



LAND SOUTH OF LITTLEHAMPTON ACADEMY, LITTLEHAMPTON

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

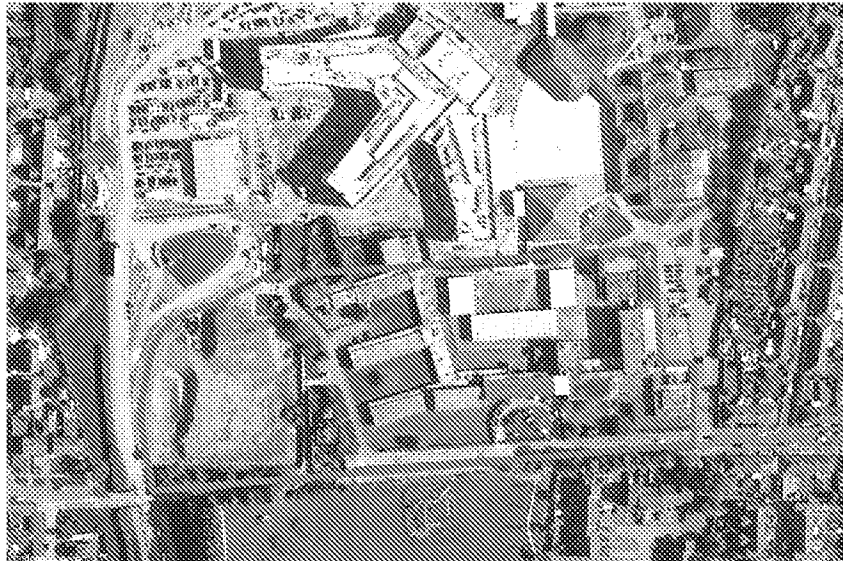
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Aerial view of the site prior to demolition

LOCATION

The site is in a residential area to the north of Littlehampton town centre and beaches.

The site is well within the urban area of Littlehampton and a short walk from the town centre shops.

There is suburban housing to the east and west of the site. To the south is a park with playing area and to the north is a new academy.

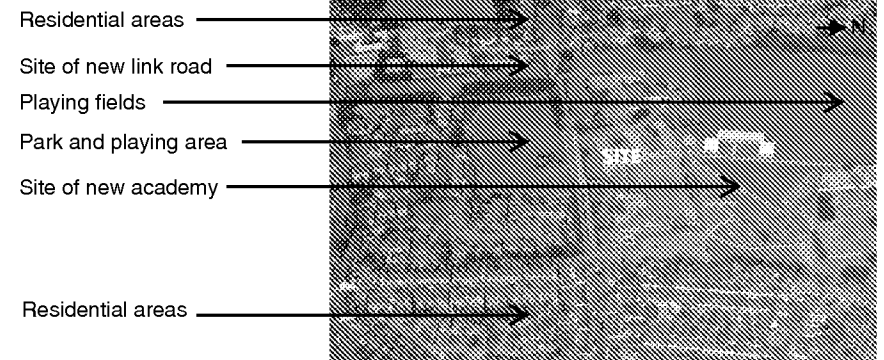
The surrounding housing is generally low to medium density mid 20th century stock.



Aerial view north over Littlehampton



Aerial view east over site



Aerial view west over site

DEVELOPMENT SITE

Previously occupied by the Littlehampton Community School.

New Academy school built to the north of the site freed the proposal site for redevelopment.

The site has now been cleared of structures ready for development.

The boundaries are defined by fences and hoarding at present.

There is a drainage pond at the west side of the site alongside the new link road.



Site before clearance with cycle path and park in front



Aerial view of the site prior to demolition



View north east into site from the access road



View north into site from the access road



View west into site from Elm Grove Road

SITE EDGES



New link road to west of site

To the north of the site is the new Littlehampton Academy. This is a substantial building consisting of a series of linear wings radiating from a central core. It is generally 3 storeys with a 2 storey wing projecting towards the proposal site.

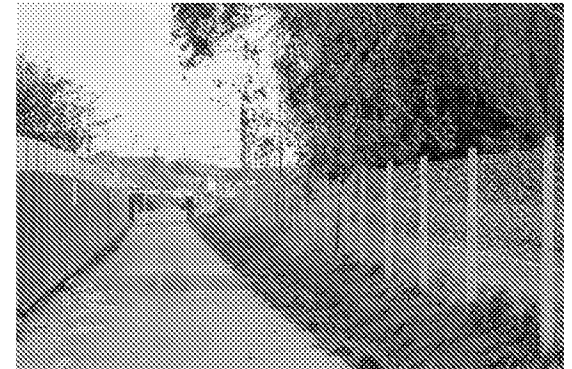
To the west of the site is a new link road connecting the new academy with a planned extension to the north.

To the east of the site is a residential street with low density bungalows and dwellings. Land has been set aside for a new nursery school at the east end of the site.

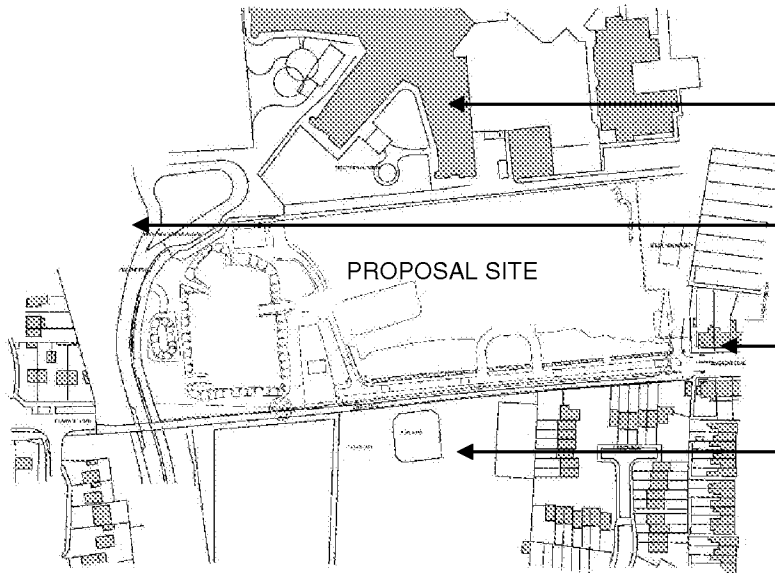
To the south of the site is a cycle path and public park. There is currently a chain link fence between the site and the park. Surrounding dwellings turn their backs onto this open space.



East end of cycle lane



Cycle lane running along the south edge of the site



NORTH: Littlehampton Academy

WEST: New link road

EAST: Residential developments and new nursery

SOUTH: Park with fenced play area



Park to the south of the site

CONTEXTUAL PRECEDENT



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Littlehampton has a strong architectural character in many places, particularly in the older and more central areas.

There are numerous examples of strong gable and double gable roofs on grand free-standing villas and also on terraced housing close to the proposal site.

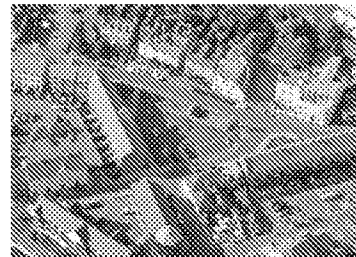
In the town centre there are examples of successful hard landscaped squares with tree planting and street furniture, such as on Surrey Street.

Traditional streets are generally rectilinear broken up with occasional curves and breaking out onto open space.

There has been some well regarded contemporary architecture built in Littlehampton in recent years.



Clun Road / Cornwall Road



Surrey Street

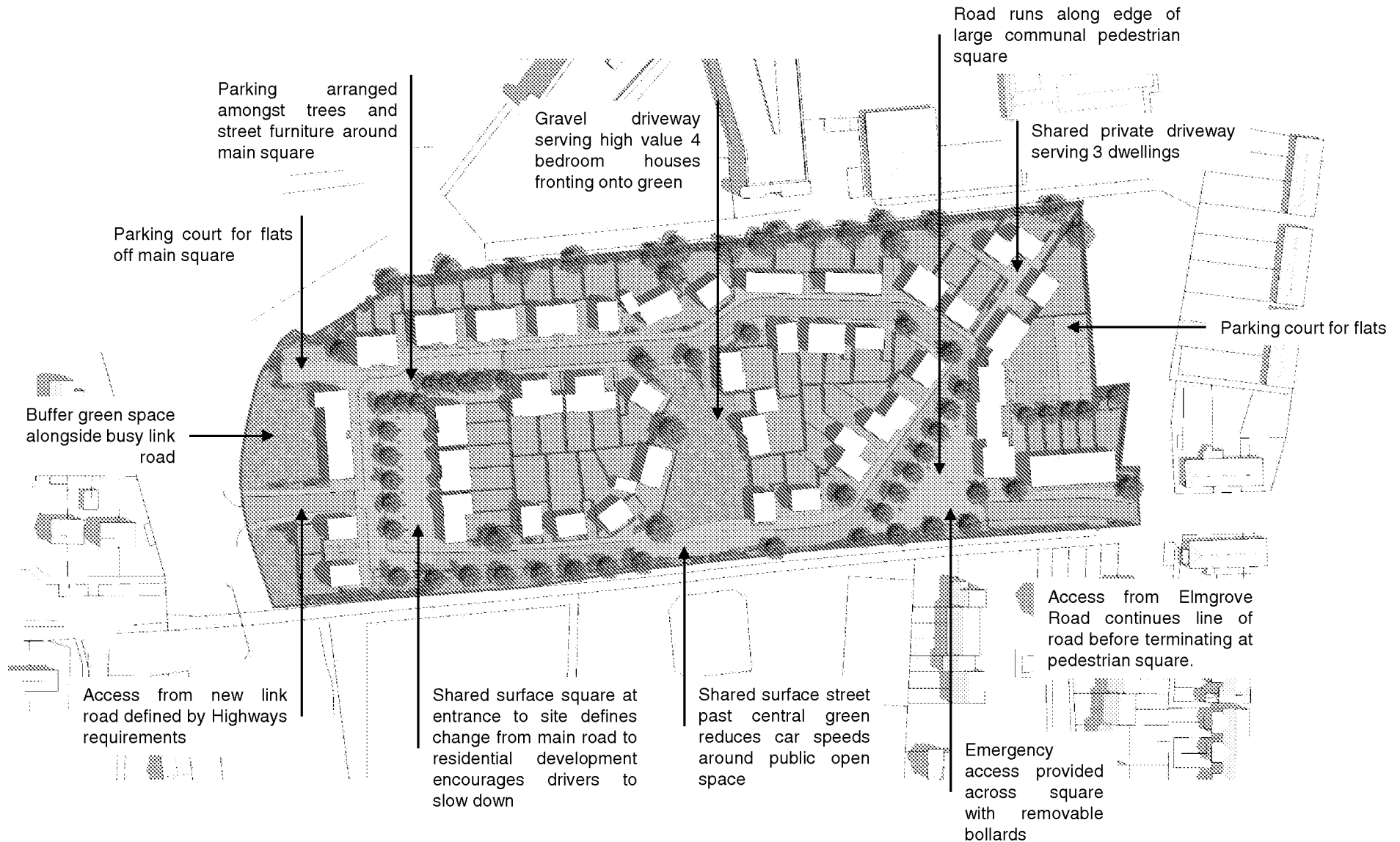


Hand-drawn site plan of a proposed school building. The plan shows a large rectangular building with multiple wings and courtyards. Key areas labeled include "PLAYING COURT" at the top right, "PARK" in several locations, "STADIUM" on the left, "Gymnasium" in the center, and "Auditorium" at the bottom left. The plan is surrounded by a fence and has handwritten notes: "Road 2.5m" at the top, "Road 3.5m" at the bottom, and "Road 2.5m" on the right. A note on the right side says "Playing Court" and "Auditorium".

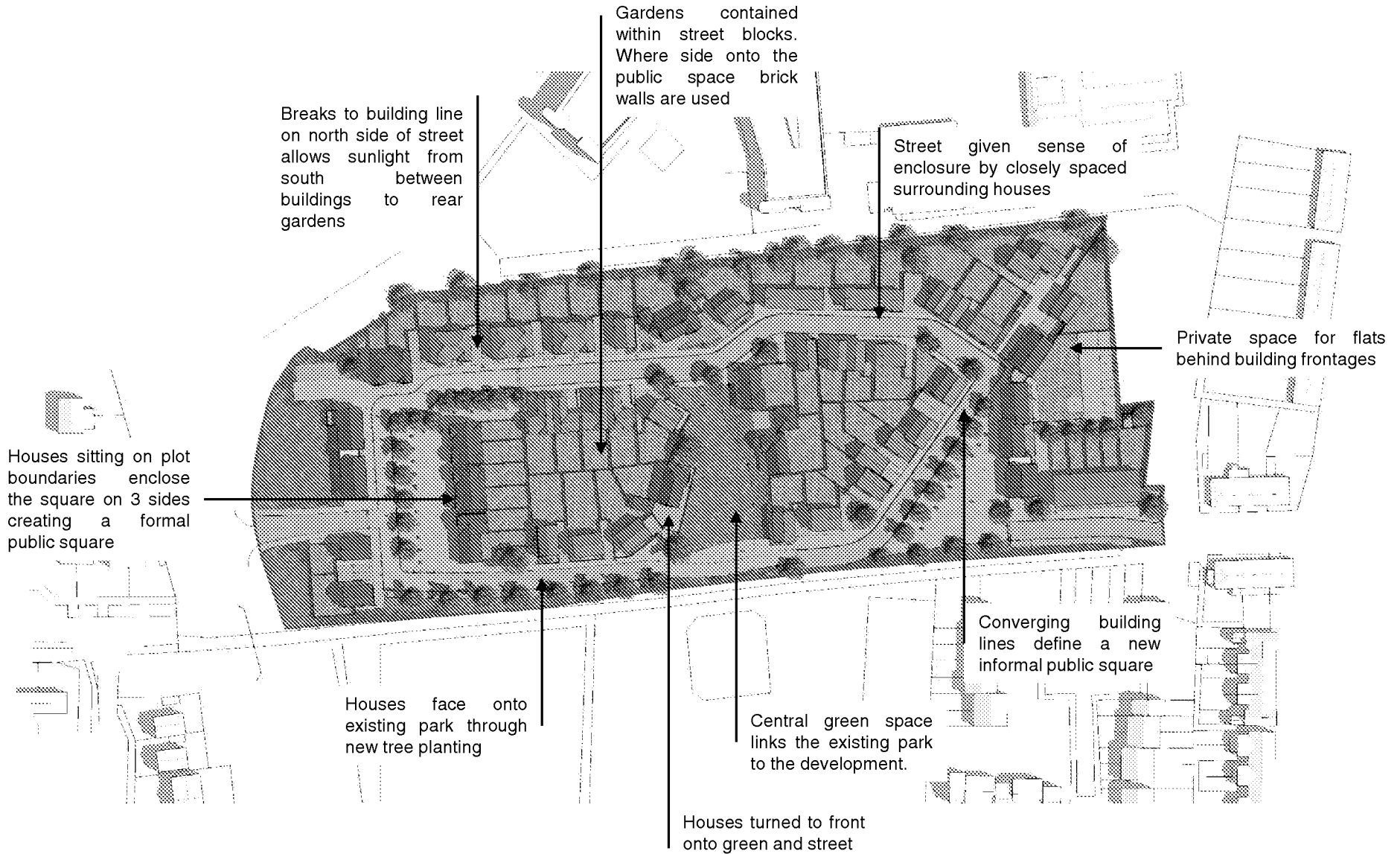
This is a detailed site plan for a proposed development. The plan shows a large rectangular area divided into several sections. On the left side, there is a winding road or path. The central and right portions of the plan are filled with numerous small, rectangular building footprints, some of which are arranged in rows. There are also several large, irregularly shaped areas that appear to be parking lots or open spaces. The plan is drawn with fine lines and includes various symbols and annotations, such as numbers and letters, which likely correspond to specific lots or features. The overall layout suggests a complex, multi-building development.



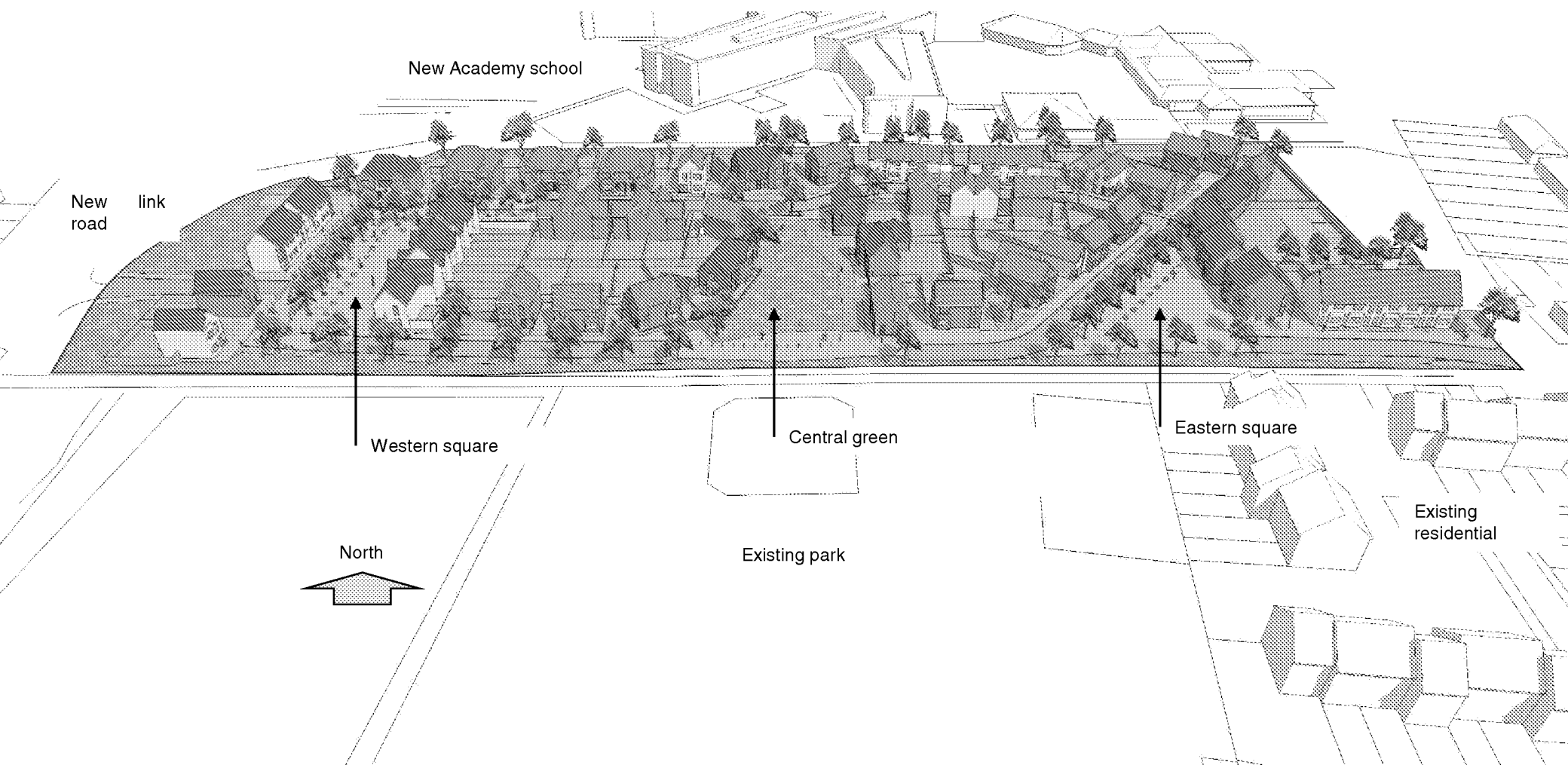
DESIGN PROPOSALS – STREETS AND SQUARES



DESIGN PROPOSALS - LAYOUT



DESIGN PROPOSALS – AERIAL FROM SOUTH



DESIGN PROPOSALS – AERIAL FROM SOUTH EAST



DESIGN PROPOSALS – AERIAL FROM SOUTH WEST



DESIGN PROPOSALS – SKETCH PERSPECTIVES



View north through the central green space, with houses fronting onto the green



View south west across the western square showing a shared surface vehicle route running around the edge of the square with pedestrian space beyond



View north across the eastern square showing the pedestrian square in the foreground with the tarmacked road running along the west edge.

Sketch perspectives of the scheme showing indicative materials and layouts.

Different areas of the site would be given distinctive characters to ease navigation and help in the creation of sense of place.

Homezone style shared surfaces play an important part in controlling traffic and making sure the development is pedestrian friendly and enhancing the quality of the street spaces.

Care will be required at detailed design stage to ensure that the spaces and design are inclusive and safe for all users.

The architectural style of the buildings is not a consideration at this stage but for illustrative purposes these images show varied brick frontages with prominent gable roof forms picking up on local precedent.