



Existing landscape

Trees and vegetation

The woodland margins of the site are:

- the southern site boundary is sub-divided by a linear woodland/mature hedge
- the south-west site margin is enclosed by two overgrown hedges, comprising native species
- within the north-west site margin, there is a zone of regenerating ash woodland, and a 10-15m swathe of new woodland planted along the top of the A41(T) highway embankment
- within the northern site area, Home Wood (east and west) forms a prominent landscape feature. In recent years, lack of management has led to a decline in the general structure and habitat value
- a small triangular copse, mostly comprising mature beech, lies adjacent to Featherbed Lane
- much of the existing housing edge is enclosed by vegetation of varying character and condition, including a small spinney off High Ridge Road.



Views

In views from the eastern valley side, the site would be seen as an extension of the residential area of Manor Estate, set below the A41(T) highway embankment and contained within a distinct landscape cell with strong boundaries.

From northern and western viewpoints, new housing would be largely enclosed by maturing planting on the A41(T) embankment and by woodland planting within the western edge of the site.



View looking towards the site from Jarman's Park

2.2 Slope analysis:

This analysis identifies the constraints and opportunities provided by the range of slopes incorporated on the site. The gradients of the slopes have been broken down into five categories, (See Appendix II for full description).



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