

Neighbourhood Square

The Neighbourhood Square is a flexible place for recreation, relaxation and celebration. With homes, shops, cafes, later living, a community hub, parklands and a primary school co-located at the heart of the neighbourhood, The Square will be a safe and attractive place to come together, easily accessed by legible active travel and sustainable transport routes.

The mixed-use building have been designed to respond to typical Mid Sussex high streets with facade articulation and detailing to create a sense of granularity and a vertical emphasis as part of the distinctive contemporary architecture.

- 1 Car-free heart of the square, a flexible space for recreation, relaxation and celebration
- 2 4-storey apartment blocks with commercial ground floor uses and balconies overlooking The Square, Parklands and Northern Courtyard
- 3 Neighbourhood Green Link
- 4 Primary School
- 5 Unallocated multipurpose parking for visitors and school drop-off
- 6 Northern courtyard - residential parking screened by soft landscaping including planters and street trees
- 7 Nursery External Play Area
- 8 Loading bay
- 9 Eastern Neighbourhood Park
- 10 Extra Care Home
- 11 Green Super Highway



CHARACTER

The Neighbourhood Square Looking East



Neighbourhood Square Landscape Character

KEY PLAN



- The public realm of the central Neighbourhood Square has been designed to be as open as possible to allow the space to be an arrival destination space, with the potential for community events.
- The Neighbourhood Square will be easily accessible, with the existing level differences taken up through the area along the eastern boundary of the buildings of the neighbourhood centre, where step and ramp access will be provided to a short section of the ground level units.
- The space has been designed with flexibility in mind, so that the space can be used for large community events and partitioned off to allow for car parking depending on the requirements of the space.
- The Neighbourhood Square will provide level access across the area allowing for connectivity to the Green Super Highway, Green Circle, Green Link and the wider site.
- The proposed materiality will tie in with northern courtyard proposals, wrapping around neighbourhood centre buildings, so that the space reads as a whole.
- Car parking will be subsumed into the neighbourhood square through subtle changes in material to demarcate parking bays, so that the space reads as a whole.
- The proposed planting located through the neighbourhood square will create a formal character and proposed species will tie in with the wider proposals and create a rhythm and hierarchy of planting.



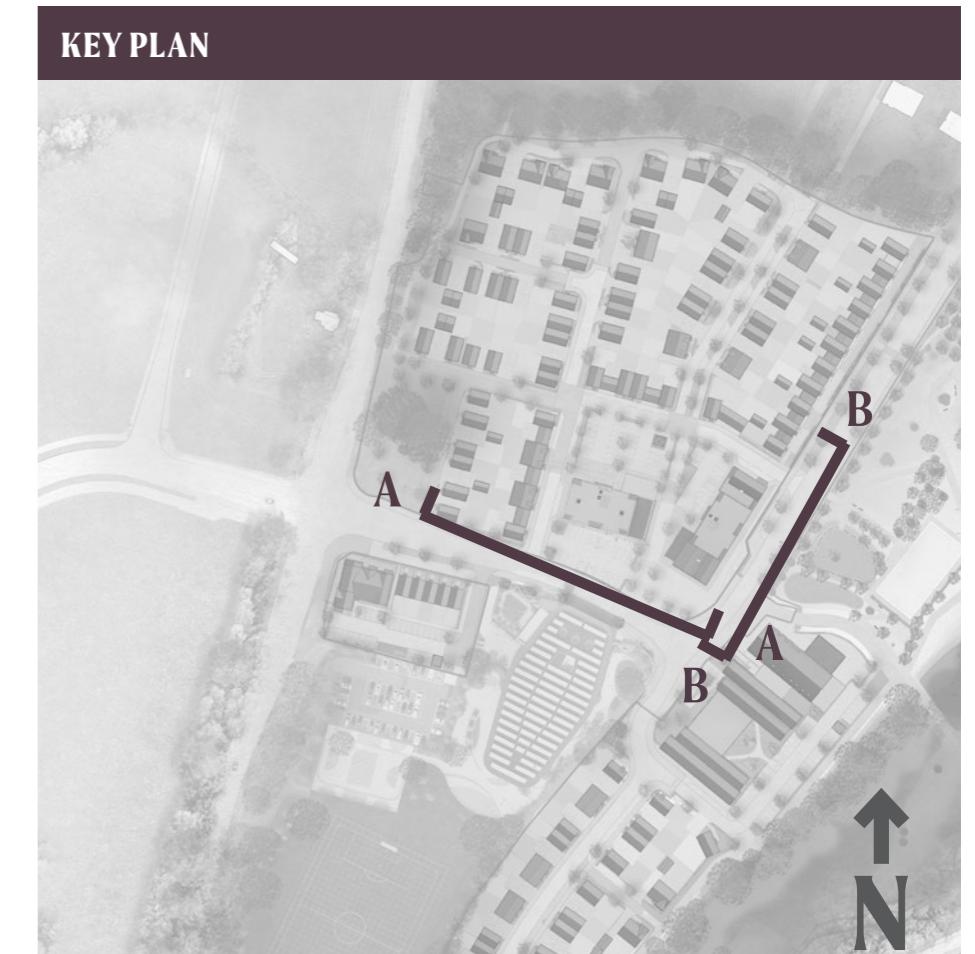
Neighbourhood Square Street Scenes



AA - Section through Brookleigh Avenue looking north to Neighbourhood Square



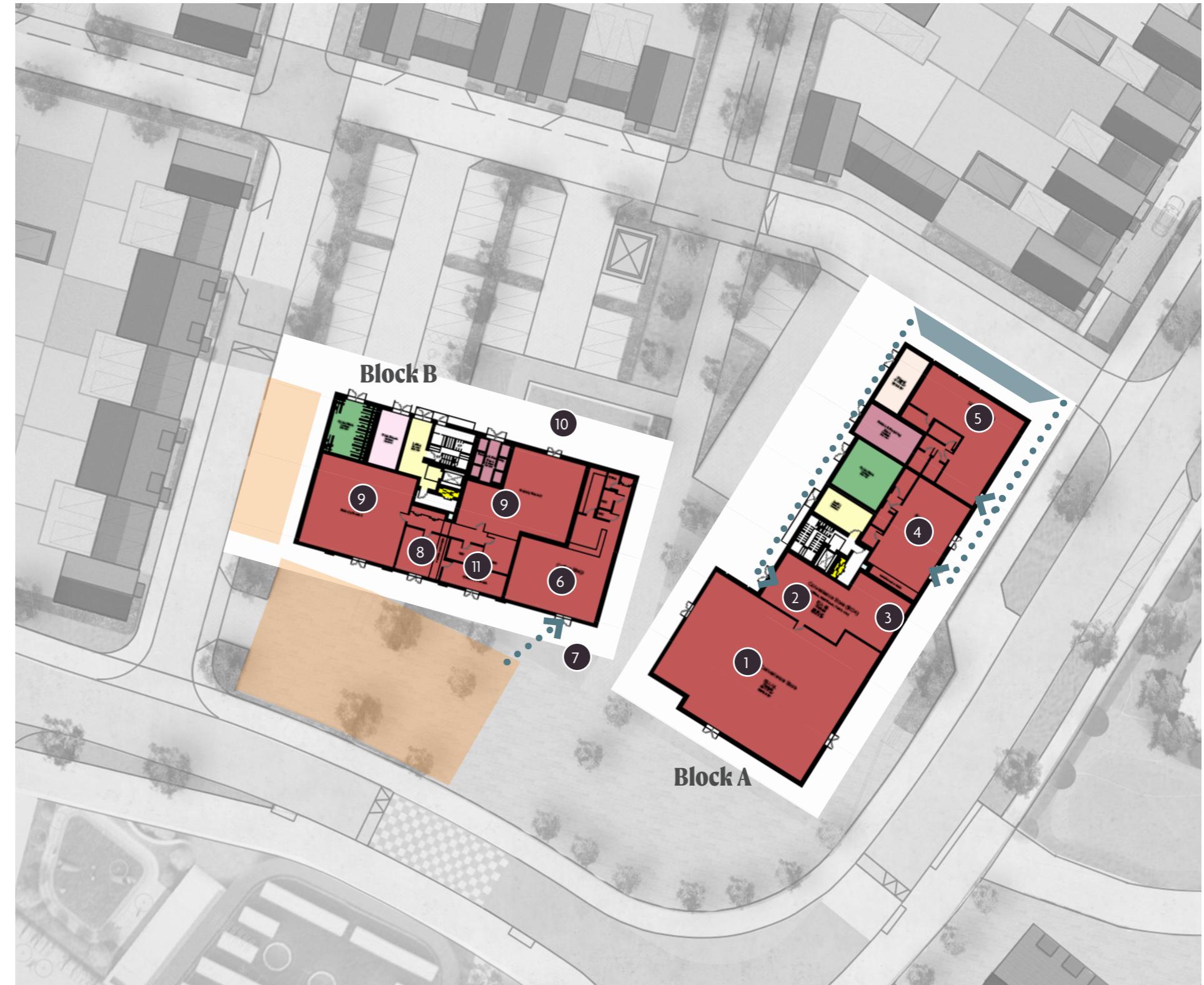
BB - Section through Brookleigh Avenue looking west to Apartment Block B and transition from apartments to townhouses front



Neighbourhood Square Potential Commercial Uses

The mixed use buildings have been designed to maximise active frontages with residential entrances and facilities accessed from the Northern Courtyard and commercial uses fronting The Square and Eastern Parklands. This diagram indicates potential uses and how they could be arranged to ensure active frontages and practical servicing.

- Residential Cycle Store
- Residential Lobby
- Loading bay
- Visitor and school drop-off parking (19 spaces)
- Retail units
- 1 Convenience Store - Shop floor
- 2 Convenience Store - Back of House
- 3 Convenience Store - Offices & Staff Rooms
- 4 Retail
- 5 Hair & Beauty Salon
- 6 Coffee Shop (typically early morning small van deliveries)
- 7 Alfresco Area
- 8 Nursery - Lobby
- 9 Nursery - Baby or Toddler Room
- 10 Nursery - External Play with brick wall boundary
- 11 Nursery - Staff Room & WCs
- Residential Refuse Store
- Residential Plant
- Deliveries route



Shopfront Design Principles



A Patchwork of Shopfronts

The traditional shopfronts featured in Burgess Hill contribute significantly to the character of the modern-day High Street. Reflecting traditional proportions and elements in a contemporary fashion will ensure seamless additions to this patchwork

Signage

Strong, defined facia for shop signage. Proposed extruded signage creates a drop shadow for depth.



Detailing

Soldier course decoration to emulate cornice decoration



Kick-back soldier course detailing reflects the 'cornice' detailing



Surrounding protruding brickwork celebrates the shopfronts



Building the Shopfront

Shop fronts, such as 9 Church Road, reflect an early 19th Century design principles that can be seen across the town.



Neighbourhood Centre - Northern Courtyard

Inspired by Kings Weald, the Northern Courtyard complements The Square as a more residential focussed area with a greater sense of enclosure. Surface materials reinforce pedestrian and cyclist priority with parking well-screened from the Neighbourhood Green Link with soft landscaping and planters.

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- 6 Nursery External Play Area
- 7 Car ports linking homes to create a continuous built frontage.
- 8 3-storey corner homes



The Northern Courtyard Looking West



Northern Courtyard Landscape Character

KEY PLAN



- The northern courtyard proposals will form a continuation of the central Neighbourhood Square.
- Buildings that front onto the Neighbourhood Square to the south will also front onto the northern courtyard, with the space creating a transition zone to the route of the Green Link and the Bellway scheme further to the north.
- The scale of the buildings that frame the space are a mix of 4 storey apartment blocks and the 3 storey houses and linked car ports that frame and create a legible space.
- A key element of this area has been to integrate and break up the number of car parking bays with elements of planting, raised planters and shared surfaces such as the site at Kings Weald.
- A combination of tree, hedgerow, raised shrub planters and seating will inform the space and delineate key routes through the area, such as the avenue of tree planting that connects the Green Link and the Neighbour Square, that will break up and soften the space.
- Shared surfaces will be block paving to define feature spaces and raised tables at key junctions.
- As part of the drainage proposals parking bays where appropriate will be permeable block paving (Refer to Drainage Strategy for further details).
- The proposed planting and shared surfacing materials across the area this will make the area read as a whole.



KEY

	Proposed Tree Planting
	Car Parking Spaces (Grey Colour Asphalt)
	Disabled Car Parking Spaces
	Shared Surface (Block Paving, Herringbone)
	Proposed Hedgerow and Shrub Planting
	Proposed Formal Seating
	Proposed Raised Planters
	Informal Play
	Central Neighbourhood Square



Section A



Section B

