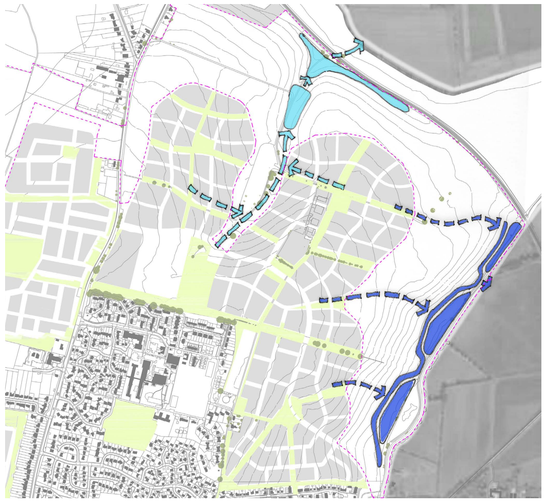
North Ely Park

landscape appraisal



NEW WETLANDS

- a new catchwater drain with a new fenland landscape

New development to the north of Ely will require extensive surface water attenuation. Following the logic of the historic island edge, which is defined by catchwater drains along the break of slope, the new surface water attenuation will be accommodated by a new catchwater drain along the 8m contour, which is associated with water storage and a new fen landscape.

CIRCULATION

- new routes along the margins of the new housing areas and along the island edge, with connections between

New pathways will follow the edge of the wetlands, linking to perimeter routes along the outer edge of the houing development. Connections to the park can be aligned to link with routes and views.

There will be car parks to the south east, near the adventure play area and to the north, near Chettisham.

LANDSCAPE STRUCTURE - ENCLOSURE

- the residential areas will be fringed by orchards and groups of trees; new connecting woodlands define minor valleys and swales downslope

Orchards and groups of trees will soften the housing edge framing views across the park. New woodlands will follow and give definition to local variations in topography, providing enclosure and a strong structural framework for the new park

LANDSCAPE STRUCTURE - SPACES & VIEWS

- a mosaic of amenity spaces; elevated lawns and terraces, meadows, playing fields, allotments and broad sculpted slopes which may retain sheets of floodwater at wetter times of year

Between the woodlands, the slopes of the park will be flanked by a mosaic of meadow habitats. To the north east, a more extensive meadow reflects the open character of the landscape in this area and provides a foreground to the gateway views out from and back to the Isle of Ely from Waterden Fen.

swales

reedbeds

wetland walks

sculpted landform

community growing

natural edges

meadow slopes