



KINGSWOOD

- DINGLEY VILLAGE

FACT SHEET OPEN SPACE, VEGETATION & SUSTAINABILITY

The Kingswood Dingley Village project will develop the former Kingswood golf course into an exemplary residential community. It will be masterplanned to retain and enhance the community feel and spirit of Dingley Village.

The development will deliver low to medium density housing as well as greater amenity, walking tracks and parkland to the immediate and surrounding community. Planning and building will be done with care to preserve as many medium to high value trees as possible, to manage water flows and to reduce energy consumption.

This factsheet outlines the open space and sustainability elements planned for the project.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY & WATER-SENSITIVE URBAN DESIGN

The Kingswood Dingley Village masterplan has been designed to meet the UDIA's EnviroDevelopment assessment criteria. These cover six sustainability elements – ecosystems, water, energy, material, waste and community. Our masterplan has secured 6-leaf EnviroDevelopment certification, the highest level, recognising the project will achieve an exceptional sustainability outcome on delivery.

LATEST DESIGN PRINCIPLES

Environmentally sustainable design principles will influence the design of both housing and the open spaces, maximising the potential for natural warmth and energy from the sun and the peaceful qualities of wetlands and water bodies.

NEW PATHS & COMMUNITY LINKS

We will create connections via existing parks on the boundary of the site, opening it up to both new and existing residents. In addition there are a number of vehicle, pedestrian and cycling routes to improve access to the nearby village shops, schools and community facilities.

HEALTHY, ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY WETLANDS

The frequency of flooding events in Dingley Village will be reduced considerably through the creation of sizeable wetlands, which will not only be useful but attractive. These wetlands will hold about six times more water than the volume of water generated by the new houses and will significantly reduce the known flooding risk to some 70 homes downstream.

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MORE PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

An extensive network of public open spaces is proposed for Kingswood, including five large parks, numerous pocket parks, and linear trails. The open space network will re-connect the communities of Dingley and improve access to the nearby village shops and community facilities. Kingswood Dingley Village will have the equivalent of more than six MCGs-worth of public open space for use by everyone in the community. Approximately 11 hectares (20.7% of the site) of public open spaces are proposed within the site to include parks, wetlands and walking and cycling tracks.

RETENTION OF TREES & NEW PLANTINGS

To maintain a habitat for local wildlife, trees will be retained where possible that:

- Are native and of significant size and health;
- Are recently planted and of environmental significance; and
- Have a life expectancy of at least 10 years.

In addition, we propose to plant approximately 2,300 new trees along with a variety of other landscape treatments and vegetation. Of the 1,348 existing trees or tree groups on the site, we propose to retain 330.

Overall, there will be a net increase in trees on the site.

The Kingswood masterplan has committed to fulfil the following EnviroDevelopment 6-leaf objective "More than 90% of all plant species introduced to the site for landscaping public spaces, or for landscaping private areas prior to sale, are locally native. Plant selection should consider flora that provide a diverse range of food resources to fauna. Plant selection that provides resources for limited fauna types/species is to be avoided."

WILDLIFE HABITAT

A Biodiversity Assessment has been prepared for the site to identify all flora and fauna, both indigenous and non-indigenous. The masterplan aims to retain significant patches of native flora and fauna habitat and the retention of medium to high-value planted trees, where possible. High-value habitat will be maintained and rehabilitated. A flora and fauna management plan in line with government regulations and best practice requirements will protect existing wildlife and habitat through construction.

WORKING WITH KINGSTON COUNCIL

We have been working with Kingston Council's experts to ensure the best outcomes for the site. Council has independently undertaken a landscape character assessment of the site which identified four groups of trees that make a significant contribution to the landscape character of the site, both from within the site and externally as well. All four of these groups of trees have been retained and incorporated into the masterplan design of the estate.

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