

# PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AND LANDSCAPE

## LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREAS

### Design Principles

The landscape concept responds to the residential plot layout and highways network, creating four individual character areas that are complementary to each other and the wider masterplan.

#### Character Area 1 - Countryside Park

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#### Character Area 2 - Community Orchard

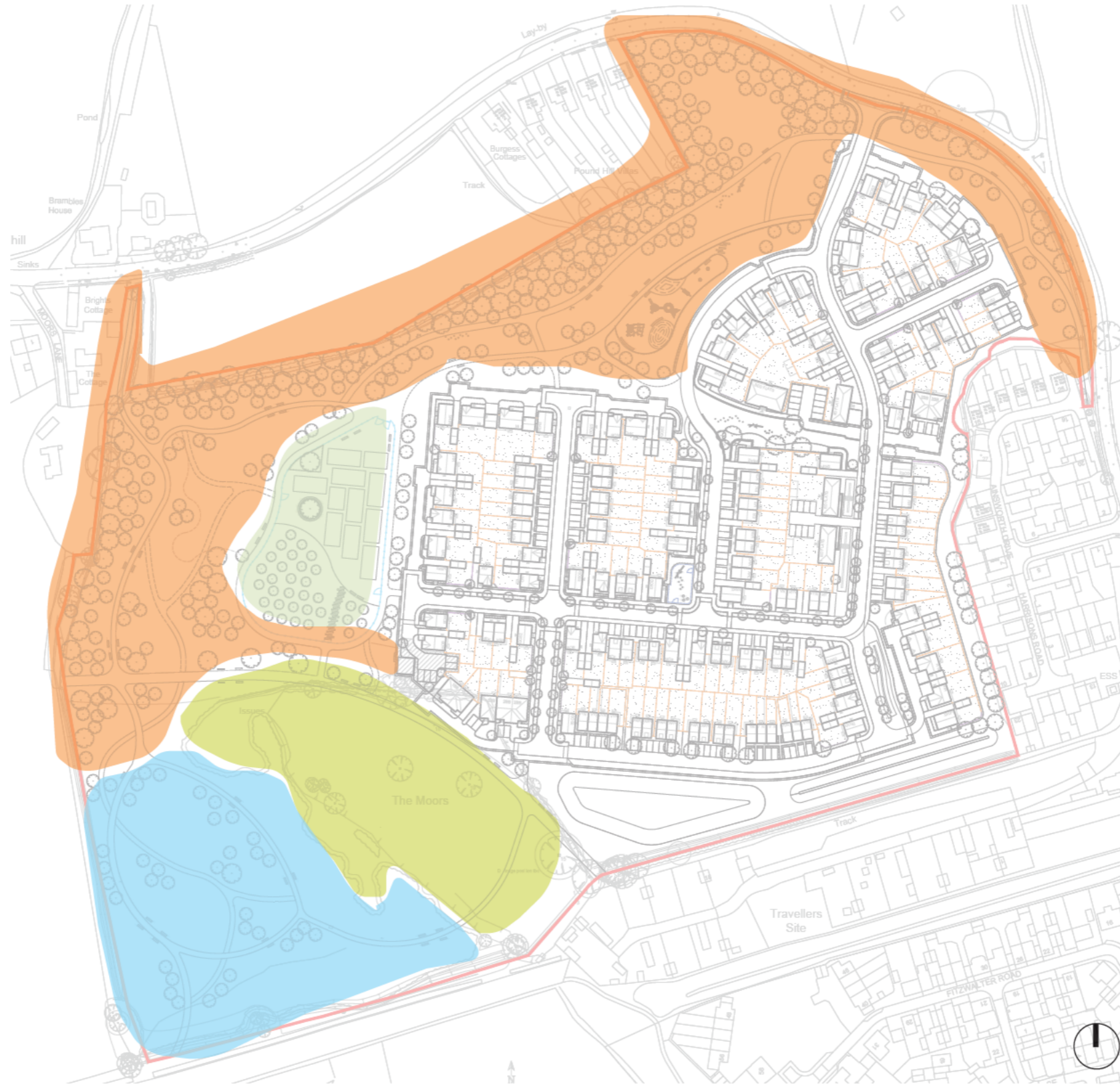
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#### Character Area 3 - Wildlife Area

Enhanced existing grassland and ground conditions with wildflower meadow planting to encourage biodiversity.

#### Character Area 4 - Moors Woodland

Retention of existing mature trees and vegetation, enhanced with footpath connections to well-used local trails including pedestrian, cycle networks. Promoting access to nature to the local community.



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COUNTRYSIDE PARK



COMMUNITY ORCHARD



WILDLIFE AREA



MOORS WOODLAND

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## COUNTRYSIDE PARK

Countryside Park is consisting of nature walks with public rights of way meandering through. As well as a strong cycle network with multi-generational spaces for all.

- Countryside park serves as a physical and visual buffer between the development and existing settlements and prevent coalescence.
- Providing access to natural space for residents.
- The majority of the 8.4ha of open space within the development will be countryside park.
- Space will contain nature walks, play-on-the-way, cycle trails, and preserve public rights of way.



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### Design Code Compliance

- 3.1.2 Delivery of around 8.4 ha of public open space; primarily in the form of a country park but also through green links within the development area.
- 4.1.1 Proposed landscape treatments will maintain distinction between surrounding settlements.
- 4.1.2 Extensive green space will provide potential for leisure, children's play, and recreation.
- 4.1.6, 4.2.2 - 3 Walking and cycling connections must be made to the Flich Way, which runs along the south of the site.
- 6.3.2 Informed by the LVIA, the country park seeks to retain the physical and visual separation between Flich Green and Little Dunmow and to minimise the effect on the visual amenity of views from the surrounding landscape.



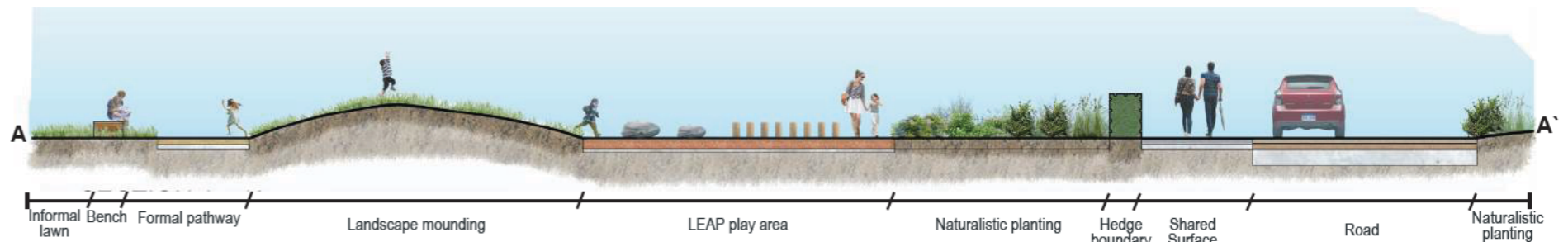
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Encouraging connection with nature



Multigenerational recreation and amenity



Section of countryside park

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## COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Embracing site heritage with fruit-bearing and local tree species. Creating community engagement and promoting social cohesion.

- Communal or shared orchard could provide a space for planned or informal social interaction.
- Growing produce offers an opportunity for education.
- Fruit-bearing trees, as well as spaces for allotments, could provide food for residents.
- Opportunity to grow local or heritage fruit varieties.



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### Design Code Compliance

- 1.0, 4.1.2 Vision for the site including provision of large areas of public open space largely in the form of country parkland; including play facilities, cycle and walking routes, significant tree planting, and community food production through orchards and allotments.
- 6.3.7 Community orchard and allotment facilities provide multigenerational recreational and social amenity.



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Food production for residents



Educational and recreational opportunities for community building



Section of community orchard

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## WILDLIFE AREA

Enhanced existing grassland and ground conditions with wildflower meadow planting to encourage biodiversity.

- Preserving and enhancing existing ecological assets, including grasslands.
- Planting of species-rich wildflower meadow, providing habitats and food sources for local ecology, as well as pollinator species.
- Preserving, developing and supporting diverse ecosystems.



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### Design Code Compliance

- 2.0, 4.1.4, 5.1.4 Protection and enhancement of existing landscapes, vegetation, and biodiversity habitats wherever possible.
- 5.1.6 Design informed by the ecology survey to preserve habitats and provide a network of new wildlife spaces.
- 6.3.3 The design of countryside park has been focused on the benefits to both people and wildlife. It includes a large blanket of species-rich grassland containing pockets of scrub planting and specimen trees and is surrounded by proposed woodland to the north and existing woodland to the south. The mixture of landscape typologies will provide a network of diverse habitats that are connected to those across the wider landscape.



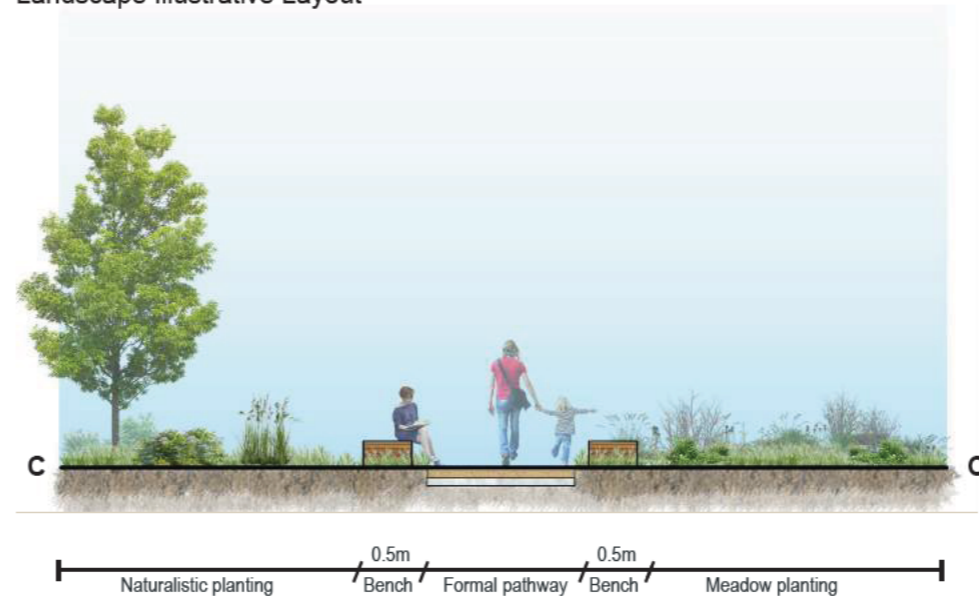
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Habitat features including bug hotels



Wide, biodiverse landscape areas



Section of wildlife area

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## MOORS WOODLAND

Retention of existing mature trees and vegetation, enhanced with footpath connections to well-used local trails including pedestrian, cycle networks. Promoting access to nature to the local community.

- Existing wooded area to be retained.
- Dense vegetated buffer between the Flich Way Country Park and the development, as well as between the development and the enhanced wildlife area.
- Thinning of overgrown or damaged pathways to offer pedestrian, cycle, and equestrian network connections.
- Providing access to varied natural spaces for residents.



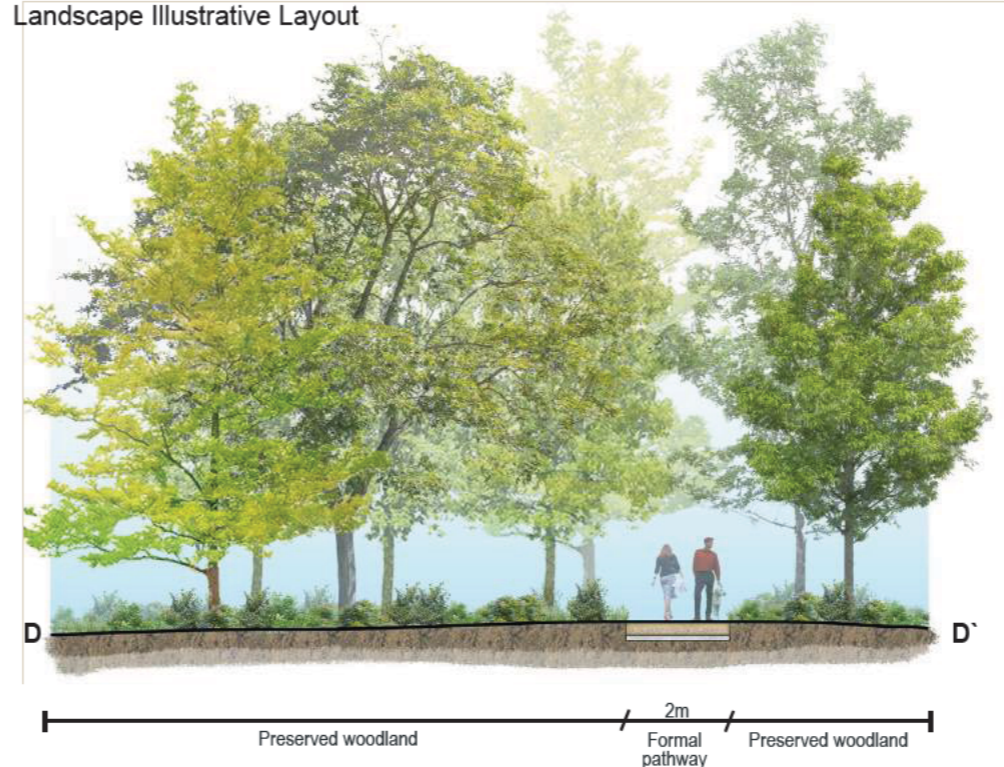
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### Design Code Compliance

- 2.0 Benefits resulting from the vision, including circular walking routes connecting to the existing Flich Way and protection and enhancement of the existing landscape.
- 2.0, 4.1.4, 5.1.4 Protection and enhancement of existing landscapes, vegetation, and biodiversity habitats wherever possible.
- 5.1.10 The Moors woodland must be retained and integrated into the public open space. It is appropriate to remove some of the shrubs and woodland to reopen the footpath on its correct alignment.
- 5.1.6 Design informed by the ecology survey to preserve habitats and provide a network of new wildlife spaces.



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Section of Moors woodland



Rich woodland providing habitats for a diverse range of fauna



Preservation of existing mature woodland



Wet woodland habitat is to be retained

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## SITE-WIDE PLAY STRATEGY

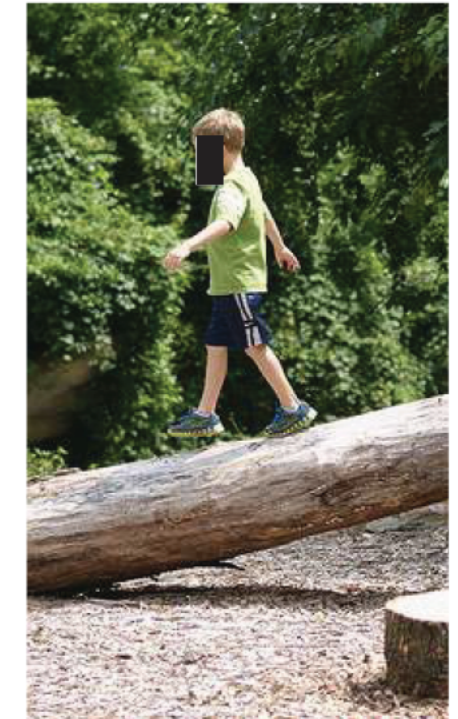
Across the site there will be a mix of formal and informal play spaces to provide active spaces for people of all ages. A LEAP, a LAP and trim trail equipment to satisfy various age groups and abilities.

The proposed LAP allows for informal supervision and encourages both social interaction and creative play. Play equipment could be naturally sourced and look to use integrated features of interest for adult residents. The public open spaces could lend themselves to the potential of informal play.

A trail of exercise equipment located along the informal route of the countryside park could create a playful landscape, with equipment increasing in difficulty as the trail progresses. This encourages an active and healthy lifestyle, would be suitable for 12+ years.



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INCIDENTAL PLAY SUITABLE FOR 0-12 YEARS; LOGS, NATURAL BOULDERS, STEPPING STUMPS, TIMBER BRIDGES FEATURED WITHIN LEAP AND LAP.

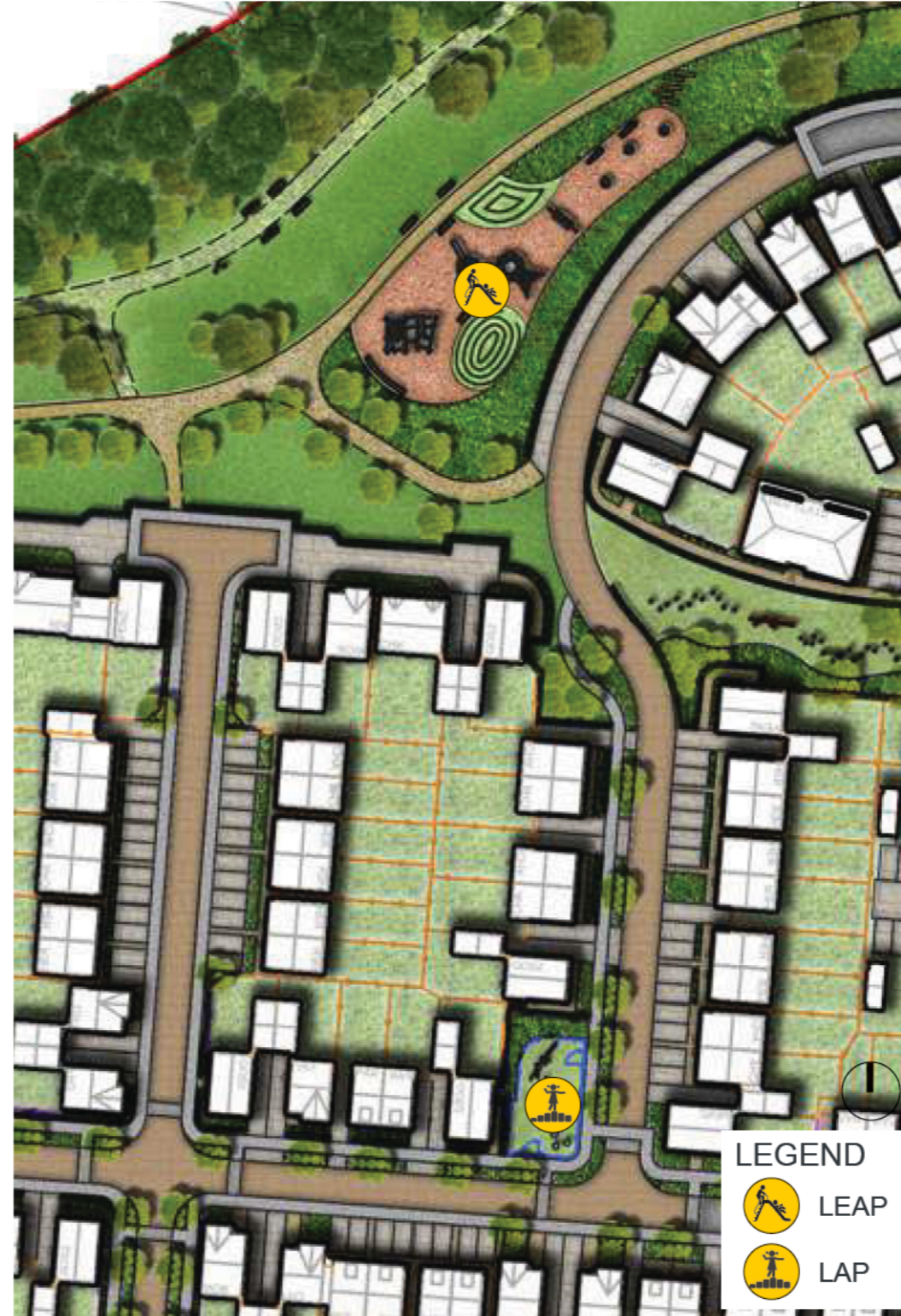


PRECEDENT TRAIL TRIM EQUIPMENT, SUITABLE FOR 12+ YEARS

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## LEAP AND LAP

- Provision of both a Local Area for Play (LAP) and a Local Equipment Area for Play (LEAP) in addition to play facilities within the green corridors running through the development
- Provision of naturalistic, informal play provision within the country park and along the nature trails therein



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### Design Code Compliance

- 4.3.3 The site must provide opportunities for play in the form of a LEAP and LAP. All dwellings must be within the recommended walking distance for one or more of these facilities. Further opportunities for doorstep play within green spaces must be provided within green corridors across the site.
- 8.1.3 The scheme includes the potential for a new community facility and will include an equipped play area within a connected green infrastructure network.



Local play spaces for younger children



Play equipment constructed using recycled and sustainable materials



Naturalistic aesthetic to LEAP spaces in keeping with development character

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## TRIM TRAIL

- Provision of naturalistic, informal play provision within the country park and along the nature trails therein
- Designed orchard area with provision for community fruit growing, as well as allotment space
- Inclusion of a 'trim trail' within the country park, providing an active resource for children's play as well as exercise and recreation for the wider population.



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## Design Code Compliance

- 4.1.2 Extensive green space will provide potential for leisure, children's play, and recreation.
- 4.1.6, 4.2.2 - 3 Walking and cycling connections must be made to the Flich Way, which runs along the south of the site.
- 6.1.1 Green corridors must be designed as attractive routes to encourage walking, cycling, and play.
- 6.3.6 A natural play area with soft boundaries is required in the country park, with further play opportunities such as logs and boulders along key routes.
- 6.3.7 Community orchard and allotment facilities provide multigenerational recreational and social amenity.
- 8.1.3 The scheme includes the potential for a new community facility and will include an equipped play area within a connected green infrastructure network.



Multigenerational trim trail equipment



Natural materials maintaining development character



Play-on-the-way along countryside park pathways



Incidental play within woodland areas