The proposal aims to encourage the development of a high quality external environment with adequate provision of open space by establishing an appropriate balance between built form, open space and a responsive landscape design.

Working with the landscape

The scheme will seek to work with key existing landscape and ecological constraints. Existing habitats and green corridors will be preserved with the proposals retaining the majority of trees and hedgerows on the site.

Tailby Meadows and wetland areas would be retained to continue to provide a biodiverse environment, amenity value for residents and an identity for the whole development. A Biodiversity Strategy and Habitat and Species Management Plan will inform the development and long-term stewardship of the site.

Allotments will provide a valuable community facility, encouraging healthy lifestyle and social interaction between residents.

A green infrastructure corridor network will be provided introducing species that encourage protected species and other fauna. A Sustainable Urban Drainage scheme will be created ensuring that surface water from the site is dealt with sustainably and without impact. Houses will include environmental measures to reduce energy consumption. With energy actually being generated on site through modern technologies. Natural boundaries have been designed between the hedgerows and the development, providing a clear definition and permeability between public and private space.

Recreation

The public realm will be designed to ensure community interaction with both formal and informal communal spaces provided. New Local Equipped Areas of Play (LEAP) will be provided incorporating children and young people’s play provision which is naturalistic, adventurous and engaging. Landscape connections will be provided through the site with landscaping creating different characters of area and senses of place. Connections to the new community open space and play areas shall be provided via existing and new footpath links.