

4. Naturalistic Farm Character

The landscape character will reflect a farmstead aesthetic with soft textures and naturalistic planting. Meadows, gravels, reclaimed stone and timbers, and native trees, scrub and hedges will create a high quality setting in keeping with local character.



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5. Landscape Themes

Climate & Carbon Conscious

Celebrating and expressing an understanding of climate resilient design and carbon sequestration through reclaimed surfacing, timber and gravels, and visible and active sustainable drainage.



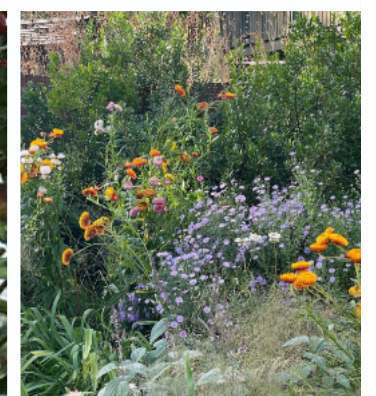
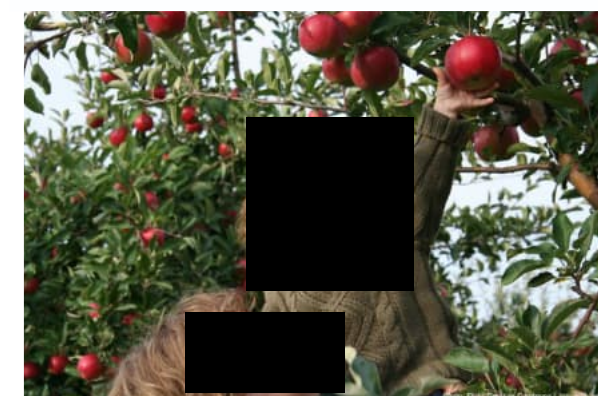
Nature Recovery

Habitat creation throughout the landscape with features integrated as ornamental and structural components. Species rich planting layers with to benefit local fauna.



Landscape Connections

Landscape features that connect people with the natural world through sensory planting, opportunities for foraging and growing, and comfortable spaces to socialise and play



6. Development Strategy

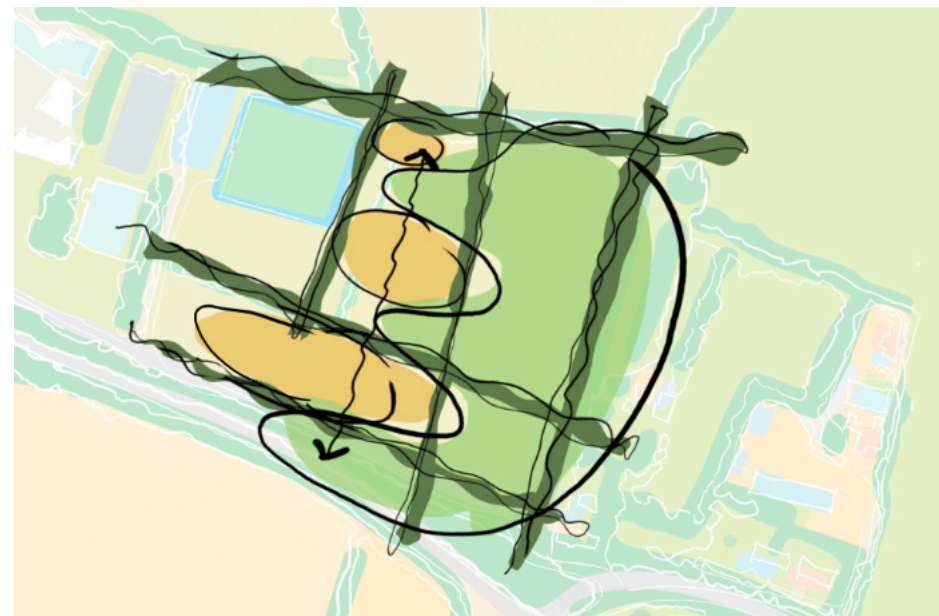
Green Infrastructure

Connecting green infrastructure for the benefit of faunal migration is a goal of the landscape character assessment, this is the starting point for establishing a place structure. Green infrastructure is extended through the site to create a landscape lattice enhancing local ecology. Flood plane to the east is embraced and development is contained to the west.



Parcels and Permeability

Open space is expressed to the east and allowed to permeate into a development area. This creates three linked parcels, connected with each other and the landscape.



Lane and Links

The sites context includes pockets of development formed of often haphazardly arranged buildings around central lanes and courtyards typical of farmstead and light industrial estates. The development will reflect this with the central lane weaving through new homes. Connections to open space and links will breakthrough landscape infrastructure.



7. Landscape Masterplan

The landscape delivers a contextually appropriate lane character with naturalistic open space adjacent.

1. Access off Stevenage Road
2. Wetland edge at Ash Brooke
3. Naturalistic wetland park
4. Playground area
5. Parking squares providing connections into the park
6. Reinforced boundary planting

