

Play Spaces - Hillside Park

A clearly defined play space, enclosed with planting, hedging, and fencing is proposed for the heart of the development to allow smaller children easy access to on-site play.

SUDS in this part of the site will be fenced, and the area defined with gates and fencing. Additionally, it is well overlooked by proposed housing. Mature vegetation forms the backdrop of the play space, with the central area open and views unimpeded.

The play area will include sensory planting beds that define pockets of play space whilst being engaging, stimulating and safe for children.

Play equipment as well as natural play features such as rocks, logs and earth mounding will be set against a backdrop of existing trees, and will encourage creativity and imaginative play. Timber retaining structures will be used to carve play spaces out of the hillside along formal paths, creating level, accessible play areas.

Elsewhere, the natural slope of the land will be utilised for climbing features, slides and grassed banks.

The play area will be surfaced in amenity grass, with the use of safety surfacing such as rubber crumb limited to where absolutely necessary.

Natural play features such as logs created from on-site trees felled to facilitate development will also reduce pressure on adjacent woodlands.

Additionally, an amphitheatre-style seating area will take advantage of views across the play area to the landscape beyond.

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Play features utilising slope. To be developed with specialist play designer

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Timber retaining structures to carve play spaces out of topography

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Seating area carved out of slope

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Maximum 1:21 paths for accessible routes where possible



Play Spaces - Village Green

Around the existing balancing ponds the open space along the road edge is contained by earth mounding. The space is well overlooked by houses which face onto the space, and well connected with hoggin footpaths.

The space is interspersed with trees selected for their biodiversity value, to create shade within the space and frame views.

Additionally, biodiverse shrub and tree planting to the edges create a boundary to the surrounding residential roads.

Play opportunities in this area are focused on socialisation for teenagers. Creative, social play encouraged with hammock swings, a community green at the entrance to site, maintained as mown grass could be used for ball games, and a furnished outdoor gym provides fitness opportunity within the public realm.

In a well-lit, well-overlooked area a flexible space for teenage girls has been included. Tree and shrub planting prevents informal sports such as football dominating the area. Earth mounding creates a sense of privacy and seclusion, albeit footways passing through the area ensure it is well-trafficked. The flexible space comprises an earth mound and hard surfaced area with benches. The space could be used for gathering, games or performance.

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'Play on the way' along paths

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Earth mounding to contain space

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Creative social play

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Well overlooked outdoor gym

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Seating area and performance space to promote socialisation for teenagers



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Boardwalks across existing water feature, fenced and gated.

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Well overlooked by adjacent houses

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Community green at entrance to site

Country Park

The development is benefited from a large open space to the east.

This will comprise of a country park with native scrub and woodland planting, wildflower and amenity space. Varied paths of mown grass, hoggin and mulch will increase accessibility by defining steeper and more comfortable routes with the addition of way-markers.

The country park will be serviced by a picnic area and car park, which will be surfaced with reinforced gravel for a rural feel.

Also space for a coffee van and maintenance vehicles have been incorporated. Reinforced grass will help these practical features recede into the landscape.

In the Country Park, a 'Dry stream' play area with glacial boulders and rocks, natural play features makes use of the natural slope of the land, providing a 'play on the way' route adjacent to a hoggin footpath. It is well overlooked, set against the backdrop of existing vegetation.

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'Dry stream' play area with glacial boulders and rocks, natural play features



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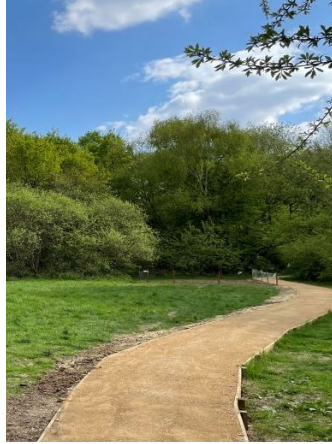
Picnic area

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Native planting, wildflower and mown paths

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Varied surface materials for accessible and steeper routes

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Areas of new woodland



Open Space - Allotments

The car park also serves the proposed allotments, which will be managed by Haywards Heath Town Council.

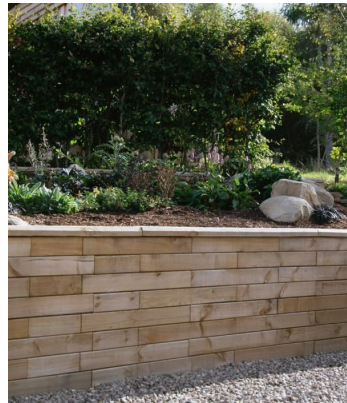
Retaining walls and banking have been utilised to create level plots on a series of terraces. This has resulted in 17 x 5 rod plots (standard), and 6 x 2.5 rod plots, which are to be finished with topsoil and accessed by grass paths.

3x accessible 5 rod plots will be located near to entrance, hard surfaced and supplied with raised beds.

The allotment has a proposed metal boundary fence, softened in planting, for security. However, internally, the omission of fencing between plots will create a communal atmosphere. Additionally, a communal grassed area with benches is proposed for allotment holders to gather, eat together, and share produce.

3 water points and a storage shed have been included.

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Retaining walls where necessary. Allotments mostly 1:40, paths to not exceed 1:21

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Storage shed for maintenance / materials

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Self binding gravel footpaths to main internal allotment paths

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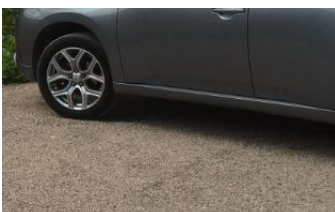
17 x 5 rod plots (standard) 6 x 2.5 rod plots Finished with topsoil and grass paths

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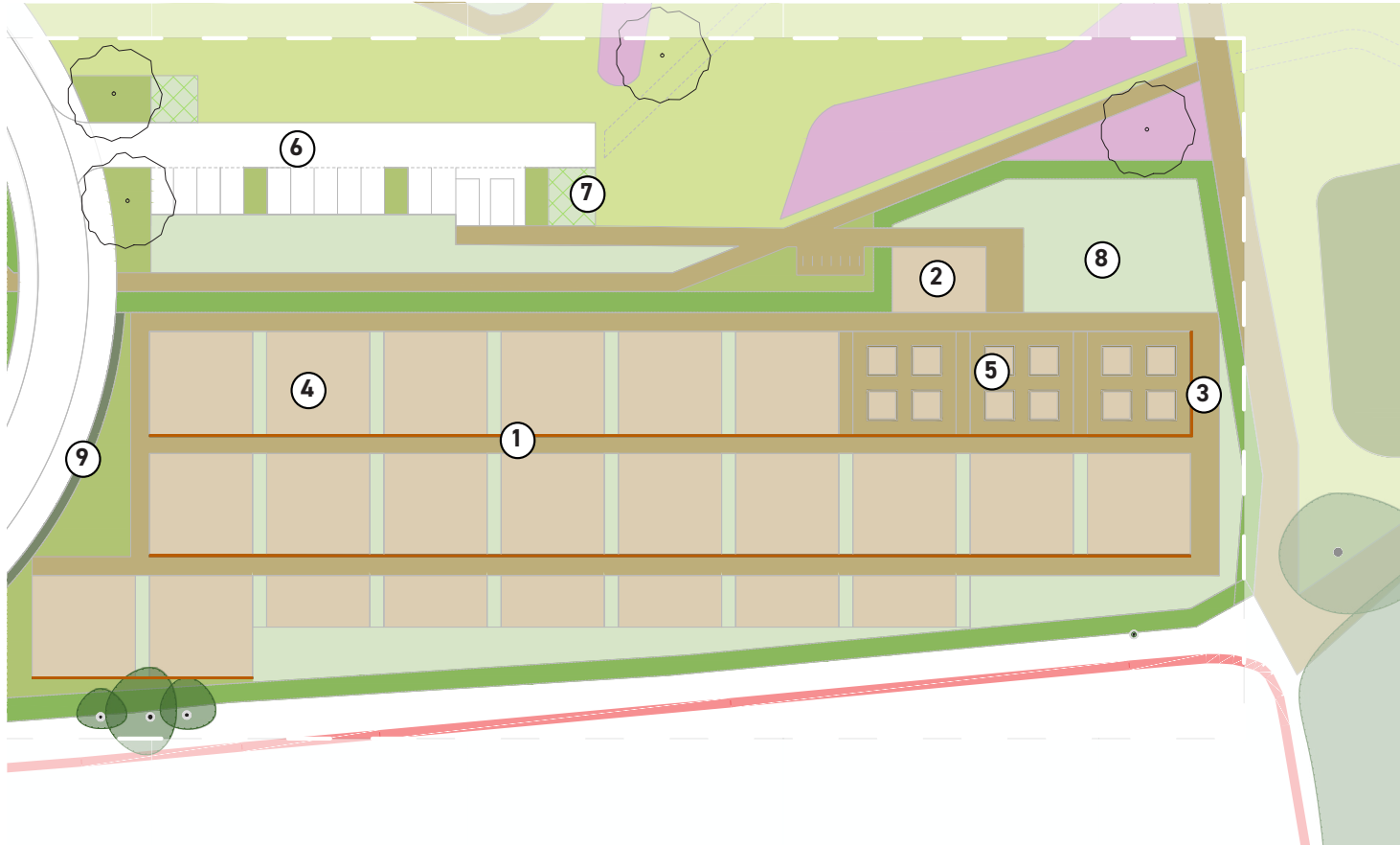


3x accessible 5 rod plots Located near to entrance and supplied with raised beds and hard surface

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Reinforced gravel parking bays, combined with parking for country park 2 x accessible bays 10 x standard bays (2.5m x 5m)



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Maintenance / coffee van areas in car park to be reinforced grass with access control

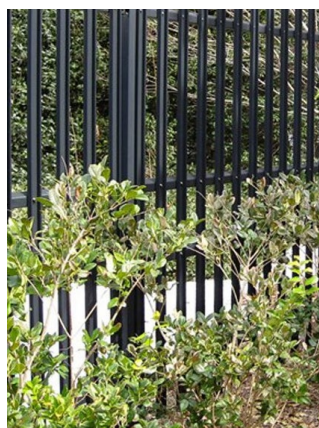


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Communal grassed area for allotment holders

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Boundary fencing black metal palisade fencing within planting/ hedges

Open Space - Burial Grounds

The proposed burial ground will be managed by Haywards Heath Town Council.

Using steep earth banking with planting and wildflower at the edges, steps and an accessible route, the level burial ground has been created without the need for terracing.

A range of burial types have been considered, including an area for ashes interment, set against the backdrop of the existing ancient woodland.

A secluded area of wildflower grass, enclosed with proposed trees and planting has been designated for ashes interment in a woodland burial setting.

The central part of the site has been designed for traditional burials, including faith burials.

In a private corner, a peaceful remembrance area leads onto the children’s burial area.

The banking along the northern edge, has been utilised as tranquil seating areas with views to the South Downs.

There is a visitor parking area surfaced in gravel, and a reinforced grass loop for maintenance vehicles and hearse access.

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Remembrance seating areas with ornamental planting, and views south to the Downs

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Woodland burial area; wildflower planting with trees, mown path and seating.

Level changes taken up in planted/ grassed banks. Max 1:3

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Reinforced grass loop

Visitor parking (gravel surface)



05.01 Landscape Cont

Planting Strategy

Tree species will be selected for:
Their suitability as street-trees in terms of form and robustness
Their ability to provide seasonal interest and shade for parked cars without dropping fruits.
A variety of tree species planting will:

- Give each area its own character and define spaces
- Help to establish a hierarchy of streets and roads
- Aid wayfinding throughout the site
- Further enhance biodiversity
- Improve resilience to climate change and increase biosecurity.

Trees along the rural edges will comprise of native pioneer woodland species to create a woodland edge character. Species such as;

- Birch (Betula pendula),
- Hawthorn (Crataegus monogyna)
- Hazel (Corylus avellana)
- Rowan (Sorbus aucuparia)

Trees at the entrance to the development parcels will include Acer platanoides ‘Deborah’, and Acer platanoides ‘Princeton Gold’ to create an attractive arrival zone with feature trees.

Along the main roads within the site a mixed avenue of striking trees has been selected. Trees with an upright habit that are particularly suited to road verges have been selected, including:

- Acer campestre ‘William Caldwell’
- Carpinus betulus ‘Fastigiata’
- Acer platanoides ‘Deborah’
- Gingko biloba
- Liquidambar ‘Worplesdon’
- Acer platanoides ‘Princeton Gold’.

Trees at the edges of the site will be selected to create a leafy, woodland edge character.
Trees within public open space will comprise of native species such as:

- Oak (Quercus robur)
- Field Maple (Acer campestre)
- Beech (Fagus sylvatica)

Trees adjacent to SUDS features and existing water-bodies will be native species that would be characteristically found near water sources, to strengthen the character of these areas within the site. Species would include:

- Aspen (Populus tremula)
- River Birch (Betula nigra)
- Alder (Alnus glutinosa)
- White willow (Salix alba)

Ornamental trees elsewhere in the site will be tailored to the distinct character of each area, and be selected to follow TDAG’s 30/20/10 principles which ensure diversity and safeguard the health of the tree population against biosecurity risks.

Native trees lining rural edges



Hawthorn



Hazel



Birch



Rowan

Ornamental trees within streetscape



Prunus avium ‘Plena’



Betula utilis ‘Snow Queen’



Malus ‘Comtesse de Paris’,

Mixed avenue trees along main roads



Acer campestre ‘William Caldwell’



Carpinus betulus ‘Fastigiata’



Acer platanoides ‘Deborah’



Gingko biloba



Liquidambar ‘Worplesdon’



Acer platanoides ‘Princeton Gold’

Trees adjacent to SUDS and water-bodies



Aspen (Populus tremula)



White willow (Salix alba)



River Birch (Betula nigra)



Alder (Alnus glutinosa)

Native trees in POS



Oak (Quercus robur)



Field Maple (Acer campestre)



Beech (Fagus sylvatica)