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**Policy 21: National Forest**

To support the implementation of the National Forest to the north east of the borough, proposals that contribute to the delivery of the National Forest Strategy (increasing woodland cover; enhancing biodiversity; developing a new woodland economy for timber products and wood fuel energy; outdoor recreational and sports provision; and tourism developments, especially overnight quality accommodation linked to tourism in the Forest) will be supported provided that:

- The siting and scale of the proposed development is appropriately related to its setting within the Forest
- The development respects the character and appearance of the wider countryside and
- The development does not adversely affect the existing facilities and working landscape of either the Forest or the wider countryside

Within the National Forest new developments will be required to reflect the Forest context in their accompanying landscape proposals. Developments shall provide on-site or nearby landscaping that meets the National Forest development planting guidelines. Landscaping will generally involve woodland planting, but can also include creation and management of other appropriate habitats, open space provision and the provision of new recreational facilities. The appropriate mix of landscaping features will depend upon the setting and the opportunities that the site presents.

In exceptional circumstances, where planting and landscaping cannot be accommodated on or nearby the development site due to lack of land, a commuted sum will be negotiated. This will be towards the cost of purchasing land for planting, creating a new woodland, providing public access to it and maintaining the site for at least 5 years. Commuted sums will normally be paid to the local authority, who in partnership with the National Forest Company will decide how they should be utilised.

**Site Boundary** 32.7ha

Total Green Infrastructure within the site = 17ha (52% of site)  
(Green infrastructure comprises of retained vegetation, new planting, habitat creation, accessible green space, play and drainage basins.)

Typologies

**National Forest Boundary**

**National Forest Contribution Area** 9.81ha (30% of site)

As noted by Policy 21, "Landscaping will generally involve woodland planting, but can also include creation and management of other habitats, open space provision and the provision of new recreational facilities". The National Forest Guide for Developers & Planners - which is referred to in the Policy identifies that development above 10ha should ensure that 30% of the site is "forest green infrastructure".

The Framework Plan (and this plan) identifies the 52% of the site as Green Infrastructure, which is all identified as "forest green infrastructure". This is above the 30% standard required for National Forest Contribution.

As an example, and as identified on this plan, the western part of the site comprises large areas of structural green space for "forest green infrastructure", which allows for the provision of new woodland planting, as well as other areas of habitat creation, such as species rich grassland, trees, hedges, and drainage features. This comprises 9.81ha (30%) of the site.

**Structural Woodland Planting** 1.94ha  
19.7% of National Forest Area

**Other Green Infrastructure**

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