

7.2.4 Public Transport

Preliminary discussions have been held with the local public transport operator to investigate the potential for bus routing along the internal spine road to create a public transport corridor as shown in figure 7.2.5. This would include regularly spaced bus stops on either side of the road, each with cycle parking provisions included to encourage multi-modal journeys.

The extensive pedestrian/cycle network, proposed throughout the Site Allocation, will facilitate connections to any internal bus stop provisions and the existing bus stops adjacent to the site, enabling future residents to maximise access to high frequency services.

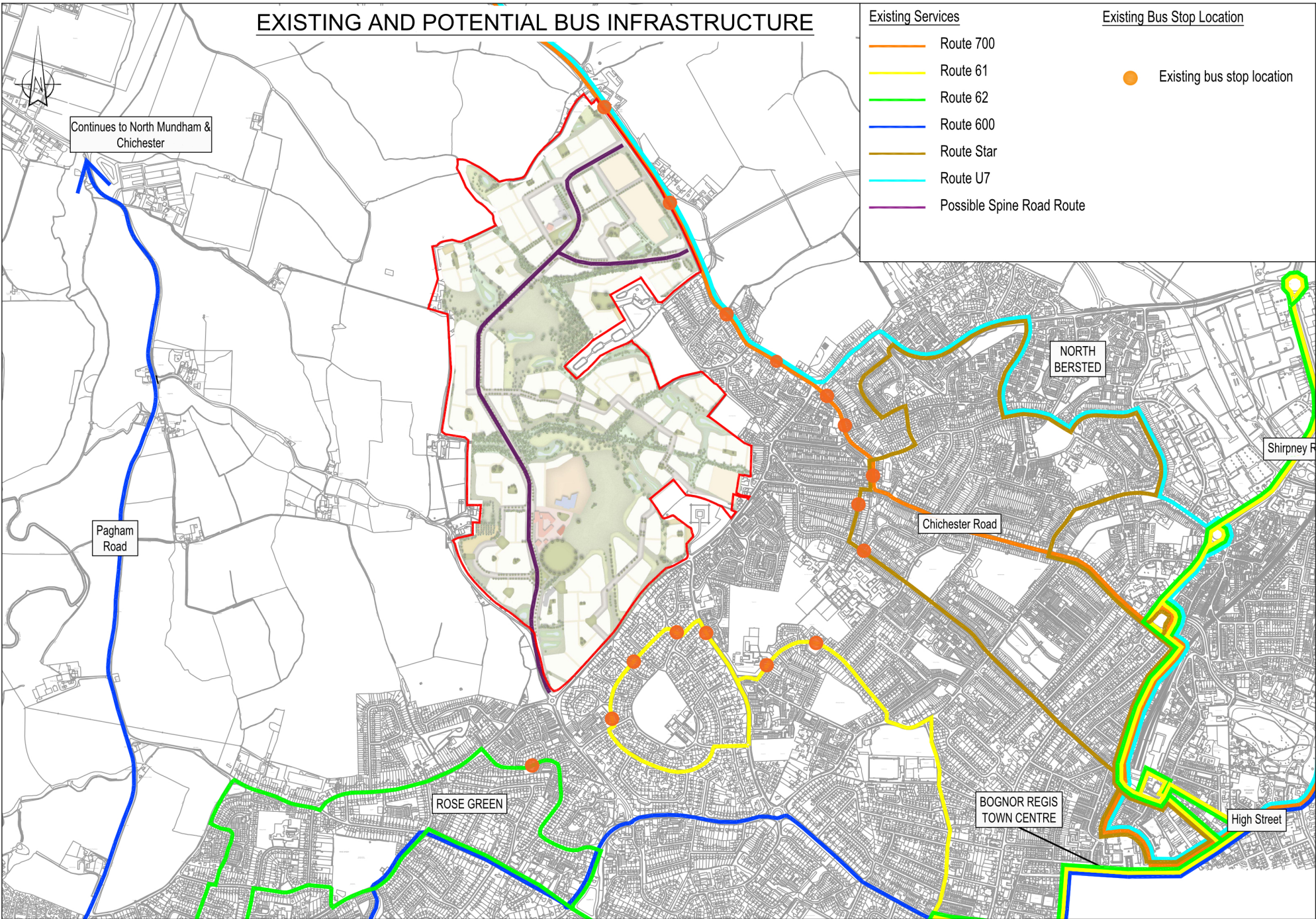


Fig 7.2.5 - Existing and Potential Bus Infrastructure

7.3 Landscape and Drainage Features

7.3.1 Proposed Open Space Provision

Key Green Space Opportunities

The amenity green space will provide a walkable green network connecting each residential neighbourhood and providing a link between the existing settlement and the rural context (see figure opposite).

It will comprise a predominantly meadow and species-rich grassland, promoting native habitats.

The green space provision will connect to the existing open spaces, including Bersted Park and the North Bersted Conservation Area.

Opportunities will be provided for food growing, including allotments, orchards and community gardens.

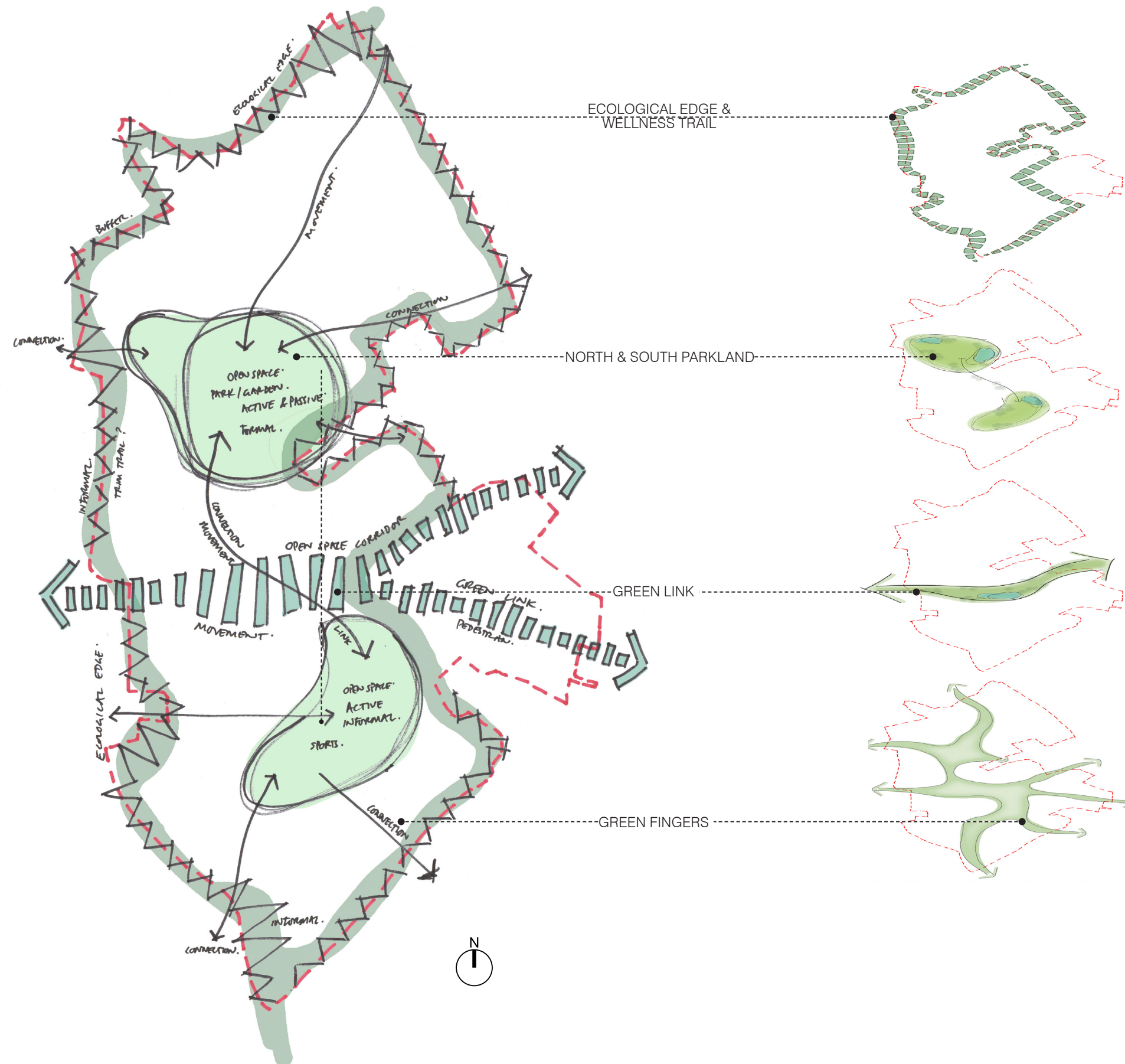


Fig 7.3.1 - Amenity Green Space

7.3.2 Landscape Concept

The Framework Masterplan incorporates high quality, well connected green spaces throughout the site, including the following key elements:

- A vital green edge, both for ecology and amenity, integrates the development with both the existing rural and urban character.
- A network of green spaces, including a green buffer from the east to the west through the centre of the site and a north-south green network incorporating different green infrastructure.
- Two central areas of open space in the north and south of the site which will define the two character areas.
- Green fingers will assist in connecting the site with the surrounding area and existing development.



7.3.2 Landscape Concept Diagram

7.3.3 Landscape Strategy

The green ecological buffer, along the rural boundary will comprise a strip of woodland with a continuous tree canopy and open ground storey ensuring a strong visual connection to the rural setting beyond. This will provide a soft edge between the development and countryside. The development parcels around the listed building at Morells Farm is also considered and a wider landscape buffer respects its rural setting.

The western edge is also broken up by clear east-west, wide green links providing regular breaks in the development edge including key views into and out of the site.

The green edge to the development will include a wellness trail with natural play, a running/walking/cycling route, picnic benches, board walks etc.

Two parks will be centrally located within the northern and southern character areas allowing for connections out to the urban grain. These will contain meadows, seasonal ponds, plays areas and pitches.

The green link follows the route of a key Public Right of Way, enhancing it into a green link between the existing settlement and the wider countryside.



7.3.3 Illustrative Landscape Strategy

7.3.4 Recreation and Leisure Strategy

Figure 7.3.4 conveys the recreation and leisure strategy for the Site Allocation. Each journey provides opportunities for different user types (i.e. water, nature, education, play, social events, and fitness) to experience a varied and dynamic landscape as they move around the Site Allocation.

The more active routes will coincide with areas designed to accommodate higher-intensity uses, such as sport, equipped play, or event spaces. Whereas the quieter, more ecologically sensitive 'water routes' and 'nature routes' and will encourage reflection and the study of the natural world.

Play opportunities will be located throughout the proposed development. The feedback from the public consultation has provided a good understanding of the type of play provision which local residents would like to be incorporated into the design as part of the next stage of work. This provision will range from natural and incidental to formal equipped destination play areas.

The development will offer a rich and diverse range of experiences for all ages, social groups, group sizes and interests. The recreation and leisure strategy will be developed further through the future planning applications.



7.3.4 Illustrative Recreation and Leisure Strategy



Playful landscapes



Local area for play [LAPs]



Local equipped area for play [LEAP]



Neighbourhood area of equipped play [NEAP]



Skatepark or parkour