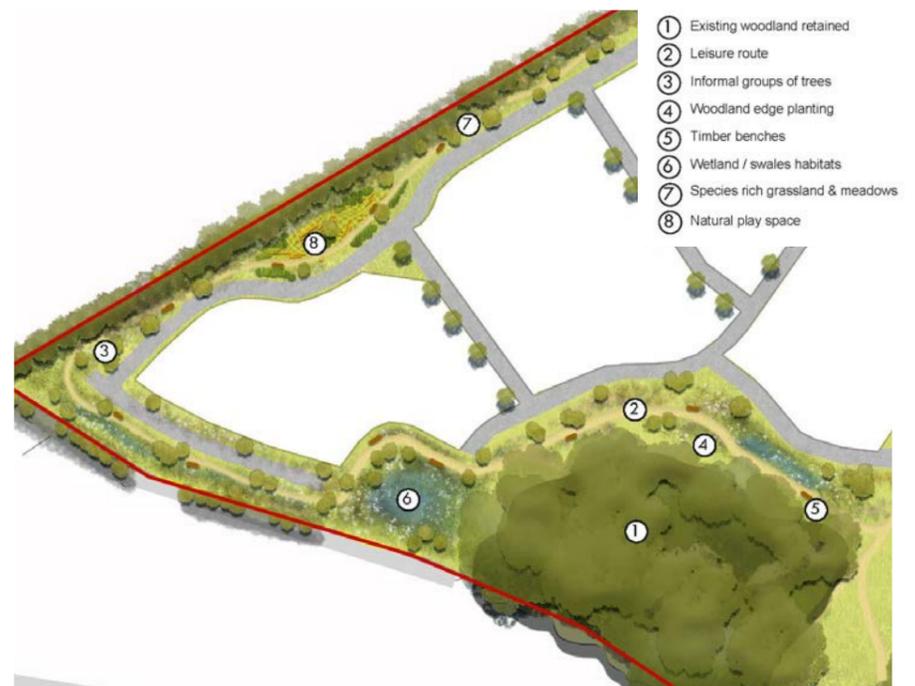
- Retaining and enhancing existing woodland, tree belts and hedgerows to help structure the proposed development
- Integrate new housing into the landscape; and provide the basis of multi-functional green infrastructure
- Utilising existing boundary features and proposed green infrastructure to create appropriate interfaces with surrounding development allowing for the continuation of spaces and routes through the Site and beyond
- Ensuring appropriate treatment of the western extent of the Site, creating a transition between development and countryside, and establishing a 'green edge' to the new outer boundary of Bicester
- Ensuring appropriate treatment of the eastern extent of the Site, providing an attractive frontage to the B4100 and St Laurence's Church
- Orientation of the key access road within the Site's eastern parcel to align with St Laurence's Church and allow for views towards the church tower



A variety of open space types will be created within the green infrastructure network, including amenity space, semi-natural space, play areas and allotments. Circular routes will also be created around the Site, providing opportunities for recreation.



Eastern parkland



Woodland edge and western fringe



Swale corridor