

## CORE COMPONENTS

The placemaking concept for the Marston Vale New Villages has three Core Components: villages and parks, woodland setting and water environment. These are the fundamental, defining elements of the Marston Vale New Villages which make it aspirational, unique and locally-distinctive:



### VILLAGES & PARKS

The historic settlement pattern of the Marston Vale is defined by its dispersed, diverse villages set in an arable landscape. The MVNV will reflect and respect the existing character of the Marston Vale by the creation of a series of new, linked villages. Each village will respond to its landscape context focussing on the field and hedgerow patterns, the lakes and watercourses, the topography of Ends and Farmsteads. Placemaking that respects the character of the Marston Vale will be at the heart of all design decisions.

To achieve this, it is critical that the scale of the new villages are proportionate to the context of existing settlements and that the identity, character and setting of new and existing villages is protected through the creation of a rich, multifunctional and varied landscape framework.

Whilst each village will be physically separate, the MVNV will be functionally inclusive. The design, delivery and governance of each village will facilitate the formation of positive, respectful and constructive relationships between communities both existing and new. The new facilities, services and opportunities of the MVNV will be accessible and available for all to benefit from.

Innovation and design quality will be integral to successful placemaking: each village will be locally distinctive, defined by its immediate context, whilst also contributing to the already diverse architectural vernacular and identity of the Marston Vale. A range of building types, styles, densities and building heights will be provided, all of which will define a village character, form and scale.

The design of streets, the landscapes, surface water features and the public realm will contribute to the village identity sought and will be designed to draw countryside character into and through the villages.

Equally as important to the delivery of this Core Component is the creation of an accessible and multifunctional blue and green infrastructure framework.

The MVNV parks will be managed and maintained to enhance the health and wellbeing of the communities of the Marston Vale and their governance will offer the opportunity for community ownership and management.

