Greyhound Stadium
Blackbird Leys, Oxford

We were appointed by a developer client to develop a landscape design for this proposed 220 unit, 3.5ha low density residential development located at the edge of the city of Oxford's urban centre. We were then tasked with the preparation of an associated landscape design statement to support a detailed planning submission for this site.

The existing site is relatively flat. It has a significant tree belt along its north boundary, adjacent to an existing railway line. A significant number of mature trees are located along its south boundary, adjacent to Sandy Lane.

The proposed built form is of a low density and creates a variety of spaces. To the north boundary of the site three mews type courtyards are proposed. The principals of 'home zone' are generally adopted throughout the landscape design of this development. Generally, the layout encourages slow vehicular movement and places an emphasis on pedestrian priority.

At the heart of the site three distinct, but connected public open spaces are proposed. These consist of two small parks connected by a paved pedestrian square. In addition, one smaller pocket park is located at the narrow end of the site. Within the parks three children's playgrounds have been integrated. The play equipment within these spaces are composed of both natural and structured play elements.

Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) principles have been adopted where possible throughout the scheme to deal with the surface water run off. In a number of locations swales have been introduced into areas of soft landscape to accommodate some of the surface water run. Permeable paved surfaces are proposed widely across the site.

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