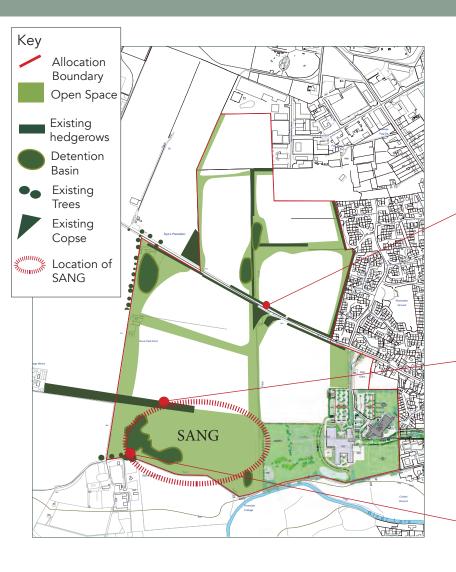
## Ecology





Existing hedgerows to be retained



Potential Bat foraging to be protected



Existing trees to be retained

## **Ecology**

This plan illustrates a response to the ecological context and characteristics of the site and identifies an approach to integrating landscape and ecological features within a framework.

The landscape framework has been designed with a focus on a living landscape that benefits all. As such, habitats of importance (specifically trees, hedge rows and woodlands) will be retained, protected and enhanced within the scheme to provide improved habitat to protected species in the long term.

The drainage strategy has been designed to complement existing landscape and ecological features to provide a green / blue corridor through the site, providing a multifunctional open space for residents and wildlife. A lasting management regime will be established to ensure that the habitats are maintained in optimum condition for protected species. The grassland areas will be managed as wildflower meadows, with scrub patches, providing habitats that are in decline elsewhere within the existing agricultural landscape.

The provision of 'Suitable Accessible Natural Green Space' known as a SANG will also form a key strategic aspect of the Masterplan's ecological framework.