

# Grimsby West **OVERVIEW**



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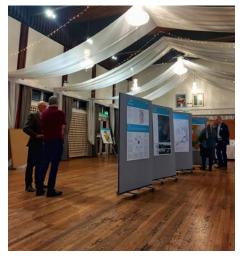














# 4.3 Stakeholder workshop

The applicant team also hosted a stakeholder workshop in summer 2025 with a number of key statutory consultees. This workshop saw consultees invited to join 'topic tables' to discuss the proposals with members of the Grimsby West project team.

The proposals, and changes made through the course of the masterplanning process were presented to the attendees, then discussions were held on each topic table. The four topic tables were: Drainage & Chalk Stream, Highways & Environmental Health, Ecology & Landscape, and Design & Facilities.

#### Attendees included:

- Environment Agency
- Humberside Police

- Lincolnshire CC Chalk Stream
- Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust Ecology
- National Highways
- NELC Drainage, Ecology, Environmental Health, Planning, Public Health, Transport, Trees



# Creating urban structure

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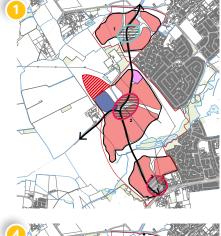
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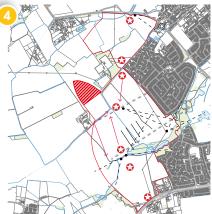
# 5.1 Design principles

Following the design vision and objectives a series of more detailed design principles have been established to inform the development of a design framework for the site. These are as follows:

- 1 Three distinctive neighbourhoods
- Connectivity
- Green infrastructure
- Views and landmarks
- 5 Density gradient
- 6 Urban form

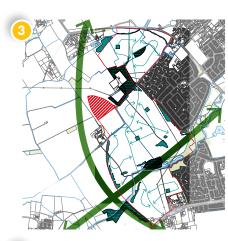












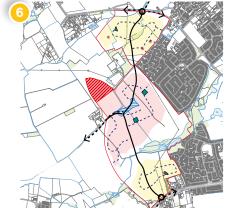
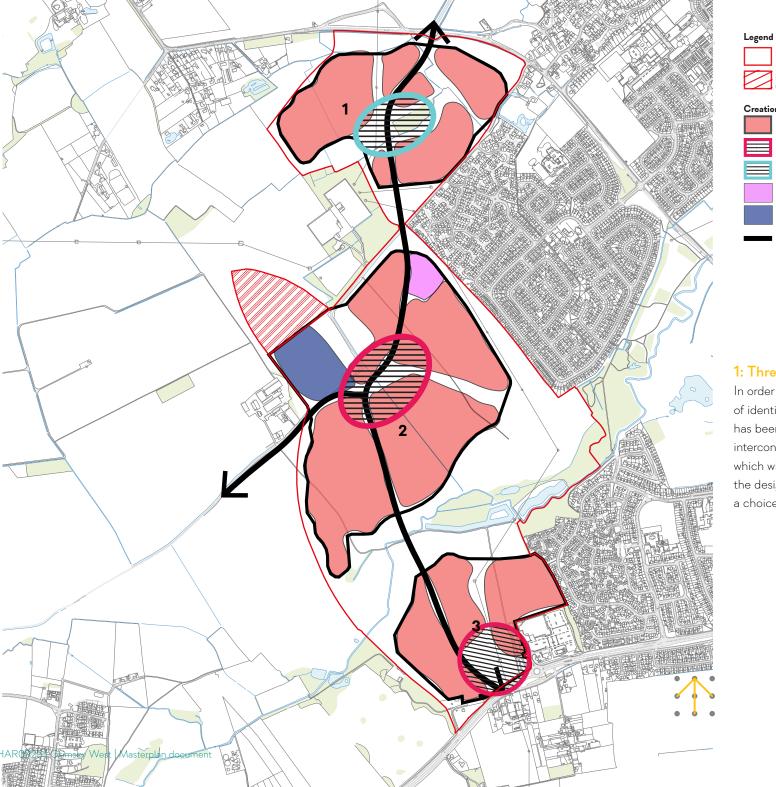




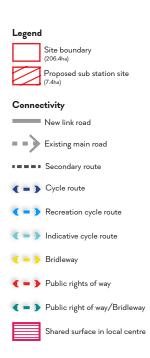
figure 5.1 | nts | design principles



# Site boundary (206.4ha) Proposed sub station site (7.4ha) Creation of three interconnected villages Residential Local centre Green Heart Primary school Secondary school/potential residential Link road

# 1: Three distinctive neighbourhoods

In order to create character and a sense of identity, the proposed development has been split into a series of three interconnecting neighbourhoods, each of which will have its own unique centre and the design and density will alter to provide a choice of places to live.



# 2: Connectivity

A strategic internal link road will connect Great Coates Road in the north with Grimsby Road in the south. A series of connected secondary, residential and informal streets will provide legibility for vehicle users. The site will also be well connected into existing public right of way network and cycle routes.

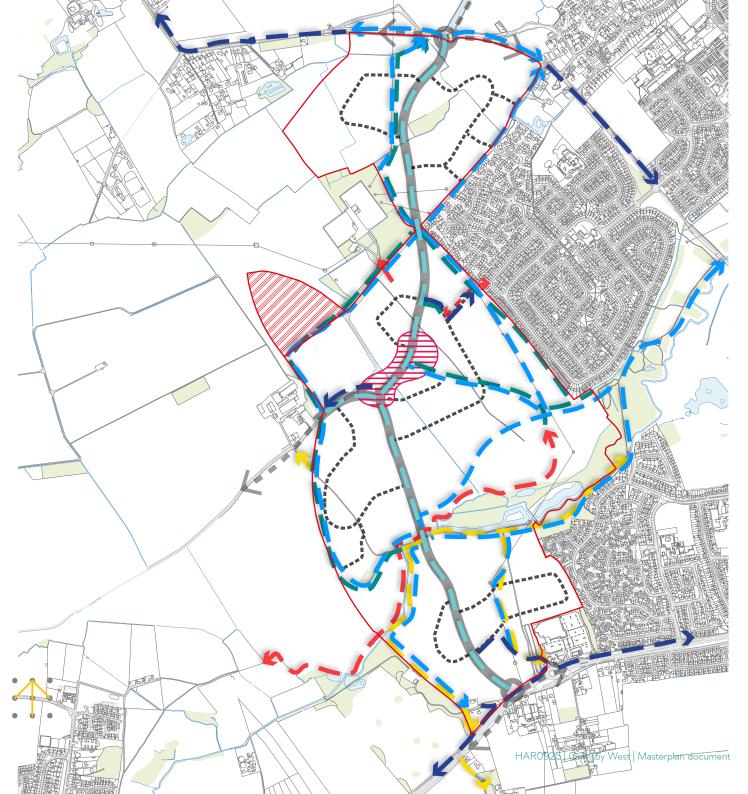
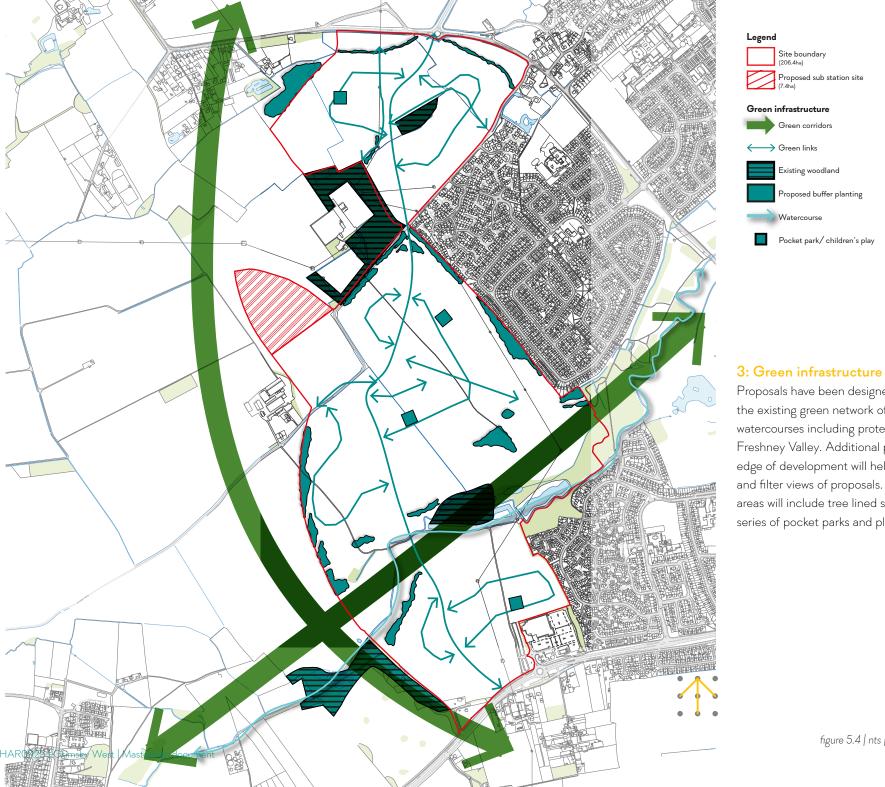


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Legend

Site boundary (206.4ha) Proposed sub station site (7.4ha)

Green infrastructure Green corridors

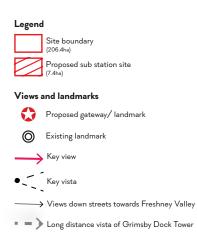
→ Green links

Watercourse

Existing woodland Proposed buffer planting

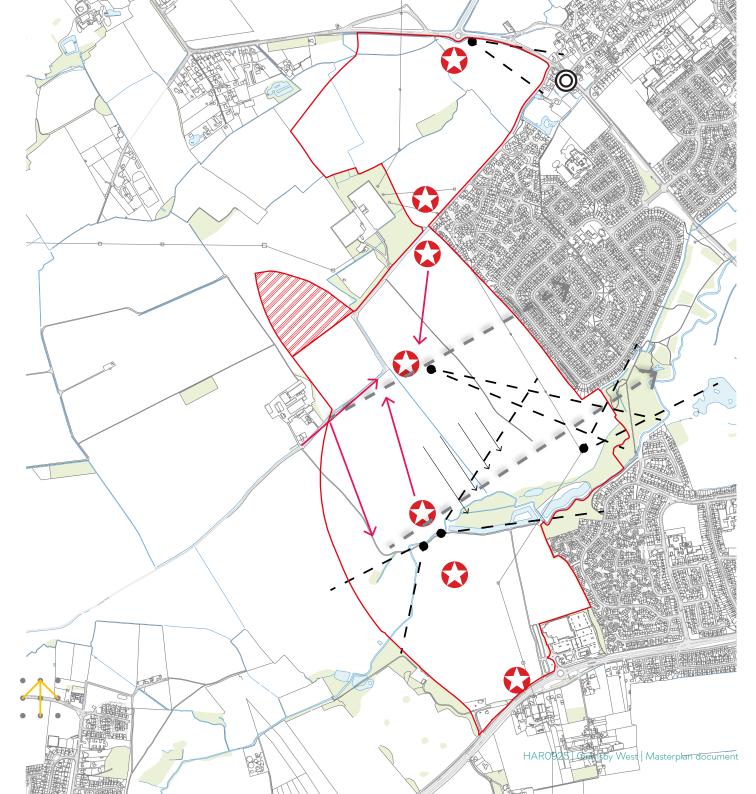
Pocket park/children's play

Proposals have been designed to retain the existing green network of routes and watercourses including protecting the Freshney Valley. Additional planting on the edge of development will help to soften and filter views of proposals. Residential areas will include tree lined streets and a series of pocket parks and play areas.

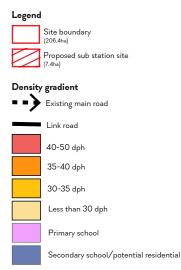


#### 4: Views and landmarks

Consideration has been given to both the protection of existing views and the creation of new views to built landmarks and to wider countryside beyond the development. This includes existing views to Saint Nicolas Church and Grimsby Docks Tower. New views will focus on new landmark buildings at key gateways and in the new local centres, which will help with navigation and orientation.







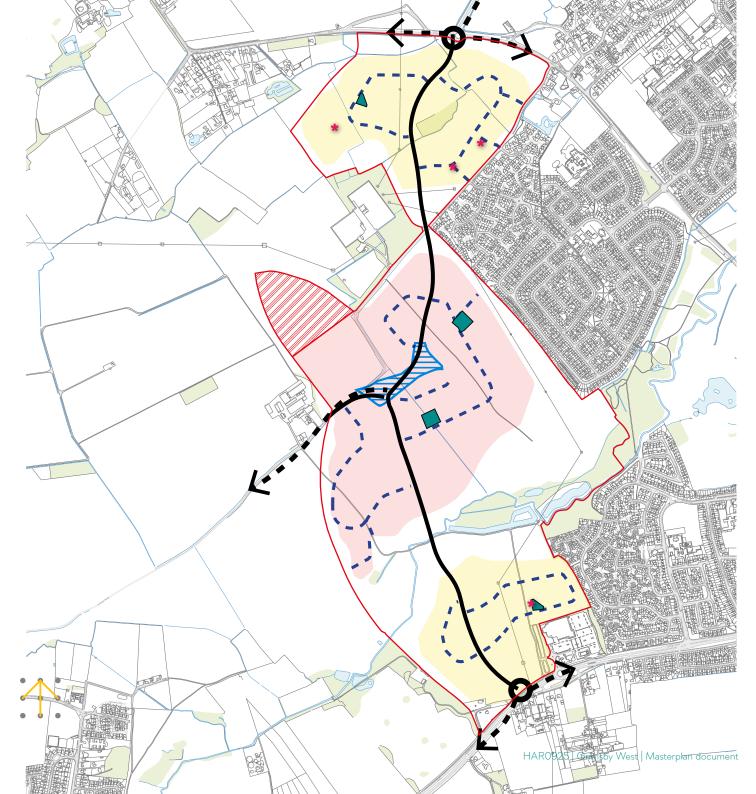
# 5: Density gradient

To create character and to encourage walking and cycling it is proposed to have a density gradient across the site incorporating high, medium, low and very low densities. Higher densities will be located closer to the local centre and along the spine road in close proximity to new bus routes with lower densities found on the periphery to help create a softer and more permeable edge to development.



### 6: Urban form

Different patterns of urban form are created for each village through a range of street and space patterns. The northern village will reflect Great Coates' character and linear form with an emphasis on a green heart. The central village will be formal with a gridded street pattern and squares to reflect parts of Grimsby. The southern village will have a denser form with triangular spaces and offset grid.



# 5.2 Design Parameters

# 5.2.1 Character area framework

A key feature of the masterplan's design is the incorporation of three distinctive neighbourhoods. The starting point for creating a high quality place, with a distinctive identity is to agree a vision for the character of each village, which then informs the character of the spine road that passes through it.

To start this process, we have identified an initial concept philosophy for each of the villages. At this stage the names and character are illustrative of how varied characteristics can be delivered on the site across the three villages. They are not fixed, and are presented to prompt discussion among stakeholders.

Further details for each area are provided in chapter 6.

#### **West Coates**

The northern-most neighbourhood has been notionally entitled West Coates. This area lies to the west of the existing village of Great Coates and has the potential to draw upon existing key contextual characteristics (without resorting to pastiche), to create a place which has local identity and connections.

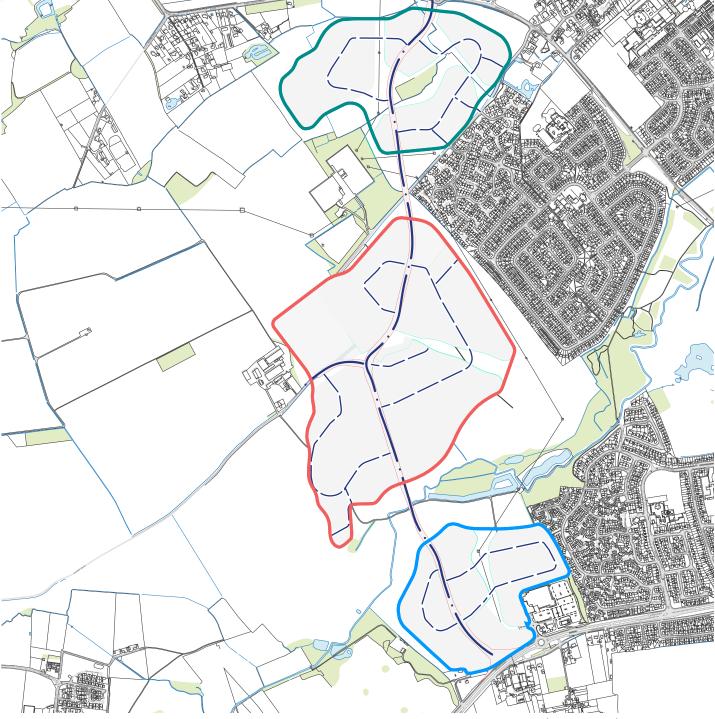
# Aylesby Wood

The largest of the three neighbourhood to be created has been notionally entitled Aylesby Wood, as it sits on the Aylesby Road and has the potential to have a wooded green edge to help screen it from the proposed power infrastructure site. Aylesby Wood has the potential to take on the characteristics of villages and local centres such as Laceby, whilst responding to the form of the formal grid street pattern that can be found in Grimsby itself.

#### Freshney Valley

The smallest of the three neighbourhood to be created has been notionally entitled Freshney Vallye as it creates the gateway to the Freshney valley. Freshney Valley has the potential to provide an important gateway with an emphasis on green, biodiversity and eco-credentials. An organic street pattern, emphasis on walking and cycling and a green entrance will help to define this village's character.





500 metres

figure 5.8 | 1:15,000 | character area framework

#### 5.2.2 Land use framework

The land use parameter plan alongside a land use schedule provides a breakdown for each of the land uses and breaks the residential area down into a series of parcels to help inform highway and junction requirements as well as phasing.

The land use framework for the site locates two mixed-use local centres. One of the proposed local centres is situated in the centre of the site along with the proposed link road. A relatively central location assists with pedestrian access as well as easy access by vehicle to the facilities from within the scheme and existing neighbourhoods. The framework is located in another mixed-use area on the southern side of the site adjacent to A46 Grimsby Road. The location, which is slightly further east than originally planned, allows the local centre to be delivered together with the existing Morrisons grocery store. It aims to create a highly active and attractive new but adopting local centre.

The scheme proposes a primary school in the proposed local centre, in the centre of the site. The school location reflects the existing provision of the primary school in Wybers Wood, to the immediate east of the site. The secondary school is also considered to be provided on the opposite side of the primary school, allowing easy access to the playing field to the north.

The remaining site area is divided between residential land and public open space, which has been carefully designed to integrate effectively from the outset of the scheme design. This has created residential neighbourhoods interspersed with swathes of landscape of varied character and use. The landscape divisions helped to define character areas, which are described in more detail in the 5.2.4 landscape framework.

The broad distribution of built land uses and landscape areas has also been designed to coordinate with the results of the flood risk assessment to ensure that the 100-year flood levels can be accommodated safely on-site.



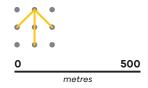
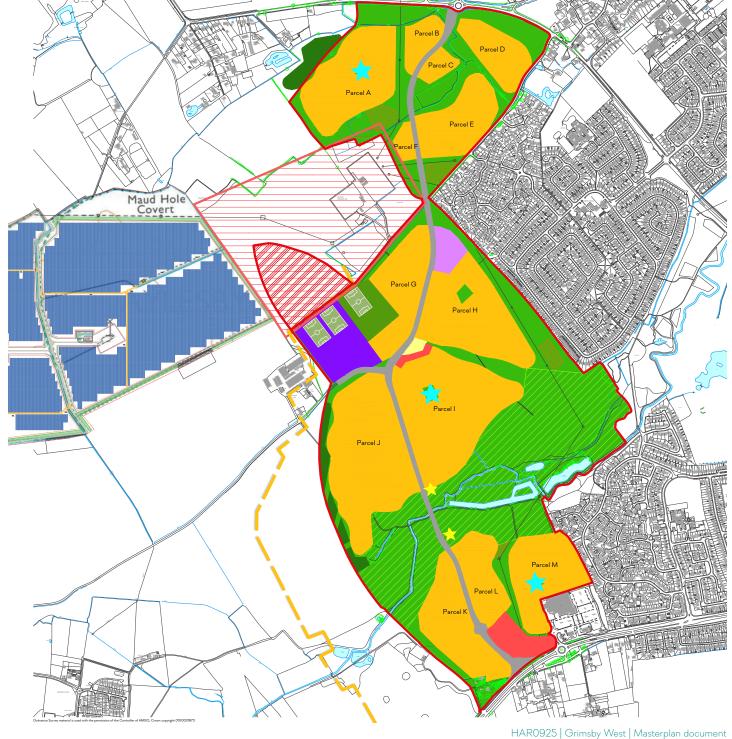


figure 5.9 | 1:15,000 | land use framework



#### 5.2.3 Movement framework

In line with the policy for Grimsby West the site will be accessed from the A1136 Great Coates Road in the north and from the A46 Grimsby Road in the south. The northern access will be at the A1136/ B1210 Great Coates roundabout. To accommodate the 4th arm and anticipated level of traffic the junction will need to be improved. Both roundabout and traffic signal options are being considered, as well as suitable signal controlled crossing provision for the Healing Pedalway which is an important active travel route to Healing and Healing Academy. This access will provide an easy link to the A180 for access to the large employment sites in Grimsby and Immingham, and to the M180.

The southern access will be a new roundabout junction onto the A46 located to the west of the Morrisons roundabout and design options are currently being considered to reduce impact on two properties. Further work on both access junctions is needed to refine the design and to include appropriate pedestrian and cycle facilities

The two site access junctions will be connected by a link road which will provide a new highway connection between the A1136 and the A46 and is expected to provide some traffic relief to the B1444 Little Coates Road and the A1136 Great

Coates Road. The Link Road has been discussed with the Council and there is a broad level of agreement.

Its parameters are a combination of Manual for Streets and Design Manual for Roads and Bridges, and are summarised below:

Speed Limit/ Design Speed	30mph / 50kph
Carriageway width	7.3m
Cycle provision	1.5m cycle lanes with 0.5m light segregation
Verge	2.0m minimum (where provided)
Stopping Sigh Distance	43m minimum
Horizontal radius	90m minimum

The link road will have footway and cycleways along its length and will be a bus route with a number of stops along its length. Bus stops will be provided with shelters and bus information.

The link road will cross the Aylesby Road and consideration is being given to how Aylesby Road will connect to the Link Road. It is proposed that the western section of Aylesby Road will connect to the Link Road at a new junction close to the proposed location of the secondary school and local centre.

For the eastern section (from the National Grid site to Great Coates Road) connections from Albatross Drive and Cormorant Drive to the Link Road will be provided. Consideration is being given to Aylesby Road becoming an attractive pedestrian and cycle route, closing the junction with Great Coates Road for vehicles, and simplifying the Aylesby/ Great Coates/Station Road junction. Vehicular access for existing residents on this section of Aylesby Road would be provided via the secondary road to the link road and Aylesby Road would only be closed once these roads were in place. Closure of Aylesby Road would be subject to a separate consultation process for the necessary traffic regulation orders, The National Grid site will have a new junction from the Link Road..

The site includes the provision of new schools, local centres and a country park. In addition, the Morrisons superstore is nearby. These facilities all reduce the need to travel and enhance the sustainability of the site. Good sustainable transport links through the site and connections to Grimsby and the surrounding areas are essential.

The government's target is that 50% of all short journeys will be by foot, cycle or public transport by 2030. The site will be providing a network of pedestrian and cycle links across the site and links to the

existing facilities on Great Coates Road, to Wybers Wood, to the existing network along the River Freshney and along the A46.

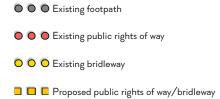
The Link Road will be the public transport spine though the site, and all parts are within an easy walking distance of services running along that route. It is planned to provide regular and frequent bus services through the site connecting it to the town centre, as well as to other key destinations. Discussions are being held with the Council and Stagecoach to develop appropriate service proposals.

# Legend Site boundary (206.4ha) Proposed sub station site Street hierarchy Primary boulevard Secondary avenue Residential street

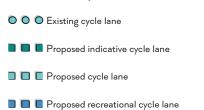
### Pedestrian and cycle

Private street

Informal street



#### Pedestrian and cycle



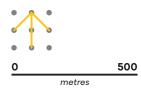
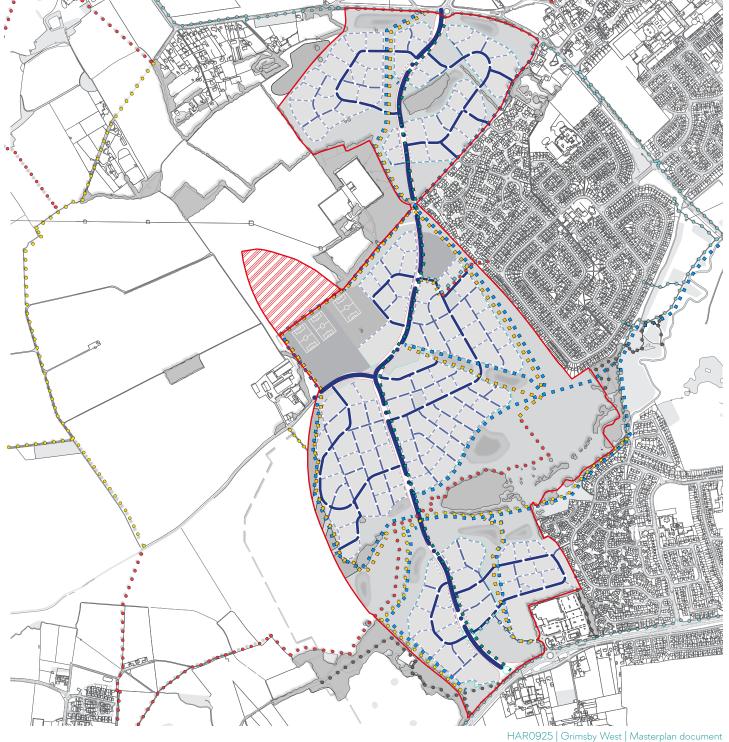


figure 5.10 | 1:15,000 | movement framework



#### **Potential Access Junctions**

The potential access junctions arrangements are shown below, the detailed specification of these will be agreed through the planning application:

#### A1136 Great Coates Road

A 4 arm traffic signal junction arrangement is being considered to replace the existing 3-arm roundabout. It includes a pedestrian and cycle signal controlled crossing of the link road for connection with the Healing Pedalway.

### A46 Grimsby Road

A 3-arm roundabout junction is being considered. It includes a pedestrian and cycle signal controlled crossing of the link road for connection with the Laceby cycleway, a signal controlled pedestrian crossing of the A46 west arm.

Malby Avenue will be extended west of Wold View so that Dar Es Salaam and Orchards, which currently have direct access only to the A46 westbound carriageway, will be able to gain access to the A46 via Cottagers Plot roundabout.



SOUTHERN ROUNDABOUT OPTION SHOWN ON DWG B066972-TTE-HGN-ZZ-DR-CH-0001

figure 5.12 | NTS | Access: Grimsby Road

## Aylesby Road

A 4 arm traffic signal junction arrangement is being considered for the Aylesby Road junction with the Link Road. The western (Aylesby Road) arm will also serve the proposed secondary school, and residential areas.

The eastern arm will serve the local centre and residential areas. The junction includes a pedestrian and cycle signal controlled crossing of all four arms.

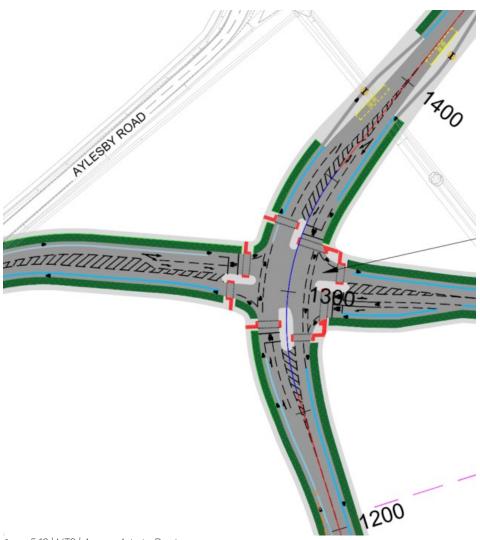


figure 5.13 | NTS | Access: Aylesby Road

# 5.2.4 Landscape framework

The landscape strategy will look to create different landscape character areas across the site that will be shaped by a mosaic of the following landscape types:

- Woodland
- Grassland
- Wildflower meadow
- Wetland meadow
- Ponds, swales and water features
- Scrub
- Parks and squares.

The proposed strategy aims to protect existing valuable landscape features (see fig.5.14) as well as to improve overall biodiversity and ecological benefits. To ensure this, 40% of the site will be green infrastructure (203 acres/82 hectares) alongside the provision of playing fields and sport facilities.

#### Landscape character areas

Three proposed landscape character areas reflect on the relevant landscape typologies identified within National, Regional and Local landscape character assessments, alongside the urban design principles for the new neighbourhoods. An overview of each area from north to south, is set out as follows:

- Woodland edge of West Coates: the landscape approach is to incorporate a mixture of additional trees, scrub planting and grassland to the site's borders, and to promote a network of green corridors with mature trees and long front gardens to the residential boulevards flowing through the village.
- Central landscape of Aylesby Wood:
   the area features a more formal
   approach to landscape of squares and
   avenues, with street trees framing the
  - long distance views out to the Freshney valley and stream. A series of attenuation ponds to village border are integrated beside proposed woodlands which aim to screen the development from the footpath network in the new Freshney Valley Country Park. The park will be created to protect the Freshney chalk stream with a buffer comprising wildflower meadow and native planting. The creation of a twostage river channel with vegetated riparian and marginal habitats will provide improvements for both flora and fauna. The existing widths of the river channel will be retained and its water quality protected.
- Watercourses of Freshney Valley:
   the landscape focuses on a series
   of sustainable drainage features and
   open wildflower meadows that will help
   enhance the natural biodiversity of
   River Freshney valley.



Flower-rich grassland





Off site woodland buffer and on site woodland



River Freshney Valley, wet woodland, fen habitat and water bodies







Mature Elm tree and scrub