Open Space

The masterplan seeks to deliver a sustainable ‘walkable’ neighbourhood, with streets and public spaces designed to improve the experience for people, creating well-lit, safe and legible walking and cycling routes benefitting from the natural surveillance provided by the residential units which overlook them.

Public spaces are designed to complement each other to form a well-connected and cohesive public realm, yet possess unique identities and character, forming an attractive series of destinations.

Pocket Parks

Pocket Parks were a striking feature of the previous masterplan and the revised scheme develops the concept to create a series of themed community gardens which combine opportunities for play, community productive growing, educational activities and intimate social gatherings.

Green Streets

Serving as linear green connections between the main park and existing green spaces to the south, these pedestrian-only zones are designed to create delightful walking routes interlinking the Main Street with the Park. These spaces provide opportunities for spontaneous social engagement for the community and habitat for wildlife by incorporating play areas, rain gardens, seating and pollinator-friendly planting. Homes will directly front onto these vehicle-free routes, making them pleasant residential environments.

Canal Gateways

The redevelopment of the existing entrances to the Basingstoke Canal towpath will improve the accessibility, legibility and safety of these key gateways, encouraging the community to regularly visit and enjoy this beautiful recreational resource.

Enancements to the existing planting and the introduction of interpretation boards will encourage local residents and schools to fully appreciate and celebrate the value of the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) landscape.

Play Spaces

The play strategy provides the following play areas:

1. NEAP (Neighbourhood Equipped Area of Play)
2. 3 LEAP (Local Equipped Area of Play)
3. LAP (Local Area of Play)

These play spaces are situated in key locations throughout the site and are easily accessible to encourage active use. The imaginative and playful design of each space creates unique and individual play spaces, transforming them into iconic destinations in their own right.

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