

Landscape Strategy

Reinforcing landscape pattern



The scheme will reinstate historic hedgerows as part of off-site landscaping measures and define a new settlement boundary that relates well to adjoining land-use and vegetation cover.

Respecting visual setting



Visual impact is restricted by retaining development within shallower contours. The layout will maintain links with the countryside and offer greater opportunities for new panoramic views beyond.

Enhancing the recreational resource



The proposed scheme will secure informal countryside access and connectivity with the existing public right of way, introducing a new 1.2km circular walk to the settlement edge.

Delivering landscape character objectives



The scheme responds positively to landscape character objectives, delivering ecological enhancement of the riparian corridor, field boundaries, hedgerows and new access, while ensuring wider landscape visibility to the north of Desford is maintained.



Field margins will be enhanced with grassland and continue to be managed as part of existing agricultural practices



New planting will continue the existing lime avenue within the cemetery into the site, creating an attractive settlement gateway



Woodland planting will form a robust visual buffer to development and connect vegetation cover of the settlement edge



Therriparian corridor will be enhanced with grassland, scrub and trees, complemented by wetland habitat within the attenuation pond



New hedgerows will reflect the historic field pattern and contribute to habitat restoration while maintaining agricultural function



Within the development, activity pockets will deliver accessible equipped play opportunities for a mix of ages and abilities

Key

- Application site boundary.
- Existing vegetation to be retained.
- Existing vegetation to be removed.
- Existing public right of way to be retained.
- Existing land to be retained in agricultural management.
- Proposed highways access and development parcels.
- Proposed sustainable drainage pond with marginal planting.
- Proposed open swale.
- Proposed informal countryside access paths.
- Proposed avenue tree planting within the public realm.
- Proposed feature tree planting within the public realm.
- Proposed native tree planting with open spaces and wider field.
- Proposed fruit trees in private gardens.
- Proposed species-rich native hedgerows.
- Proposed species-rich native scrub.
- Proposed species-rich native woodland at the development edge.
- Proposed meadow grassland to field margins.
- Proposed activity pockets with equipped natural play.