

Donnington Wood Way, Telford



Client Lovell
Cost Circa £45m total built cost
Sector Mixed Tenure / Extra Care
Services Landscape Architecture / Architecture / 3D Visualisation
Status Ongoing / Planning granted

BM3 Landscape worked with our architectural team, Lovell Partnership Ltd, Telford & Wrekin Council (Nuplace) and Wrekin Housing Group to develop a 329 dwellings mixture tenure scheme in Donnington, north of Telford town centre.

The former mining site presented a range of sensitive constraints including ecology, hydrology and arboriculture. Nevertheless, working with other consultant teams, the proposed masterplan will create a sustainable community that integrates seamlessly with the natural heritage of the site and Granville Country Park.

The landscape strategy includes a central park space with high quality play facilities an orchard and several other incidental open spaces that will contribute to the character of the development and help the scheme integrate with its naturalistic surroundings. A simple wayfinding strategy will help new residents navigate and use the surrounding natural assets and allow the wider community to find and benefit from the new green infrastructure created by the development.

The landscape design for the Community Hub will include a semi-public space that establishes an entrance and spill out area for commercial units, a resident's square intended to create an attractive arrival and relaxation space at the core of the block and two secure courtyards where residents can meet, dine, take up a bit of gardening, or simply enjoy a range of sensory experience provided by the water features and planting.

The planting strategy attempts to be sensitive to the site's context by focusing on habitat creation and native tree planting around the perimeter of the site, while using more ornamental planting and tree varieties at the core of the site for lower maintenance and good impact throughout the seasons.

