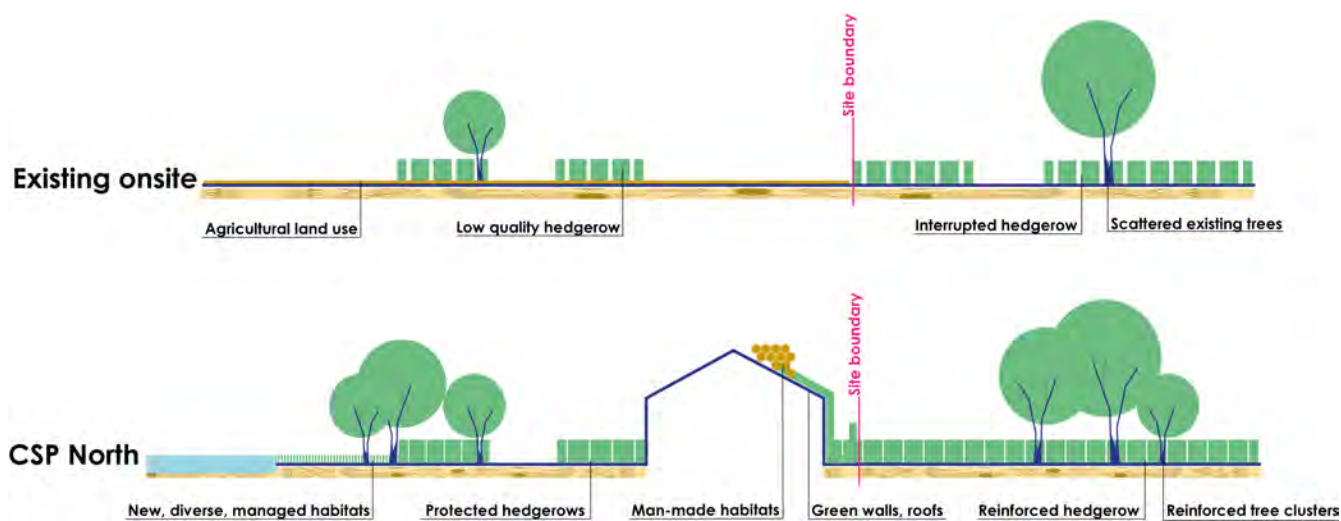


Biodiversity Net Gain



50% of the ownership is proposed as a publicly accessible country park, with an aspiration to deliver a 30% net biodiversity gain compared to the existing site.

Existing site: The existing site ownership area consists primarily of agricultural land with remnants of broad-leaved semi-natural woodland and scattered trees to the south of the site, patches of semi-improved grasslands and hedgerows, including species-rich hedges to the north and west. A preliminary ecological appraisal was carried out in July 2019, which identified habitats suitable for a number of species are present and the site would require further investigation by a qualified ecologist.

Cambridge Science Park North (CSPN): The proposal works within the existing green infrastructure, proposing to retain and enhance all of the hedgerows and broad-leaved woodland where possible. The ecological enhancements will consist of reinforcements of existing green corridors on site and outside the land ownership towards local reserves and wildlife sites, informed by ecological surveys; an increase in the number of trees, improved diversity in the variety of green landscape and habitats, green roofs and green walls on buildings and boundary structures, species-appropriate man-made habitats and a biodiversity management and monitoring programme. The outcome will be a newly-accessible country park that delivers net biodiversity gain which exceeds proposed planning policy requirements.

