Nurturing our natural world

Our increasing awareness of our impact on the planet demands that we think differently about how we use and treat our land. East Hemel offers a sustainable location for new homes, and there is also much that we can do to limit the impact of development on the environment while protecting and celebrating its best features, including the Nickey Line and mature woodland.

We must build in measures to protect against climate change and support nature recovery. This includes reducing emissions from travel, designing low carbon homes that are cheap to run, supporting the site's natural drainage systems, improving water quality and growing food locally in ways that help soils to regenerate. We recognise the importance of existing green spaces in the area, noting that there are opportunities to improve diversity on land that was previously farmed.



We can enhance the quality of the places we build. For example, by creating an extensive network of green spaces which include water features, every home will be within a short walk of green open space, and we will also be delivering new areas for wildlife habitats. At the same time, we want to find ways to help people live in harmony with nature and encourage them to help care for their natural landscapes.

- > How can we embed nature at the heart of our neighbourhoods?
- > What suggestions do you have for future areas of green space? (eg planting, open space, community gardens, footpaths or trails)









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