



Open Space at Palmers Patch and Foldgate Green
An open space will be created on the gentle ridgeline associated with Foldgate Lane to retain the openness of the ridgeline and avoid breaking the established skyline. Existing trees and hedgerows will be retained together with new perimeter tree and hedgerow planting and wildflower seeding. The openness of this area of open space will also ensure the retention of views towards the historic core of Ludlow including towards the tower of the Parish Church of St Laurence.



Foldgate Lane
A development offset will be incorporated along Foldgate Lane to provide a green frontage onto the lane and retain existing hedgerows, some of which are ancient.

Ecological Buffer Zones

Ecological buffer zones along the northern and western site boundaries will retain existing landscape features and incorporate new soft landscaping including new marginal and aquatic planting in association with the proposed SUDS features, new wildflower seeding, new tree planting and new hedgerow planting. The buffer zones will also soften the visual appearance of the development and provide an offset for residential views from the adjacent housing to the north.



SUDS / Wetland Areas
A series of interconnected attenuation ponds and swales, incorporated into the ecological buffer along the northern and western boundaries of the site, comprising marginal and aquatic planting with pond margins sown with a wildflower grass seed mix and native specimen tree planting around the SUDS basins.

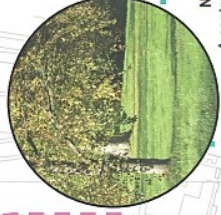


Woodland Planting
A new area of woodland will be planted beneath the gentle ridgeline to the south-east of the site to ensure that the landscape dominates over the built form and provides a strong green framework for the very low density housing proposed south of the Elan Aqueduct easement. The woodland planting will ensure the development edge is softened and provides a transition between the urban and rural edges.



LEAP
A local equipped area of play will be located within Palmers Patch.

Hedgerow Enhancement
Existing hedgerows throughout the development will be enhanced through gapping up and new hedgerow tree planting using native species. This will also soften the visual appearance of the development on the surrounding residential and rural setting.



Central Open Space & Newtown Community Green

A central open space will be created within the development, incorporating a new community green retaining existing oaks and veteran trees and providing new parkland tree planting. It will be overlooked by new housing frontages, and can be used as a recreational space. The space will safeguard the existing openness around Foldgate Farmhouse so that views of the building amongst the landscape can be seen from areas of public open space further south in the development. The retention of existing mature trees, together with the incorporation of new tree planting will also enhance connectivity between wildlife corridors and site-wide Green Infrastructure.

Little Orchard View

A narrower area of public open space will be created within the site, reinstating a former linear field pattern and enclosed by new and existing hedgerows and tree planting. The space provides a visual corridor guiding the eye towards the partly obscured southern elevation of Foldgate Farm, and from Foldgate Farm out over the open spaces within the development to the open countryside beyond.

Elan Aqueduct Easement Zone
Informal open space along the route of the easement acts as a transitional zone between the more developed northern area of the site and the more rural area to the south.



Natural Play
A trail of natural plan areas will be located along the length of new green routes within Millfield Meadow.



Millfield Meadow
Located on one of the gentle ridgelines within the site, an area of open space and wildflower meadow planting will retain the open ridgeline within the context of the wider landscape setting and southerly views from Foldgate Farmhouse as well as provide opportunities for natural play. Informal pedestrian routes will pass through the meadow and link with the existing Public Right of Way crossing the site.



Community Orchard
A new orchard will be created within an area of public open space, reinstating an historical orchard of which only remnants now remain. The orchard will comprise fruit bearing species found locally including Damsons. Green routes and the existing Public Right of Way will link up access to the orchard to the wider site and surroundings.

Footpath to be retained

Footpath to be extinguished

Bridge

Buffer Planting / Hedgerows

Woodland / Open Space Planting

Wetland / SUDS Areas

