

## EDUCATION

The MVNV will be required to provide new educational facilities when they are needed. The educational offer at the MVNV will include day nurseries, primary schools (incorporating early years) and a secondary school.

Schools will be a key element of the community hubs and present the opportunity for interactions between new communities. They should be located to ensure that they are at the heart of the villages and well-integrated with the surrounding built form. They should be accessible by safe walking and cycling routes, by public transport, and regard should be given to proximity to supporting facilities such as parks and play.

Schools should also be located to allow good walking and cycle access to the green infrastructure network and the Forest of Marston Vale landscape to encourage its use as an outdoor learning resource.

The broad distribution of new school facilities is shown on the figure 4.5.

Co-location of some formal sports provision adjacent or well-related to the secondary school will present the opportunity for the dual use of this provision and for public access to facilities within the school where this can be effectively managed to complement and broaden the offer of that provided elsewhere within the MVNV. The use of school facilities for community uses should be encouraged.

Like all other civic buildings in community hubs, the detailed location of schools and their architectural design should be given very careful consideration in design codes. The detailed design of each school should be of a high quality reflecting its important civic function, placemaking role and ability to help define the character of new villages.

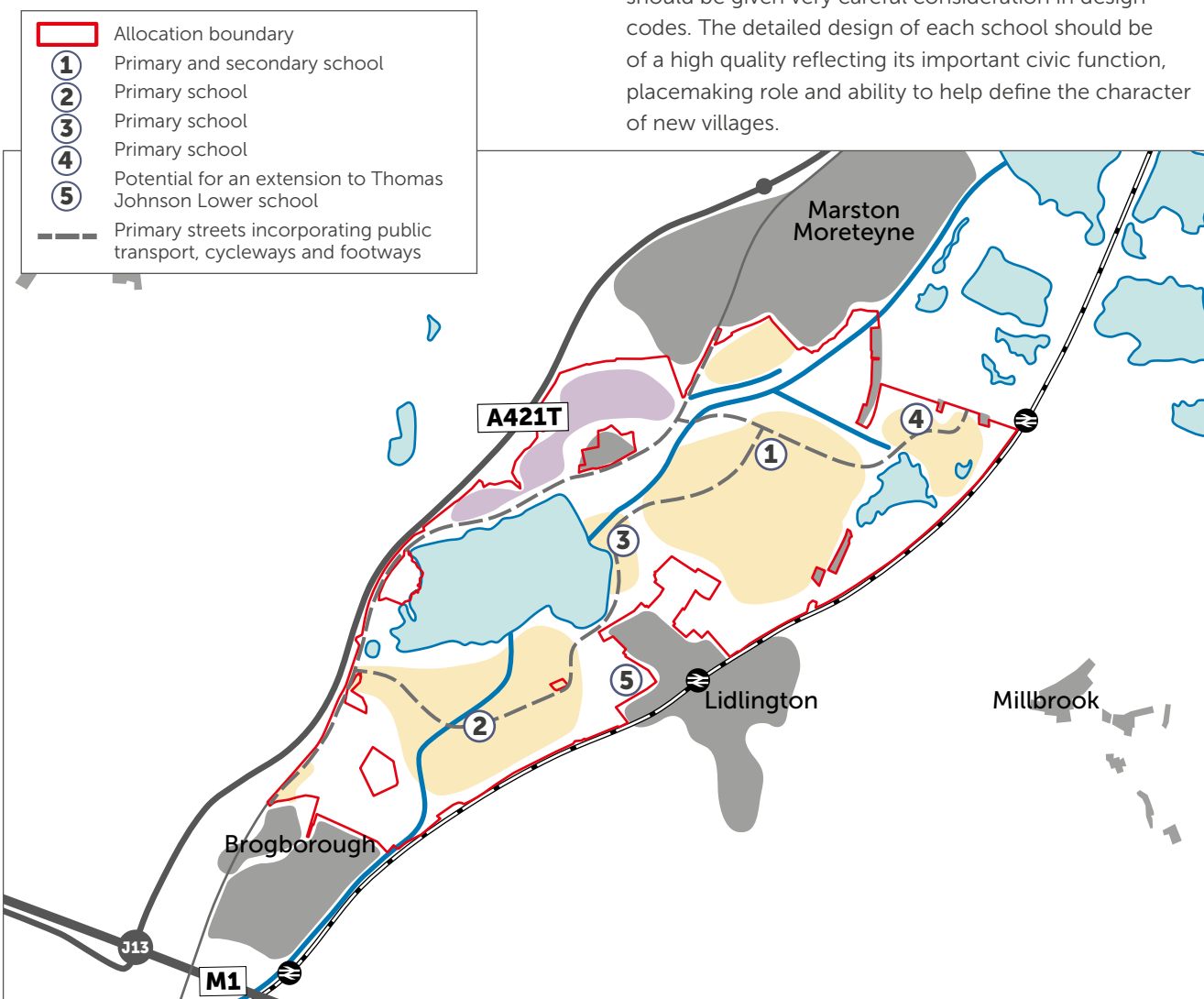


FIGURE 4.5: EDUCATION