

Great Places



Building for a Healthy Life

The following section provides a summary of the evaluation against the 12 Building for Life questions, and links to the evidence supporting the evaluation. If the standard is met for each question, a green light will apply.

Integrating into the Neighbourhood

Natural Connections

The scheme integrates with its surroundings by providing links towards Buxton town centre. Facilities on site include additional footpaths separate to the carriageway and the green space providing opportunities for local residents to visit the site as well as for new residents to use village facilities, aiding integration.

Score: **Green Light**

Walking, Cycling and Public Transport

Bus stops are located outside the entrances to both sites allowing residents to connect to local towns such as Buxton and Macclesfield. Both towns are also on major rail networks enabling residents to travel further afield by public transport therefore reducing car dependency. Footways border the site encouraging residents to walk or cycle.

Score: **Green Light**

Facilities and Services

There are a range of existing community facilities within walking or cycling distance from the site. These include local shops, public houses, primary school and a community sports facility. Buxton town centre is located 2.5 miles North of the sites offering a wider range of facilities local to the site.

Score: **Green Light**

Homes for Everyone

The proposed development includes a range of house types and tenures to meet the local area need ranging from 1 bed starter homes to 4 bed detached family homes. This range provides differing options for prospective buyers and the ability for residents to trade up or down within the site.

Score: **Green Light**

Distinctive Places

A Memorably Character

The character derives from a specific design response to the sites particular constraints and opportunities. The strong existing landscape provides distinctive character that would define the new development with mature trees defining the block structure. The design of particular house types, including choice of materials, has been tailored to reflect those existing housing in the surrounding area.

Score: **Green Light**

Making the Most of What's There

The scheme works with the existing topography of the site and retains key natural features including existing hedgerows, trees and retaining/restoring existing drystone walling around the boundaries ensuring the scheme sympathetically blends with the existing environment. Views towards open countryside are protected through the provision of greenery and soft landscaping.

Score: **Green Light**

Easy to Find Your Way Around

The developments blocks allow buildings to overlook the streets and to turn corners. This would allow good surveillance of the streets and drives and produce attractive street scenes. The built form has been designed to turn corners in a number of ways by using "L" shaped buildings or indirectly using detached properties which sweep with the curve of the road.

Score: **Green Light**

Well Defined Streets and Spaces

The scheme is very legible with a clear hierarchy of streets and spaces. Corridors of open space are provided, allowing long distance views to surrounding natural and built features to provide points of reference from within the site. Existing features are to be retained and utilized within public spaces and green corridors to provide individuality. Header buildings will create landmarks and terminate vistas through the development to aid wayfinding.

Score: **Green Light**



Streets for All

Healthy Streets

The streets are designed with changes in direction and carefully placed junctions to slow vehicle speeds. Where the road hierarchy diminishes, change of service and level further assists to reduce speed as well as creating social spaces.

Score: **Green Light**

Cycling and Car Parking

A variation of parking strategies is implemented in the layout to reduce the dominance of parking. Frontage driveways, side parking and parking bays have been proposed with the use of soft landscaping to visually screen parked cars. The design of units has allowed space for bike racks to be provided internally within garages.

Score: **Green Light**

Back of Pavement, Front of Home

The layout demonstrates a strong sense of enclosure around the defined route network. Routes are clearly defined by the building lines offering good surveillance. The definition of public and private spaces is delivered through the use of urban blocks, corner turning archetypes and distinct use of boundary treatments. Footpaths will be clearly marked to provide clarity over public access.

Score: **Green Light**

Green and Blue Infrastructure

The design ethos behind the development is to create a place residents take pride in; visitors enjoy visiting; and, existing surrounding residents benefit from. To do this, the character of the site will remain the same by retaining and enhancing green infrastructure on the periphery and throughout the site. New and existing residents will benefit from the large proportion of public open space retained encouraging sustainable activities. Informal walks and the proposed footway infrastructure connected to the existing creating connectivity.

Score: **Green Light**