

Open Space Network



What you previously told us

We previously asked for your views on a draft open space network. The responses highlighted the importance of providing spaces for recreation and wildlife and ensuring that existing valued open spaces, trees and habitats are protected. We have refined our proposals to ensure that we do this, and ensured that the SPD sets out more details of our approach.

Our approach

The provision of a comprehensive and high quality open space network is a central part of our vision for Toton and Chetwynd Barracks. We propose to integrate, retain and enhance existing open spaces with new open spaces, combining them where appropriate with streets, walking, cycling and wheeling routes. This will create high quality spaces and attractive and usable links, whilst ensuring that sufficient land is available for development. Seven different types of open space are proposed, to reflect different functions; some areas are mostly urban, and others much more natural. The locations of the different types of open space are shown on the diagram below.

Proposed open space network

The SPD sets out a number of key design principles for the open space network, including:

- Ensuring that there are spaces for recreation in easy reach of all parts of the sites for both existing and new residents
- Retaining and enhancing habitats for wildlife that live in or migrate through the sites, with specific measures (such as bat boxes) to support enhanced biodiversity on the sites to be agreed through planning applications
- Integrating existing canals and rivers, and providing flood prevention measures
- Designing development to integrate with open space corridors to create interconnected wildlife habitats between public and private spaces where appropriate, whilst ensuring an efficient use of land for development

Erewash Environmental Study

In parallel with the preparation of this Strategic Masterplan, work is being undertaken on an Erewash Environmental Study. This will set out more detailed proposals to deliver a new park of regional significance along the Erewash Valley, bringing together a number of existing and new open spaces. Development proposals at Toton will be expected to reflect these proposals and, where possible, assist in their delivery, including through developer contributions.



PROPOSED OPEN SPACE NETWORK

- Site boundary
- Proposed green corridors
- Existing open spaces
- Water assets
- Indicative interchange area
- Existing walking and cycling links
- Proposed walking and cycling links
- ⓧ Type of open space



Urban Boulevard



Wildlife Corridor



River Corridor



Railway Corridor



District Park



Local Park and Open Space



Innovation Campus Landscape