

## Placemaking – Landscape

Existing and new landscape elements will be combined to provide a distinctive context for the various new building types. These spaces will not only provide identity, but will also be purposeful - a network of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems will be

incorporated, the biodiversity and ecological value of the site will be improved, and the spaces will also be the framework for recreational and leisure pursuits.

### Landscape Components

The landscape design for the Proposed Development is made up of four principle components:

#### The Western Edge

The success of the Proposed Development is linked to the opportunity to create a high quality and cohesive new urban edge to Cambridge, adjacent to the M11. The landscape treatment of this space is central to achieving this vision. One side of the Western Edge faces the east, creating parklands and water management areas adjacent to the built edge, sheltered from the noise and views of the M11. The western side faces the M11, creating a unique rural landscape setting for the Proposed Development from the M11.



Illustrative view of Western Edge

#### Pedestrian and Cycle Network

The Proposed Development prioritises walking and cycling on all routes through the site, and particularly on the Ridgeway cycle route. The Ridgeway will extend Cambridge's unique pedestrian and cycle network. The Ridgeway and the other cycle routes across the Application Site ensure fast, legible and flat routes for cyclists. The Ridgeway will also play an important role in the wider context, providing green links between green areas both within and outside the development, linking and responding to the wider Cambridge area.



View of Ridgeway Village

#### Girton Gap, Storey's Field

The 'Girton Gap' which runs north to south through the Application Site, exists as a strategic separation between Girton and Cambridge. This will form part of the retained Green Belt. A central open space, Storey's Field, will be included as part of the landscape, with opportunities for informal and formal recreation, and retention of the geological Site of Special Scientific Interest.



Storey's Field

#### Green Fingers

The green fingers run perpendicular to the gradual slope of the topography of the site, to aid drainage. The design of the green fingers ensures connections of neighbourhood boundaries with all major open land. In addition the green fingers will provide large unobstructed spaces for informal recreation and play, as well as areas for more informal recreation.



Aerial Render of a Green Finger