



WOODLAND SETTING

Creating an exemplar sustainable development at the heart of a nationally designated Community Forest, the Forest of Marston Vale is a unique and distinguishing context for the design and delivery of the MVNV.

Achieving the aims and objectives of the Forest of Marston Vale *Forest Plan* is a key driver influencing the second Core Component of the MVNV. As a fundamental principle, the development will meet policy requirements for providing tree canopy cover. However, the commitment to extensive tree planting allows a deeper, more meaningful consideration of how this can be designed to enrich the lives, education, health and wellbeing of the communities of the Marston Vale and can enable the development to meet high environmental standards.

A varied wooded setting will permeate through the whole development – its villages, parks, landscapes and movement infrastructure – as a consistent unifying aspect of its character. It is a context which will inform placemaking and the design of the MVNV at each stage of the planning process and will be a key consideration at a variety of scales – from the spatial disposition of new woodland planting, the strategic design of the landscape framework, open spaces and parks to the detailed design of the public realm, garden spaces, allotments and orchard, materials, public art, signage and place naming strategies.

