Woodland Road Landscape Design

Objectives

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Use landscape to help foster a strong sense of community

Promote inclusive design and celebrate diversity

Respond to the needs of all users

Retain privacy for residents

Create a distinct sense of place

Create a rich landscape with planting to provide seasonal variation

Improve biodiversity

Low maintenance design

Value for money

Analysis

Buildings in Space

Modernist landscape, with buildings sitting as objects in an open 'parkland'

Woodland provides acoustic buffer to railway

Site perceived as a front and back

Constraints

Retention of mature trees

Existing building entrances and pedestrian routes

Cutting to railway

New Addition

'Leftover' Space

Third building will have a significant impact on the site, and setting

Landscape more constrained, buildings less articulated as objects in space

Must be more than just the 'leftover' space - a new approach to landscape is required

A Complete Landscape

Consider the full extents of the site

Reduce impact of hard landscaping

Remove perception of front and back
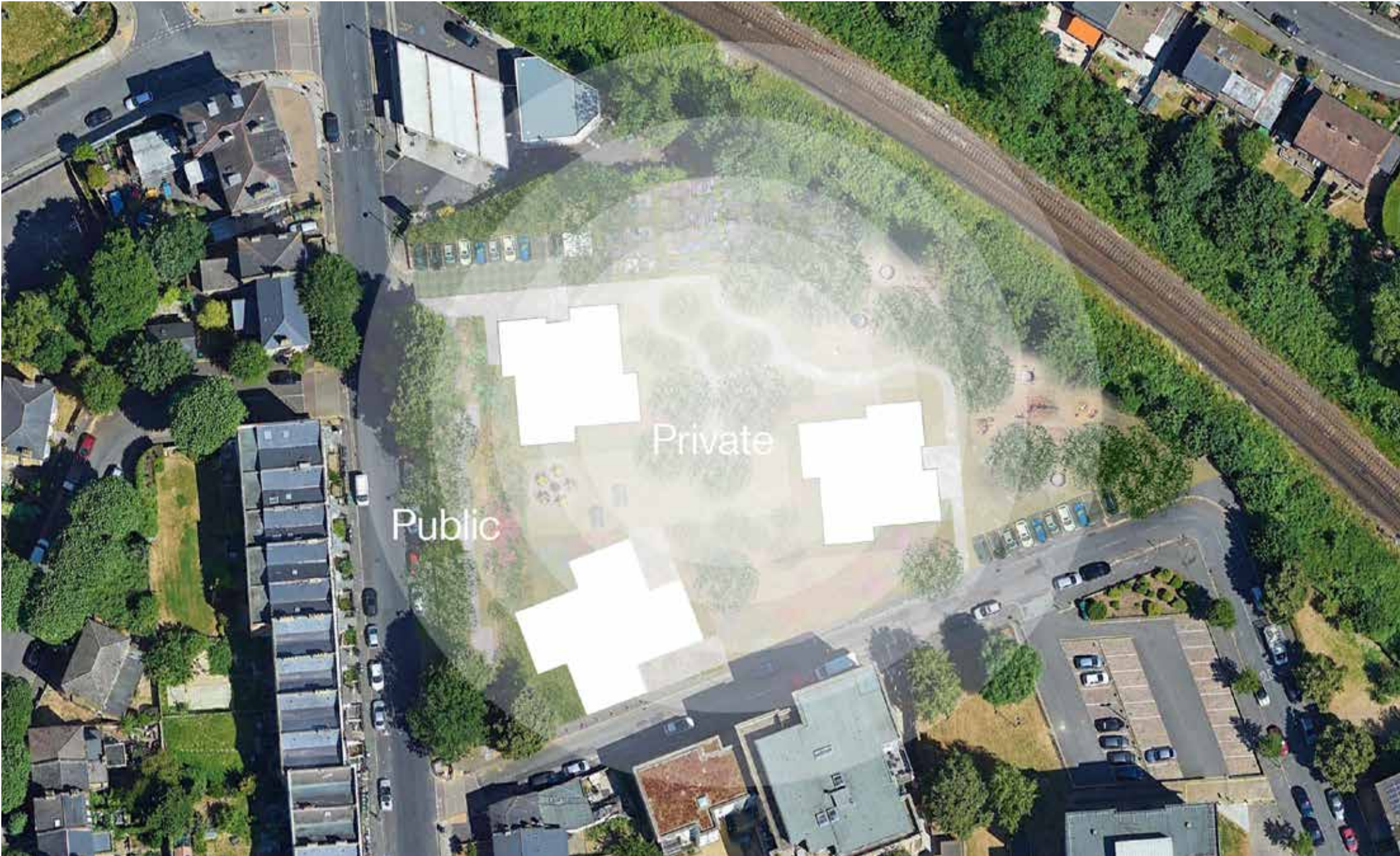
A Programmed Landscape

Exploit the character of each area of the site

Provide a range of potential uses

Consider both residents and the wider community
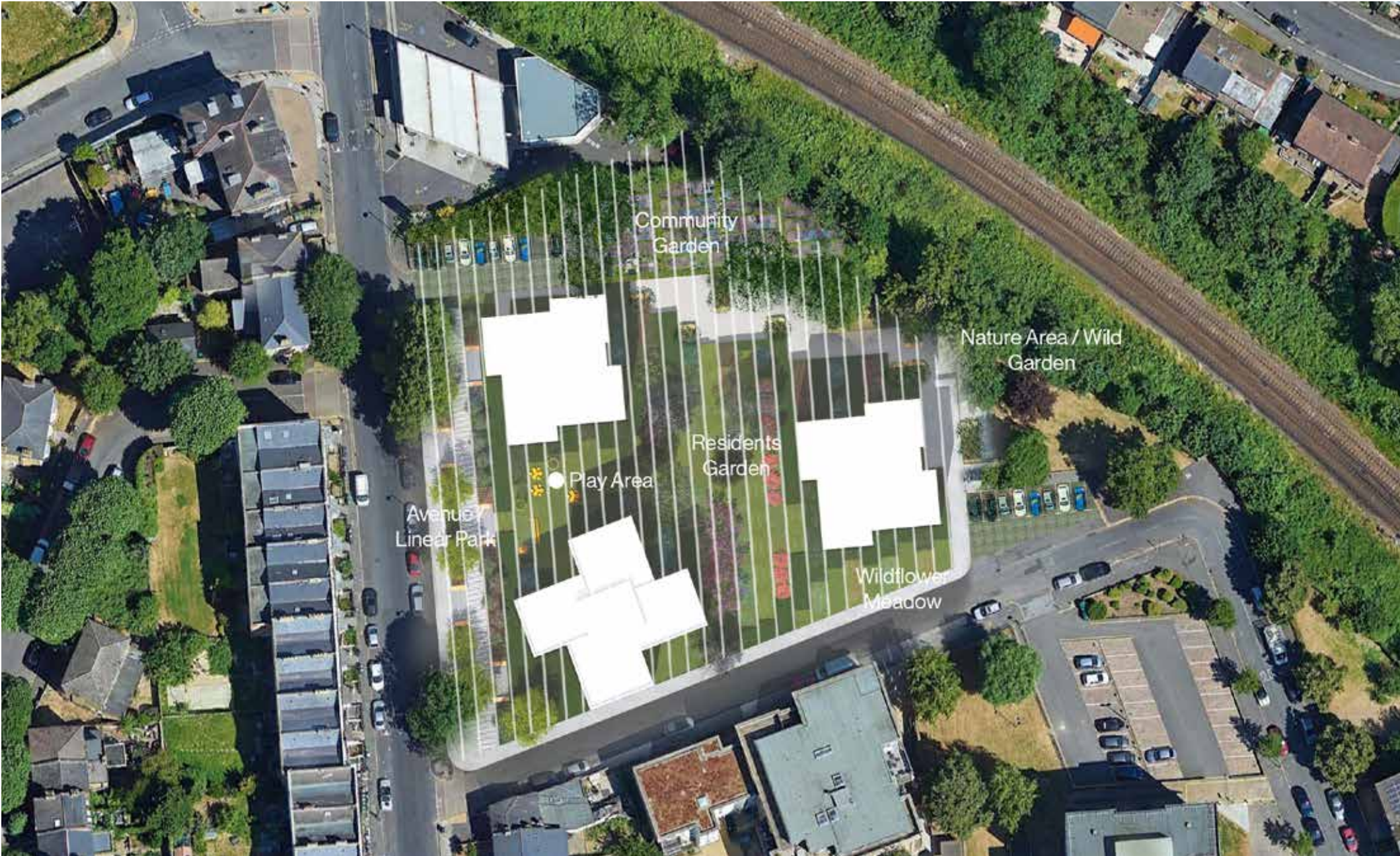
Proposals

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Community Garden

Play Area

Nature Trail

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Residents Garden

Avenue / Linear Park

Wildflower Meadow

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Examples of low level planting - low maintenance, protecting trees and providing privacy to dwellings

Gypsy Hill / Woodlands Road Corner

Existing and new trees along Gypsy Hill

Low level hedges and planters

Seating integrated into planters

A visual threshold

Privacy to new dwellings

Wildflower Meadow

Wildflower garden along Woodland Road

Improves biodiversity

Threshold to existing dwellings

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Wildflower meadow planting

Resident's Garden

Garden located between housing

South facing orientation

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Open spaces for residents with low level planting offering privacy to ground floor apartments

Play Area

Playground overlooked by dwellings

A secure place

Connected to Resident's Garden

Possible entrance from Linear Park

Childrens play area set back from street

Play Area

A range of play equipment, from natural to abstract

Community Garden and Nature Area

Grow your own

Community orachard or allotments

Low maintenance 'wild' garden'

Improved biodiversity

A Place for All