

Sketch view

East Side Connections

This birds-eye view is from the east of the park, looking towards the edge of the new housing development. The principal entrance to the park, with car park and adventure play area is to the left of the view. This is an intimate part of the park, where circular walks follow the margins of the wetlands, with connections across to Clayway Drove to the east and the new residential neighbourhoods on the slopes to the west. A lookout tower could provide dramatic views across the fens to the east of the Isle of Ely.

Small woodlands define and screen the swales that facilitate surface water run-off from the housing edge to the wetlands and new catchwater drain along the foot of the slope to the east. Between the woodlands, there is a transition downslope from amenity grass to meadow.

A pathway leads around the perimeter of the new residential areas, defining the margins of a lively neighbourhood zone, where allotments and orchards are a focus for communal activity. The pathway may be stepped so that it is slightly elevated above the slope. Groups of orchard trees and some larger woodlands will shelter the housing edge, softening the skyline silhouette of the buildings in views from the fens and framing views out from the island.



Location plan

