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.

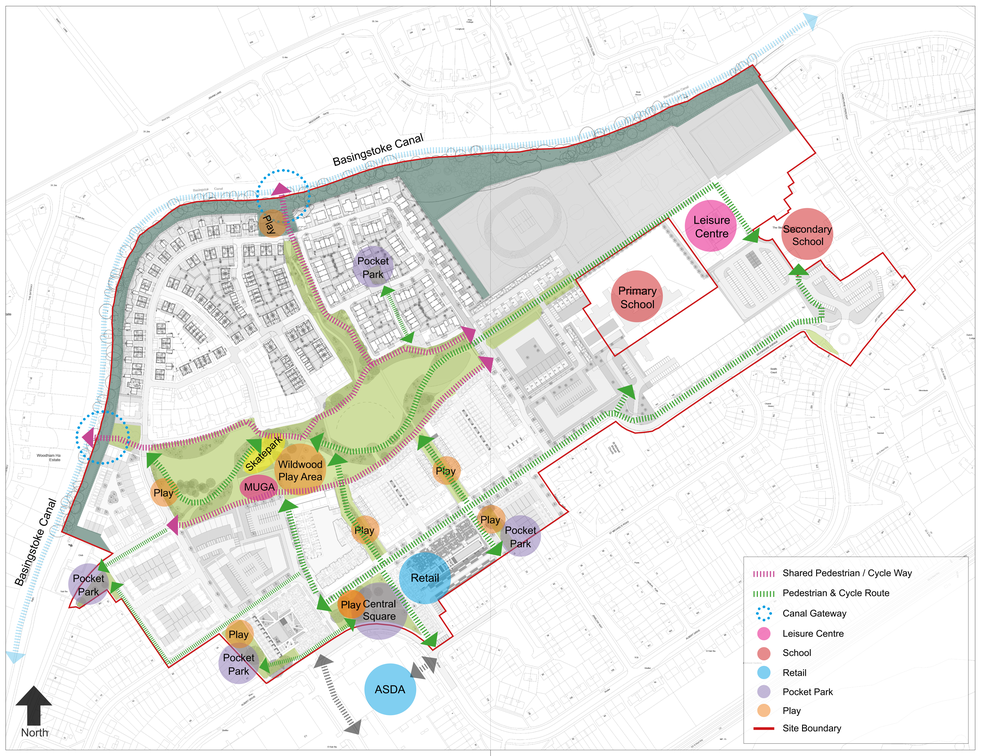
Public spaces are designed to complement each other to form a well-connected and cohesive public realm, yet possess unique identities and character, forming an attractive series of destinations.

The Park
The extension to the Park and the removal of several vehicular routes associated with the space has improved pedestrian safety and ecological connectivity within the Park, while facilitating the provision of more generous amenity grassland areas, an additional shared pedestrian / cycle route, and a new café kiosk adjacent to the Wildwood Play Area and mixed use games area (MUGA). The Park is linked to the canal by a large **Linear Park** that runs North / South within the development. The park features:

- **Flexible events / amenity grassland space**
- **The Wildwood Play Area**
- **Skatepark**
- **MUGA**
- **Trim trail and outdoor fitness route**
- **Pond with beach**
- **Open amenity grassland area**

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.



Play Spaces
The play strategy provides the following play areas:

1 NEAP
(Neighboured Equipped Area of Play)
3 LEAP
(Local Equipped Area of Play)
7 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.

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.

Enhancements 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.

Park area from west

Green street

Linear Park