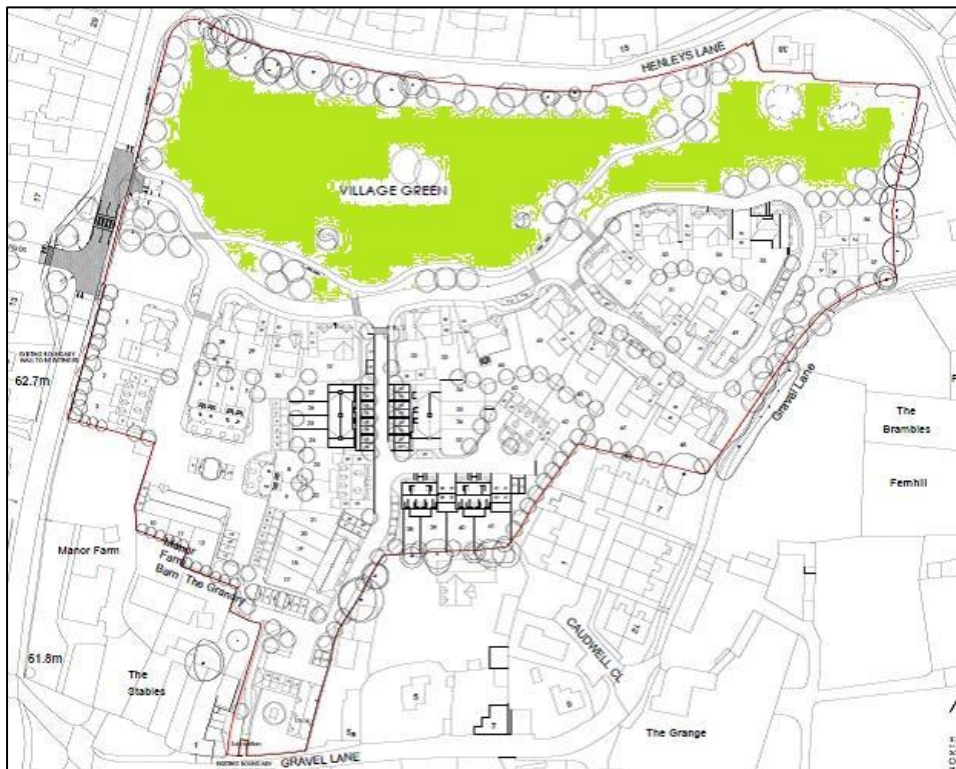


Manor Farm – New Village Green - Design and Use

Where we are now

The Drayton Neighbourhood Plan (NDP) saw one of the main benefits of the Manor Farm development as providing a new village green at the heart of the village - to replace the now fragmented green at the end of Gravel Lane.

Now that CALA homes have obtained planning permission for 57 houses, the new green in total is slightly larger than required by the NDP, but is a more elongated and thinner shape (see VWHDC approved layout below) rather than the rounded area envisaged in the NDP.



Since the new green is at the heart of the Drayton conservation area, it needs to retain a rustic feel and not be formal in its appearance, so we need a new set of ideas about the final design and uses for the green – some ideas are given below.

Consultation

We would like to hear your views on these ideas and on how the new Green should look and be used. You can:

- Come along to any Parish Council (first Monday of month) or Drayton2020 Implementation Committee Group (3rd Friday in month) in July – see village website calendar <http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk/village-information/events-2/> or village noticeboards for dates and venues
- Email draytonclerk@gmail.com or tel. 07909176061 or write to Drayton Parish Clerk c/o 12 Loddon Close, Abingdon, OX14 3TB
- Discuss the issue on the Families in Drayton Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/343572055845823/>
- Speak to any Parish Councillor or D2020 Committee member – see list on n/boards or at <http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk/drayton-parish-council/councillors/>



The New Concept: A Vision for the Future

The Drayton Parish Council and the NDP Implementation Group are proposing a new green to include ideas such as:

- A meeting place for all ages at a crossroads for those using the shop, Henleys Lane, Hilliat Fields and the route to the Millennium Green
- A gently rolling green space, regularly mown but with activities such as a grass maze and opportunities for children to run about
- A wooded path around the Green (this will obviously take some years for the trees to grow), so that children can explore, run and climb/balance alongside people who want to walk, sit or run
- Trees and shrubs with interesting foliage and colours, fruit and nuts. Different grasses to create sound/textures and colours
- Rustic artistic seating, signage and litter bins – using natural materials such as stone/brick and wood
- A small orchard and/or wildflower area
- Paths leading into the Green from the shop and out towards the Millennium Green and village footpath network and to include a circular dog walking route
- Artwork pieces such as wood sculptures

Once the ideas are firmed up a professional landscape design will be produced.

