

Land at Tiffield Lane

A chance to view our proposals for the site



LANDSCAPE & BIODIVERSITY



Solihull Business Park, Solihull

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IM Properties has undertaken a detailed strategic landscape assessment of the whole site to inform mitigation and to deliver a high quality landscaped setting for the project. The key landscape principles include:

- Retaining existing trees and hedgerows where possible, and establishing new native planting and the creation of green corridors where not.
- Ensuring development is sufficiently screened from neighbouring properties and businesses through the establishment of an extensive landscape buffer and strategic planting around the site.
- Incorporating and complementing the drainage strategy and its use of attenuation ponds and swales.
- The creation of amenity space within the scheme; a place to rest or stretch your legs, contributing to employee wellbeing and a quality working environment.

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Between 2016 and 2019 Middlemarch Environmental completed a suite of surveys to allow the baseline ecological value of the site to be comprehensively understood. These informed an assessment of the potential impacts of the development on key ecological features, namely nature conservation sites, habitats and protected species. This enabled the design of various ecological mitigation and enhancement proposals that will allow the development to be delivered in a way that has minimal effect on biodiversity. The design of the development evolved to allow key ecological features to be retained, protected and enhanced, including the creation of native wildflower grassland, woodland and hedgerow.

A key requirement of the project is to deliver Biodiversity Net Gain, i.e. an overall improvement in the biodiversity value of the local area as a result of the development. To achieve this IM Properties is working closely with Middlemarch Environmental and South Northamptonshire Council to review several sites in Towcester where significant improvements in biodiversity could be achieved. Two of these sites, Towcester Watermeadows and River Tove Greenspace, are subject to ongoing discussion to agree a programme of achievable biodiversity enhancements to be supported by the development.

