

# LAND AT WESTON UNDER PENYARD Public Consultation

## Landscape, Ecology & Heritage

The proposed development will provide extensive areas of open space throughout the development including over 1.5ha (3.7 acres) of open land which is to be undeveloped to safeguard the underlying heritage assets on the site, namely the likely presence of a Roman, roadside villa complex.

As suggested in the WNP this area could be designated as a *Local Green Space*. Lagan Homes intentions for this valuable heritage area is to keep it largely as it is but managed in such a way as to enhance the biodiversity of the site, as well as minimising any disruption of the archaeological assets that lay underneath.

A natural play area was original proposed within this area, but this may not be appropriate. We would welcome your views on whether a new play area should be provided within the development, or as an alternative funds could be provided to improve existing play facilities within the village. An interpretation board is proposed to explain the significance of the heritage assets within the site.

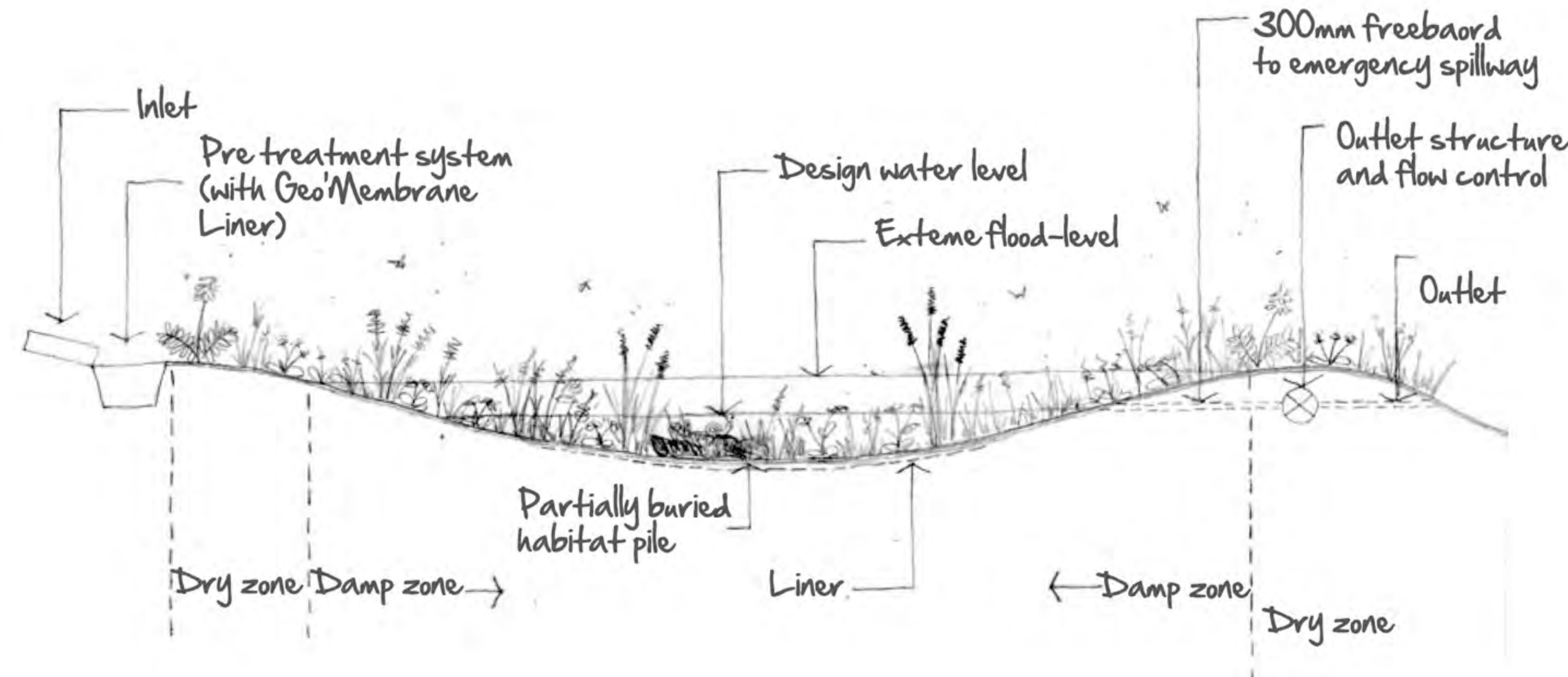
The existing pond will be retained and enhanced and will make an attractive arrival feature at the entrance to the site.



Along the frontage with the A40 a landscape buffer strip will be provided along the full width of the site. This will help link all the open spaces together and will incorporate a footpath, extensive planting and an attenuation pond as part of a sustainable drainage system (SuDS).

A further area of open space is provided around a large oak tree which is covered by a TPO.

All the areas of open space will be managed to enhance biodiversity. Nearly 60% of the site will remain as open space.



Landscape, Heritage and SuDS combine to provide an attractive and sustainable place to live