

8. Wetland Park: Landscape Character

The Wetland Park aligns the site's northern edge where levels are low. Winding paths, pockets of wet woodland, mixed scrub and meadows are supplemented by linear swales, ponds and SuDS features.

Engaging educational features such as information boards, activity spaces, and pond dipping areas, are located adjacent to the school providing an enhanced opportunity for nature learning.

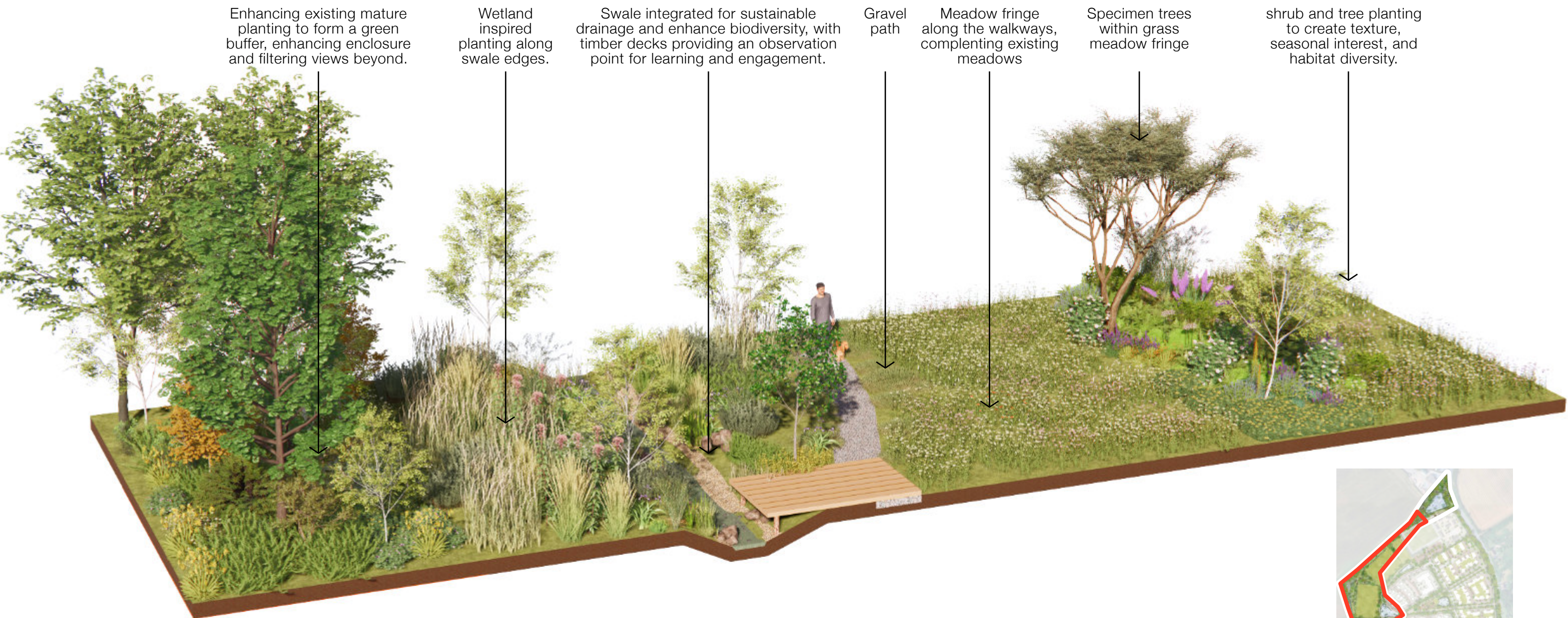
A linear wet woodland will reinforce the green belt edge and filter views of housing.



9. Wetland Park Typical Vignette

A layered transition of woodland edge, linear swales, winding paths and meadows with scattered trees, will create ecological enhancement and a strong green belt edge.

Meandering paths and opportunities to access swales will further engage residents in natural and sustainable processes.



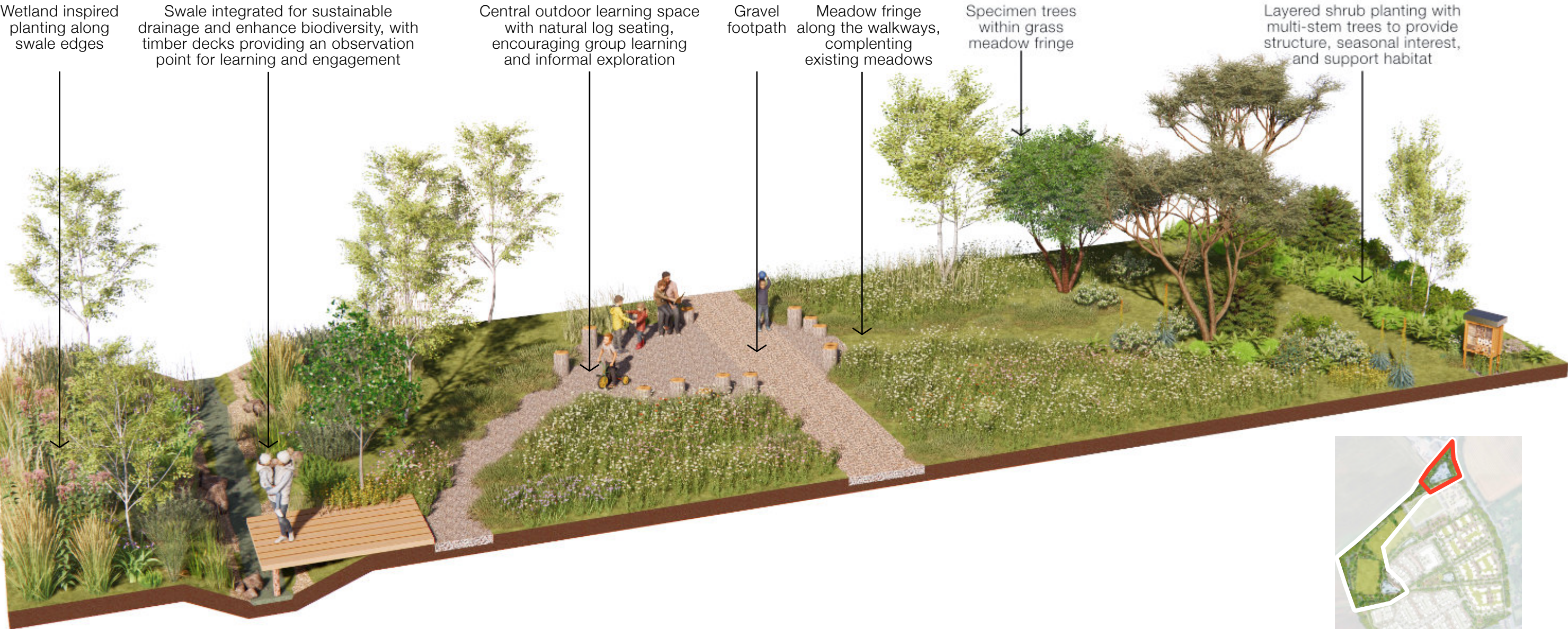
10. Wetland Park Educational Vignette

Supporting children’s engagement with the natural world brings benefits to learning, mental and physical health, and a child’s understanding of the world.

Adjacent to the school the Wetland Park will feature outdoor learning elements such as seating circles, dipping decks, woodland trails and

habitat features to explore and discover.

These public spaces could be accessed directly from the school to support additional nature based learning within the curriculum.

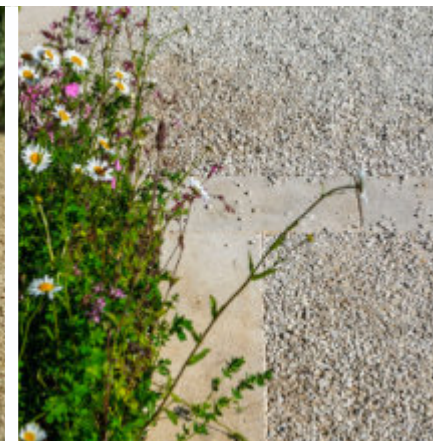


11. Green Link: Overview

The Green Link is formed around the locally popular Icknield Way, that leads between Ickleford and Pirton.

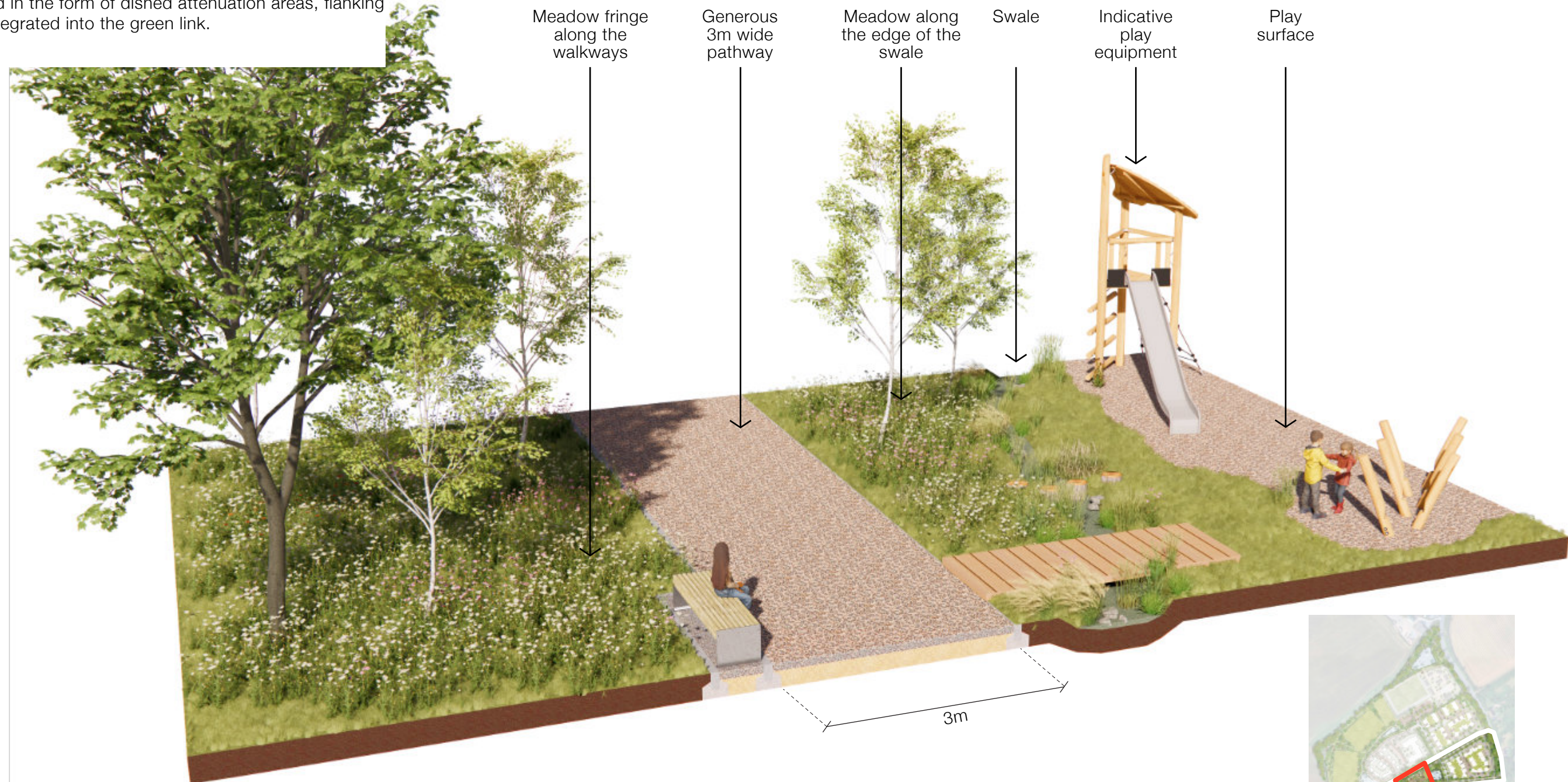
A generous park-like space, the Green Link will feature open meadows, swales, a large play space, hedgerow and a new PROW spur that connects directly into the onward route, without the existing dog-leg along Bedford Road.

The footpaths will be widened and surfaced to encourage use and connect local residents to their adjacent countryside.



12. Green Link Typical Vignette 1

The Green Link route will be a generous 3m wide surfaced path flanked by meadows, trees hedgerows and play spaces, with seating opportunities. These routes will relate to the wider SuDS strategy, with Swales delivered in the form of dished attenuation areas, flanking the pathways and integrated into the green link.



13. Green Link Typical Vignette 2

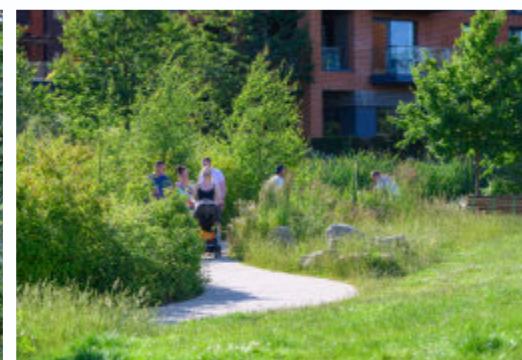
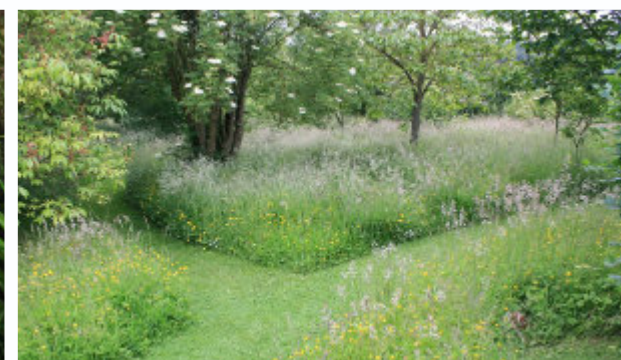
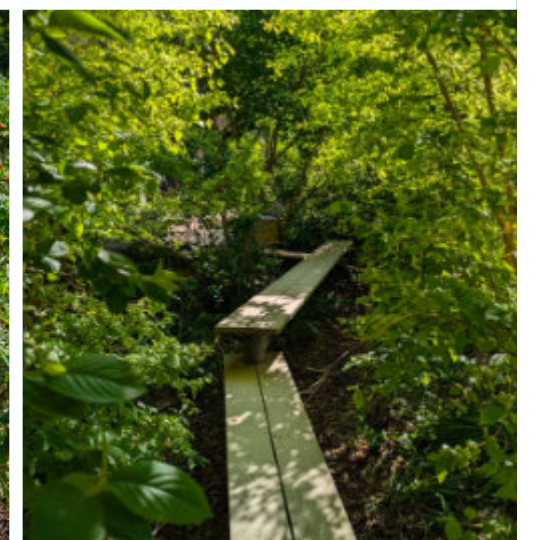
The Green Link's spurs will be formal footpaths through meadow landscapes fronted by houses. These routes will also be integral to the wider SuDS strategy, with dished attenuation Swales covered in flowering meadows flanking the pathways. Where the spurs widen, opportunities for informal play and recreation are created within open lawned areas with scattered trees, offering a green outlook for adjacent houses.



14. Meadow Edge: Overview

Creating strong boundaries through reinforcing the sparse site edge green infrastructure is a key aspect of the Meadow Edge.

Linear paths with seating and informal playful elements, meadows, and tree and scrub belts will provide a valuable public amenity, ecological connectivity and habitat creation, and soften views towards new housing and Ickleford from the surrounding countryside.



15. Meadow Edge Vignette

The meadow edge creates a linear buffer and informal recreation space.

