

Landscape and Public Realm, Linton Road



SKETCH PLAN OF OPEN SPACE DESIGN

Design Intention

The landscape proposals at Linton Road will create:

- an attractive setting for the new homes,
- a new public open space for socialising, play and relaxation,
- leafy and safe pedestrian priority streets, suitable for 'door step' play and with natural surveillance;
- retain existing landscape features;
- good connections to the wider network of public spaces and footpaths.

Open Space

The design of the public open space is guided by the inclusion of the provision for a community orchard and to create an attractive open space for informal recreation that can be used by a wide range of people.

The open space could include:

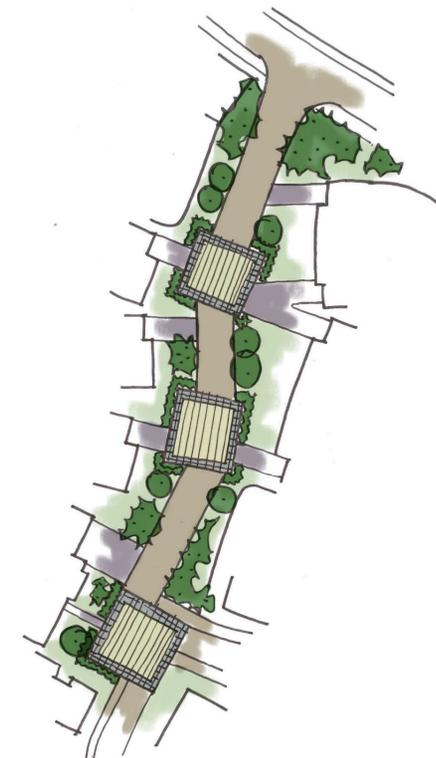
- equipped and informal play opportunities.
- Species rich wild-flower meadow.
- Swale feature with bridges.
- New tree planting (to include fruit trees).
- Space retained for the future planting of trees by the Community Orchard group.



What are community orchards?

An orchard is a collection of fruit and, sometimes, nut trees often planted among grass full of wild flowers. Just as traditional orchards were often the centre of village life and a cornerstone of the rural economy, community orchards are excellent places for people to come together to plant and cultivate local and unusual varieties of fruit trees and to use as the focal point for community activities such as Apple Day (see link below), open air plays, picnics, story-telling events or festivals or as a green haven in which to relax and wind-down.

(Community Orchards How to guide, Department for Communities and Local Government)



SKETCH PLAN OF SHARED SURFACE STREET



SWALE WITH TIMBER BRIDGES



WILD-FLOWER MEADOW



TIMBER BENCH



TIMBER CLIMBING FRAME



TIMBER SWING



SMALL PLAY PIECES



SHARED SURFACE, USING MIX OF CONCRETE BLOCK PAVING, LINED WITH HEDGES AND GARDEN TREES



FRONT GARDEN PLANTING TO MAIN ACCESS ROAD



TEGULA BLOCK PAVING TO SHARE SURFACE IN WARM COLOURS



PLANTING TO PRIVATE COURTYARDS