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A key green infrastructure feature of the area are the blocks of woodland along and around the site's southern and western boundaries. The most significant of these is Parkmill Covert alongside Parkmill Farm which is a SNCI and an ancient woodland. The landscape and green infrastructure strategy for the site builds on these assets with new belts of indigenous planting, meadow grassland and wet grassland.

B

Another key green infrastructure feature are the various watercourses, ponds, mature woodlands and hedgerows around the site. In consideration of their value, the landscape and green infrastructure strategy retains the most valued of these features within complementary interlinked areas of meadow grassland and wet grassland.

C

Green corridors of informal open space will be retained and formed within the development. These green corridors retain the site's most valued green infrastructure assets whilst also will providing multifunctional spaces for recreation and pedestrian movement, connecting the heart of the proposed housing area to the more informal and natural areas of open space around the site.

D

The existing pasture fields alongside Pickedmoor Brook would be retained and managed as meadow grassland and, where shallow depressions are formed as parts of the scheme's drainage strategy, wet grassland and a pond. The most valuable sections of hedgerows lost to facilitate development would be translocated across to form the new field boundaries within this area of meadow grassland. Additional sections of hedgerow would also be translocated to help enclose and frame the play area alongside and to the west of the school. These areas of open space would provide habitats, foraging areas and movement corridors for flora and fauna. In addition, the open space would provide space for informal recreation and for residents and visitors to move through the landscape and onto the existing footpath network within and around the site.

