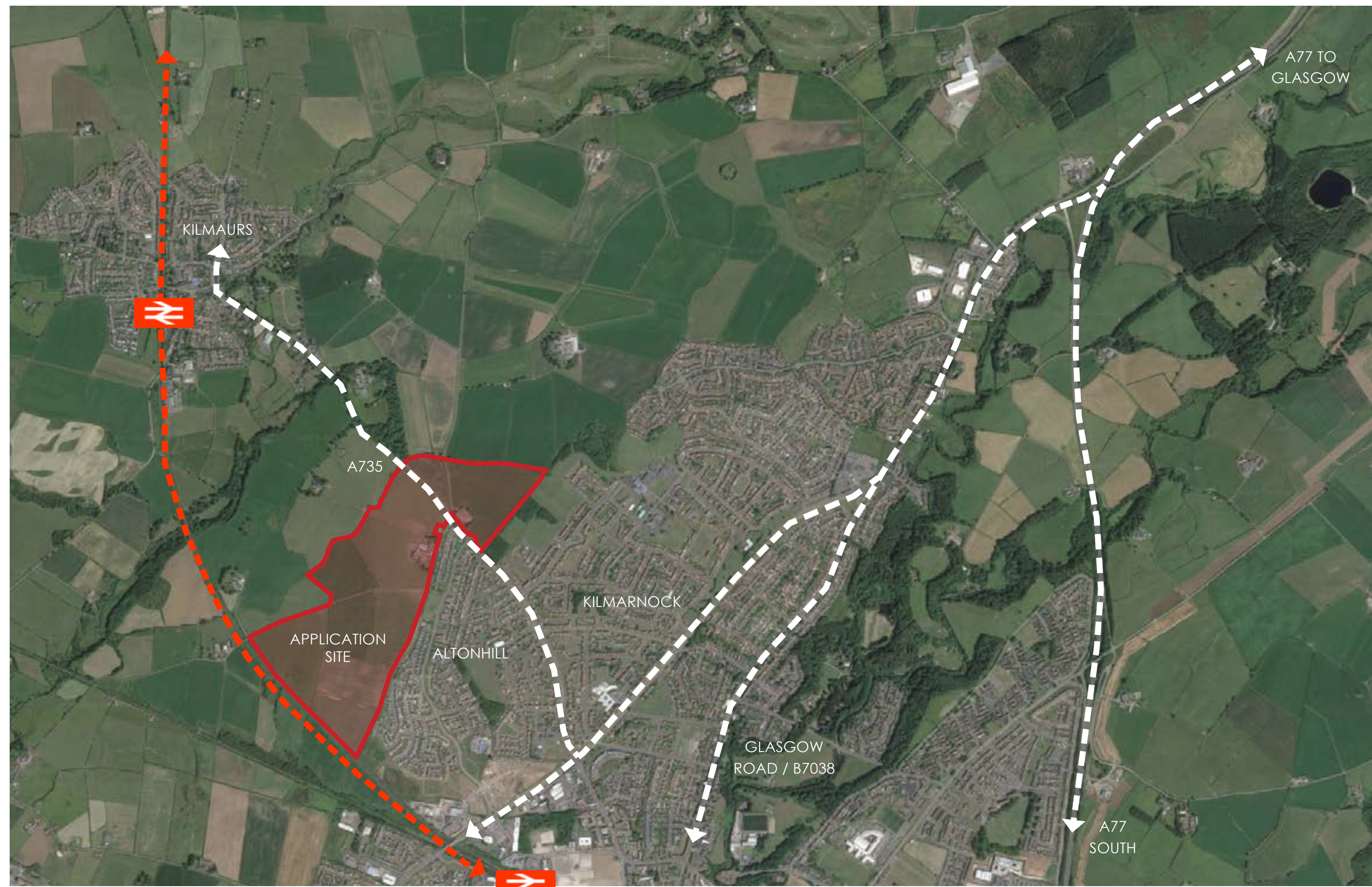




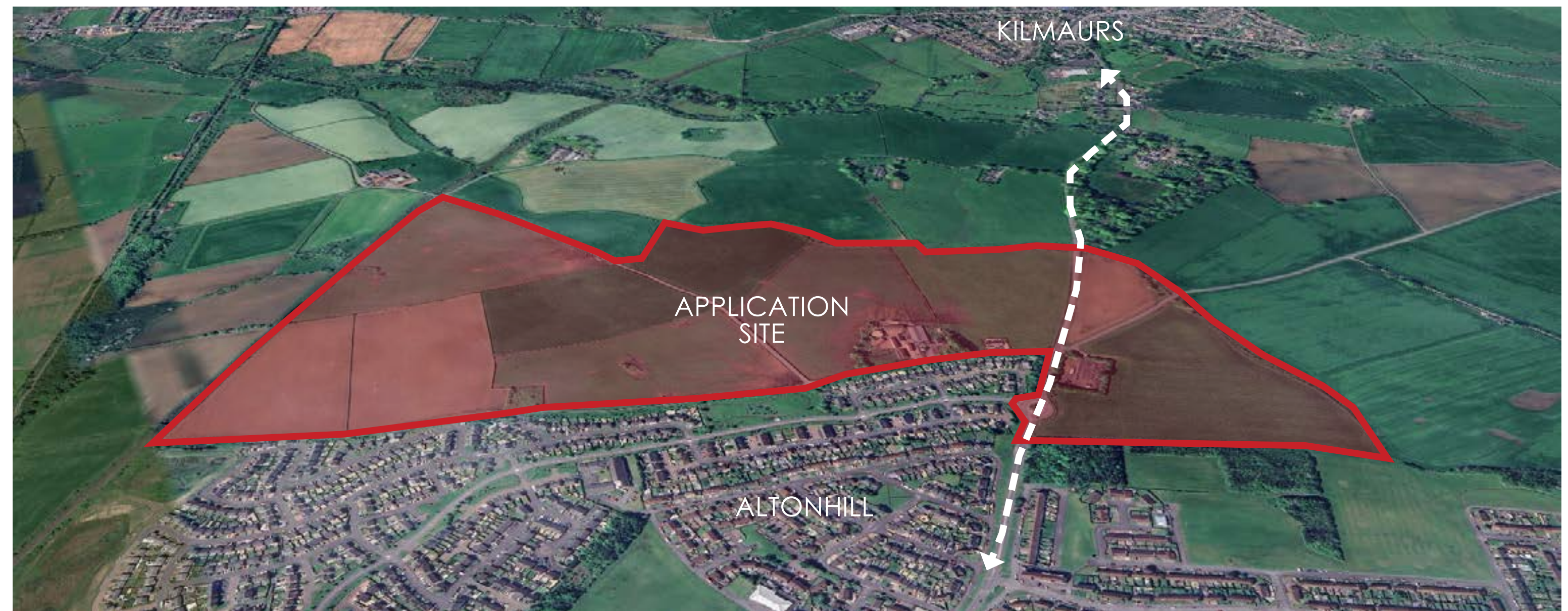
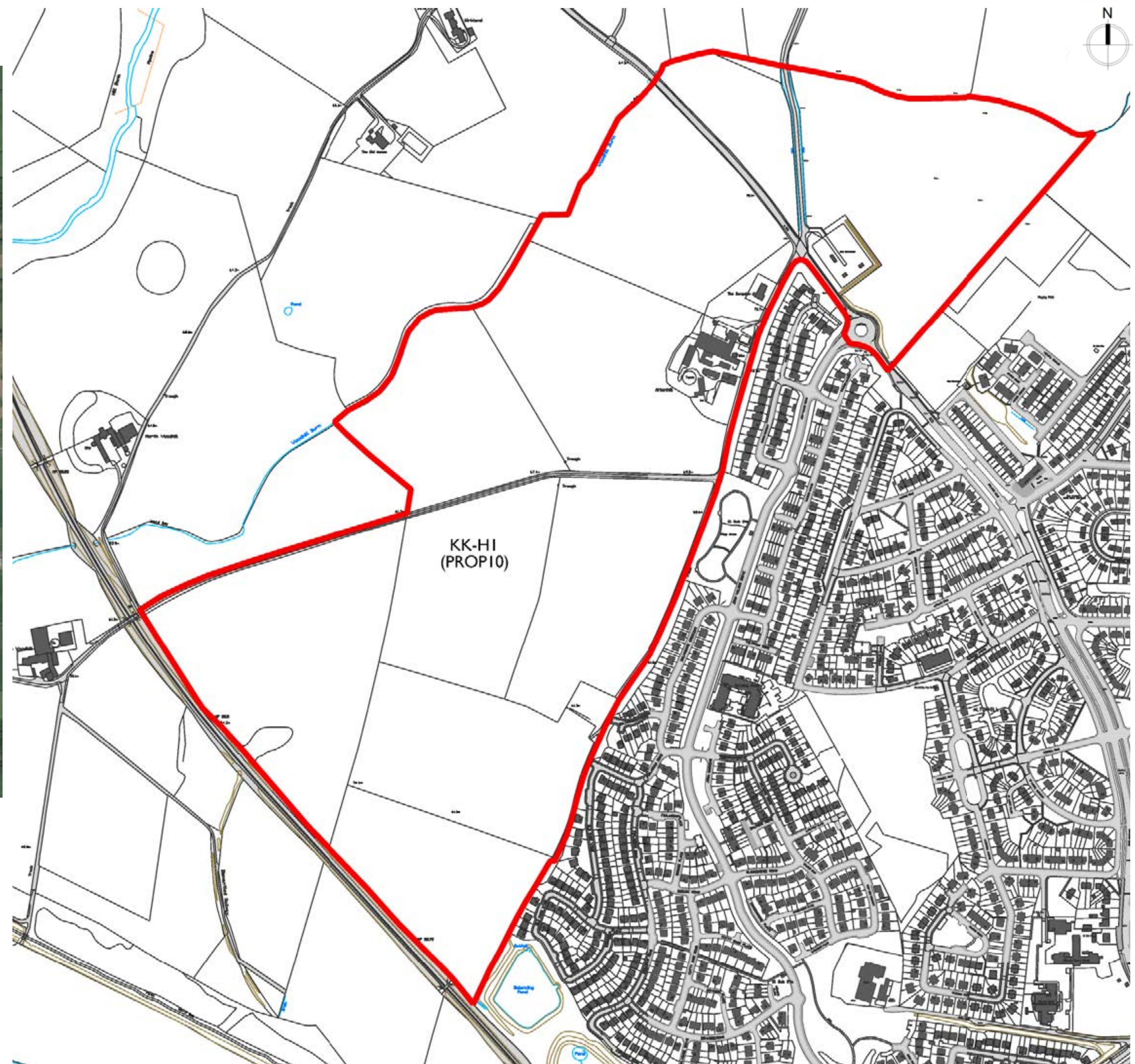
Introduction

Welcome to this public exhibition for a new residential development at Altonhill Farm on the western edge of Kilmarnock. The site is allocated within the Local Development Plan as residential site (KK-H1) and is being promoted through the planning process by Hallam Land.

A new Proposal of Application Notice (PoAN) was submitted in December 2025. In accordance with the Planning Regulations this will be the first of two public events. The purpose of this first event is to enable the local community to influence the proposals and input to the design of the masterplan. You can do this by discussing your ideas with members of the design team who are in attendance and by filling in the questionnaires provided. Your ideas and feedback will be taken into account as the proposals evolve which we will then present at the second event to take place early in 2026.

Site location

The site sits on the western edge of Kilmarnock. It is accessed from the existing A735 / Kilmaurs Road which splits the site into 2 parcels located to the northeast and southwest of the road. Pedestrian and cycle access also exists through the neighbouring housing development at Altonhill. It also sits between other allocated sites to the south and future housing allocations to the north which are all located along the western edge of the town.



SITE PHOTOGRAPHS



VIEW OF SITE LOOKING NORTH TOWARDS A735 / KILMAURS ROAD



VIEW LOOKING SOUTHEAST ALONG A735 / KILMAURS ROAD TOWARDS KILMARNOCK



VIEW LOOKING SOUTH ALONG ALTONHILL FARM ROAD



VIEW SOUTH ALONG EXISTING TRACK AND FARM ACCESS ROAD TO KNOCKENTIBER / CROSSHILL HOSPITAL



VIEW WEST OVER NORTHERN PART OF THE SITE



VIEW SOUTH OVER SOUTHERN PART OF THE SITE



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SURROUNDING AREA PHOTOGRAPHS



VIEW OF SURROUNDING HOUSING IN ALTONHILL



HOUSING ALONG EASTERN BOUNDARY OF SITE



EXISTING FARM AND FARMHOUSE



HOUSES BACKING ON TO APPLICATION SITE



EXISTING BUNGALOW ALONG FARM ACCESS ROAD



EXISTING OPEN SPACE / PLAY AREA WITHIN ALTONHILL

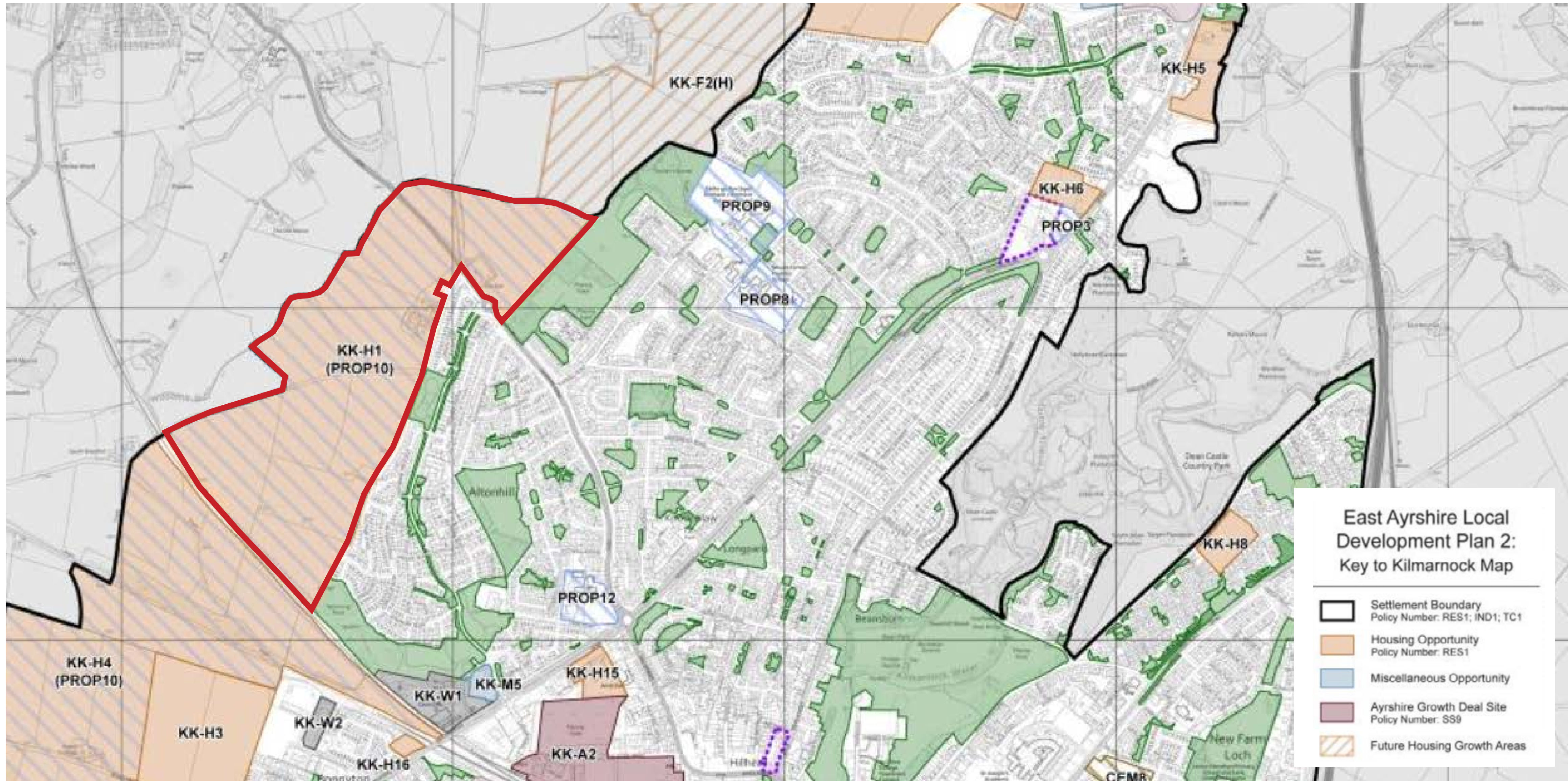


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LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN



East Ayrshire Council



East Ayrshire Local Development Plan Supplementary Guidance

Design Guidance
for Masterplanning

January 2018

Local Development Plan

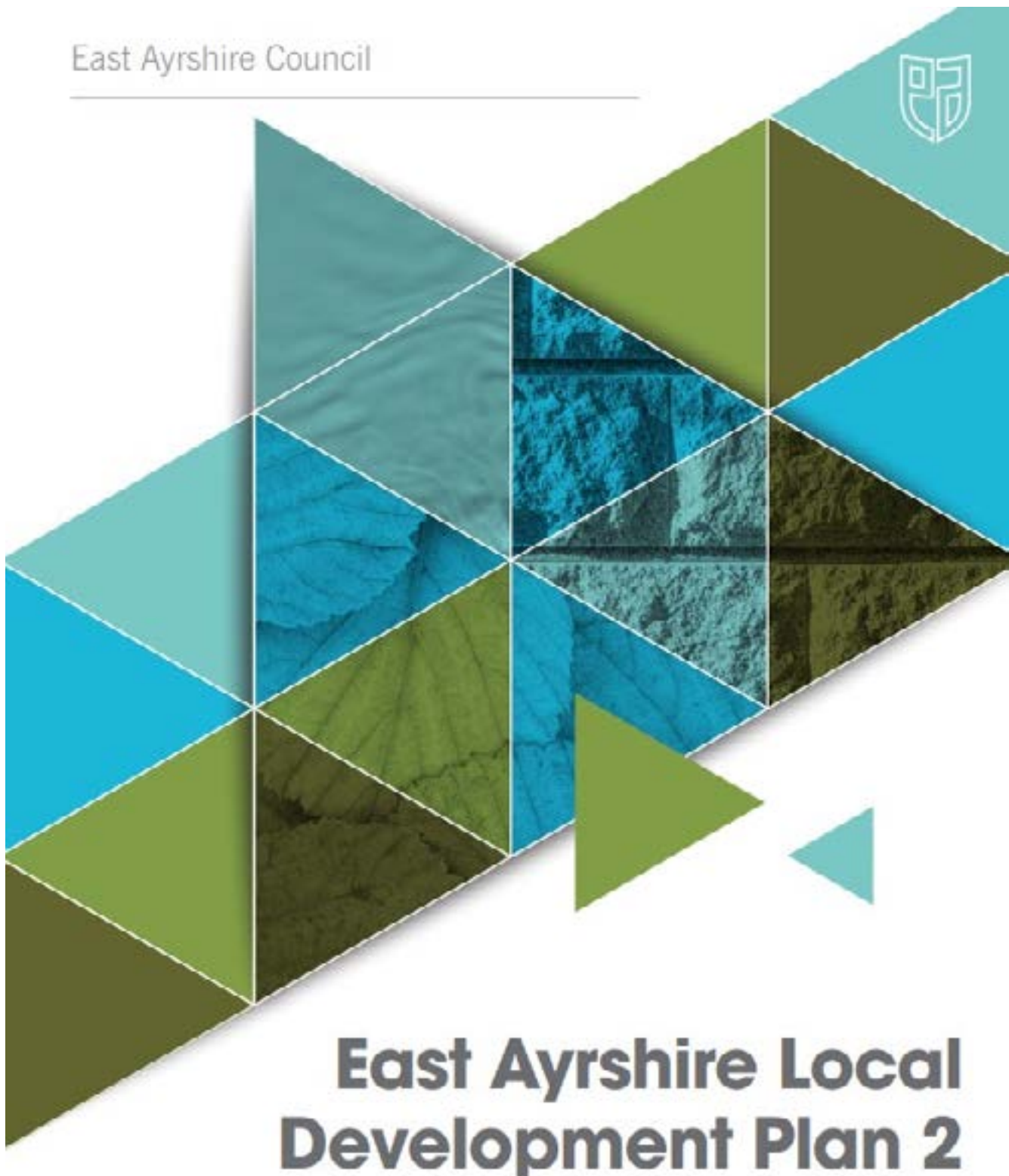
The site is allocated within the adopted East Ayrshire Local Development Plan (LDP) 2017 and the emerging East Ayrshire Local Development Plan 2.

EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2017)

The site is identified as Future Housing Growth Area (FGA2) within the current LDP.

EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2

The site is also identified as housing opportunity KK-H1 (PROP10) within the emerging LDP. This ensures development of the site can be completed within the new local development plan period. The site to the north is also identified as KK-F2(H) Land at Grassmillside. This is allocated for 'future housing growth' and has the potential to link the Northcraig site to the north of Kilmarnock with the allocated Altonhill site in the southwest.



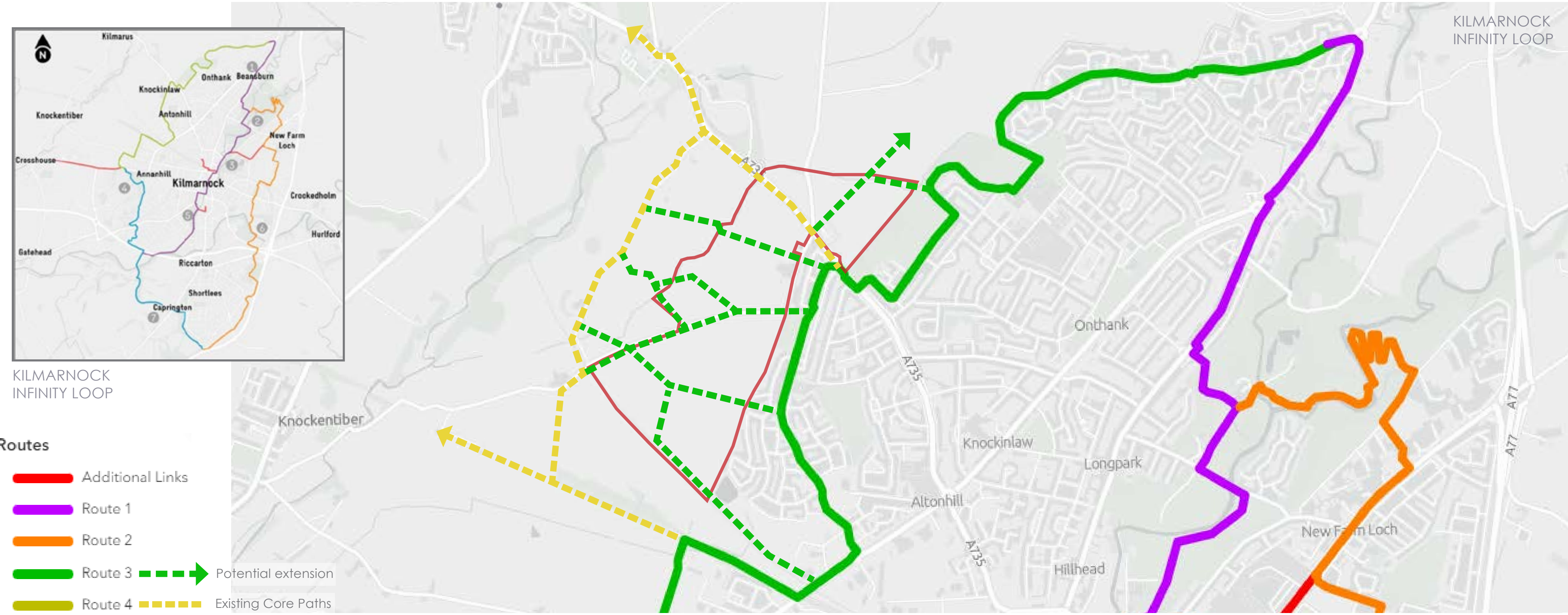
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CONSTRAINTS + OPPORTUNITIES



The site is subject to a number of constraints and opportunities which have informed the design and the development of the proposals and layout. These include:

Existing A735 / Kilmaurs Road

Existing farm

Gas pipeline wayleave

Gas Governor

Existing Woodhill Burn in west

SUDs in lowest parts of the site

Existing housing to the east

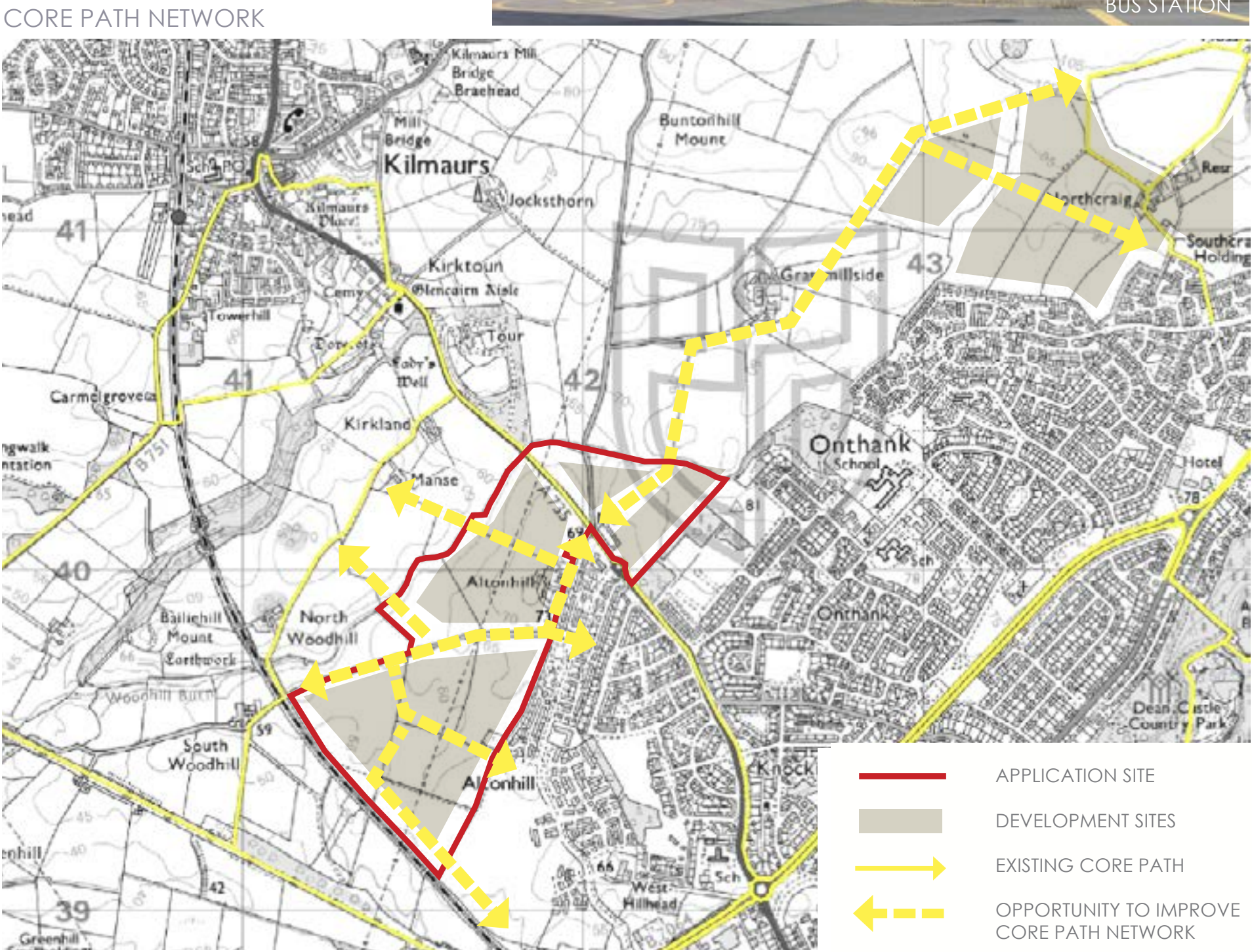
Existing topography, landscape and trees

Opportunity to improve connections to core paths, Kilmarnock Infinity Loop and existing houses

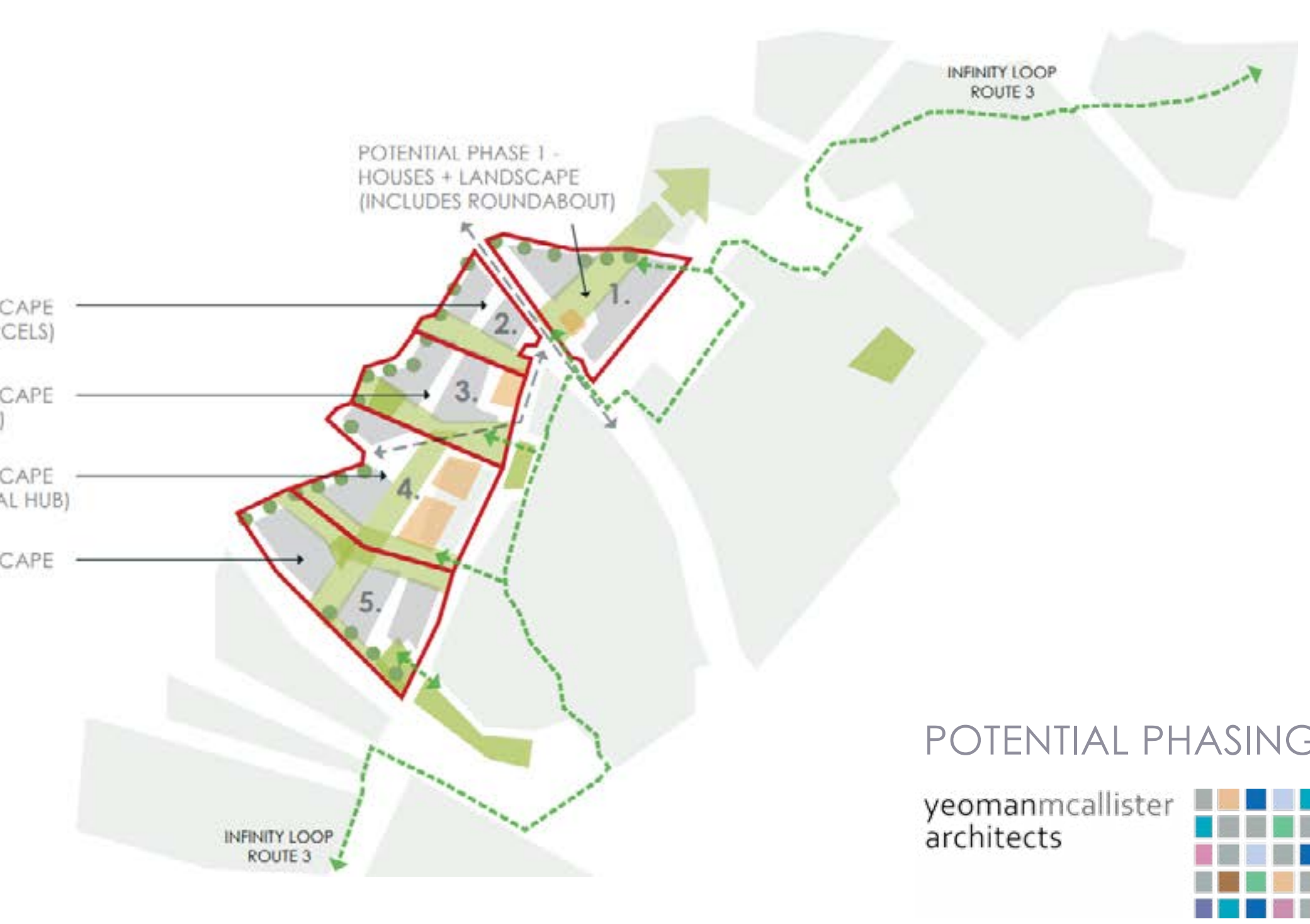
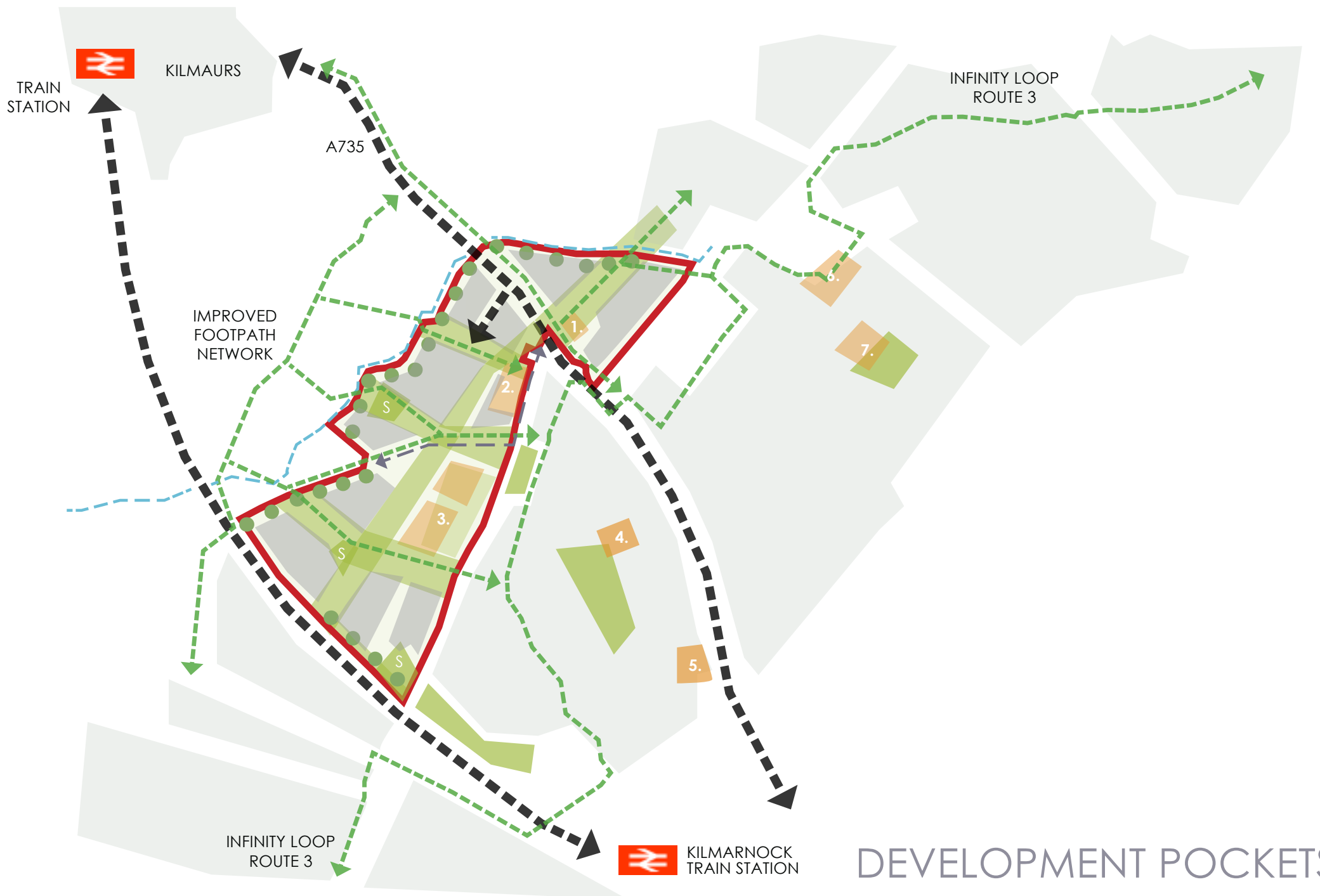
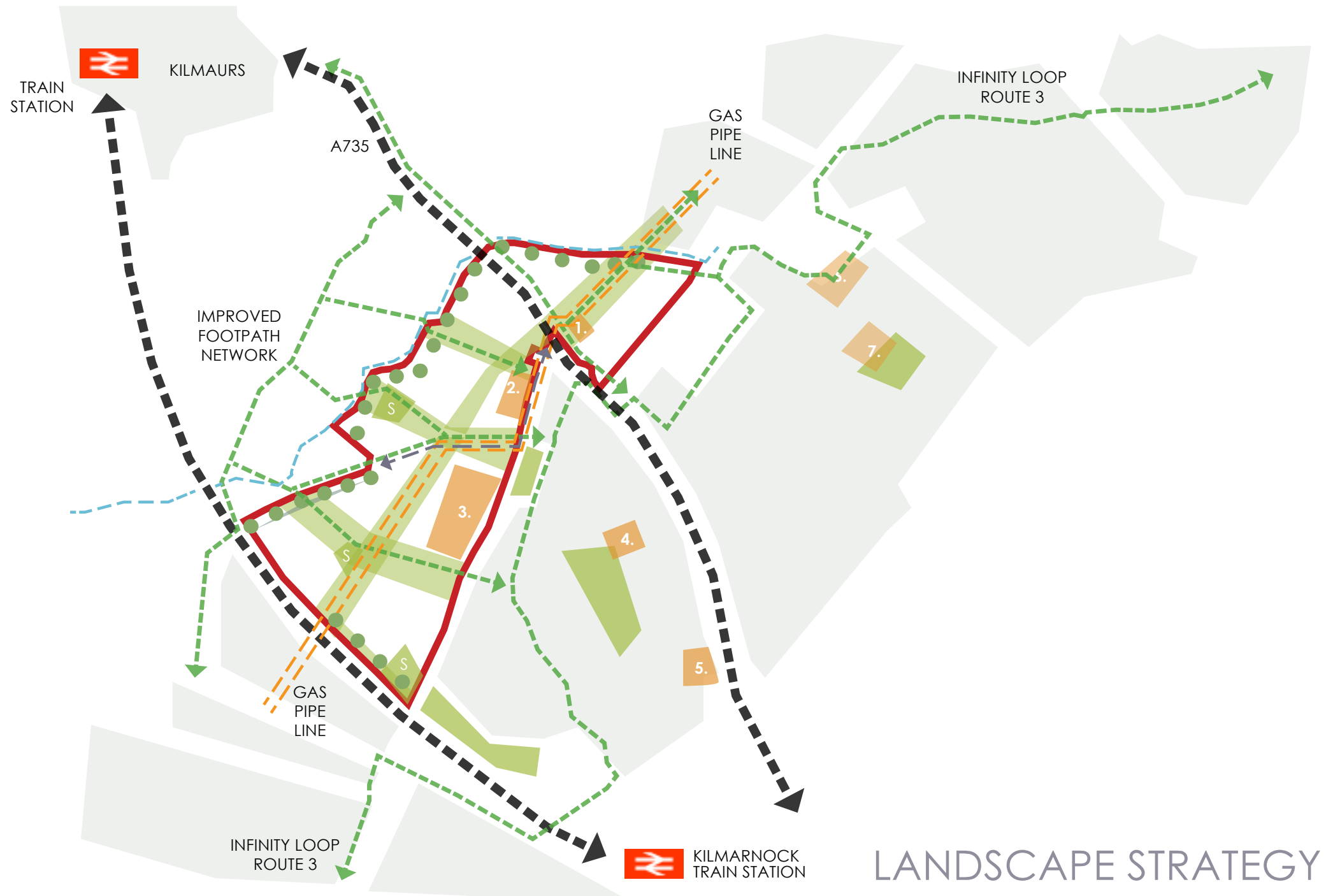
The design aims to build upon the existing landscape by reinforcing the settlement edge to the west and improving east to west links to provide increased connection to the core path network and the Kilmarnock Infinity Loop.

These east / west links present opportunities to create new open space for existing and new residents. Development pockets can then be located within the areas created by the strategic landscaping.

The site is also located within walking distance of the town centre and the railway station.



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LANDSCAPE STRATEGY

The proposals have been tailored to respond to the particular characteristics of this landscape and by building upon the opportunities and constraints this has led to a key principle of the landscape strategy to introduce a substantial new landscape framework which would wrap around and frame distinct development 'pods'. A series of interlinked ribbons of green space would be created and set the context to a range of new formal and informal leisure and recreational activities across the Site.

The wayleave for the high pressure gas main which effectively dissects the Site into two distinct halves also presents an opportunity to create a green spine through the central part of the development and form a soft backdrop to each sector. A range of green corridors would radiate out from this central green spine creating green vistas linking 'town' and 'country' and connecting to the proposed new central neighbourhood park and hub of community facilities proposed in close proximity to the existing urban fringe and park on John Walker Drive. This new landscape framework would include a circular network of paths ensuring the whole Site area is opened up with additional walkways linking new areas of housing to the existing core path and local path networks. This would increase the sense of public access and allow use of the wide range of integral green spaces not only for new residents but also for use by the existing community.

The landscapes of Altonhill will include:

Creation of a strong framework of woodland, riparian and structure planting, designed to set the context to a new development form and range of open space resources:



Substantial areas of woodland and woodland edge planting to the western boundary and a large amount of riparian woodland to enhance the Woodhill Burn corridor along the north-west boundary;



Green networks incorporating woodland, structure and tree planting and wildflower and grass meadows to extend from the Site's wooded fringes into and around the Site to form a new structured interior;



Low woodland planting is proposed to the fringes of the wayleave to the high pressure gas main and would set a wooded context to open space and a continuous soft backdrop to the development;



Structure, avenue tree planting, bulbs, wildflower and grass meadows would be introduced to the primary infrastructure.

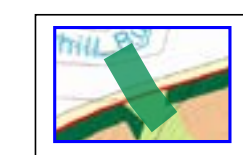
The opportunity has been taken to maximise the recreational value of the Site by introducing a range of integral passive and active open spaces which have been incorporated into the series of interlinked ribbons:



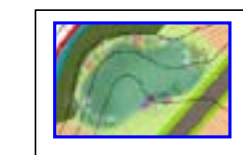
A new linear park proposed within the wayleave for the high pressure gas main to become a hub of active and passive activities potentially including play equipment inspiring natural play, trim trails, wildflower meadow walks and large areas for informal play;



A new centrally located neighbourhood park including new community based buildings set within swathes of amenity grasslands and meadows with the opportunity to potentially provide more formalised sports pitches ensuring this becomes a hub of active and passive activities, directly connected to the existing community via a new path network.



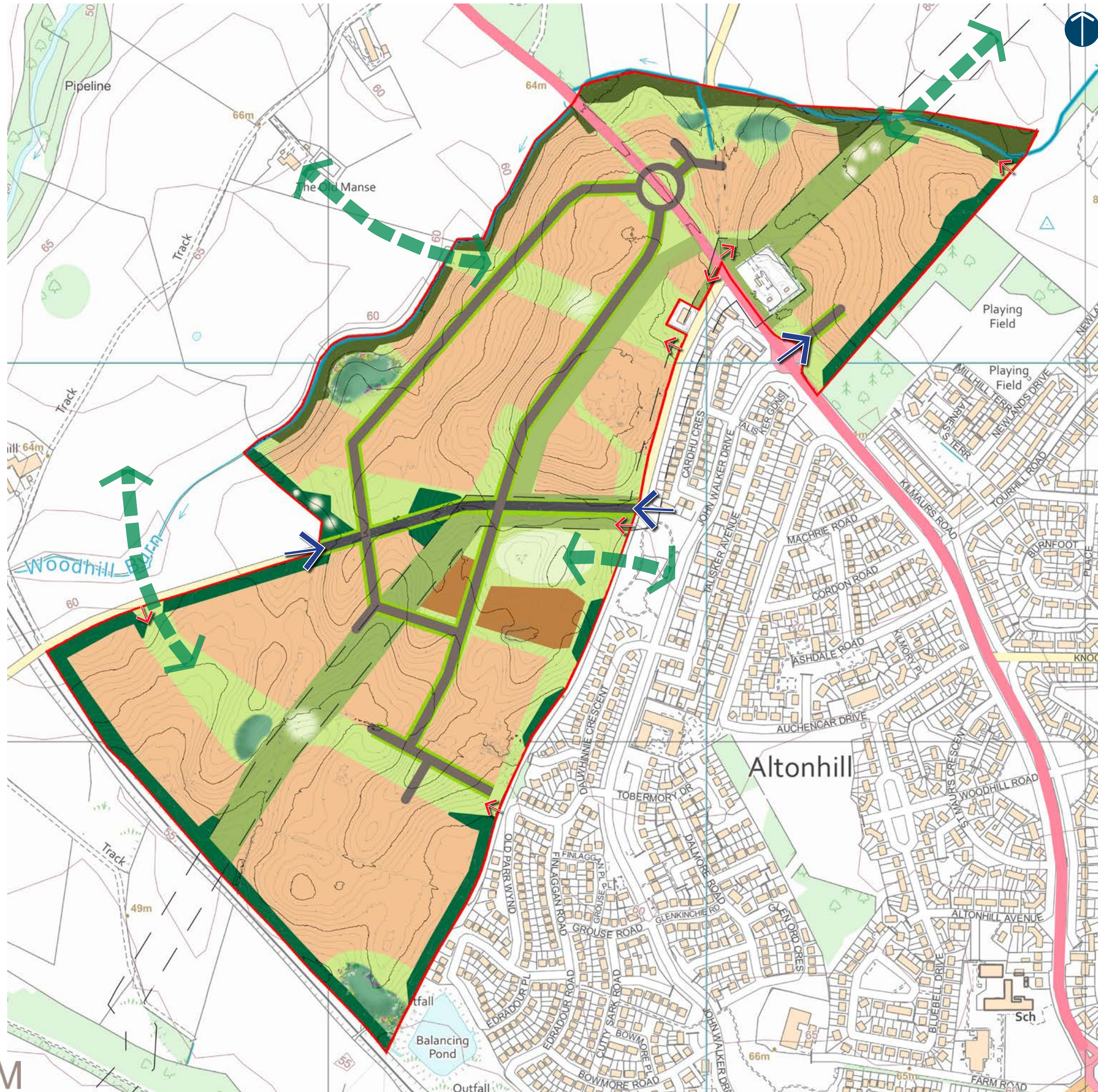
Passive open space radially extend from the new linear park within the gas wayleave and out towards the Site's north-west fringes creating green vistas allowing direct links between 'town' and 'country';



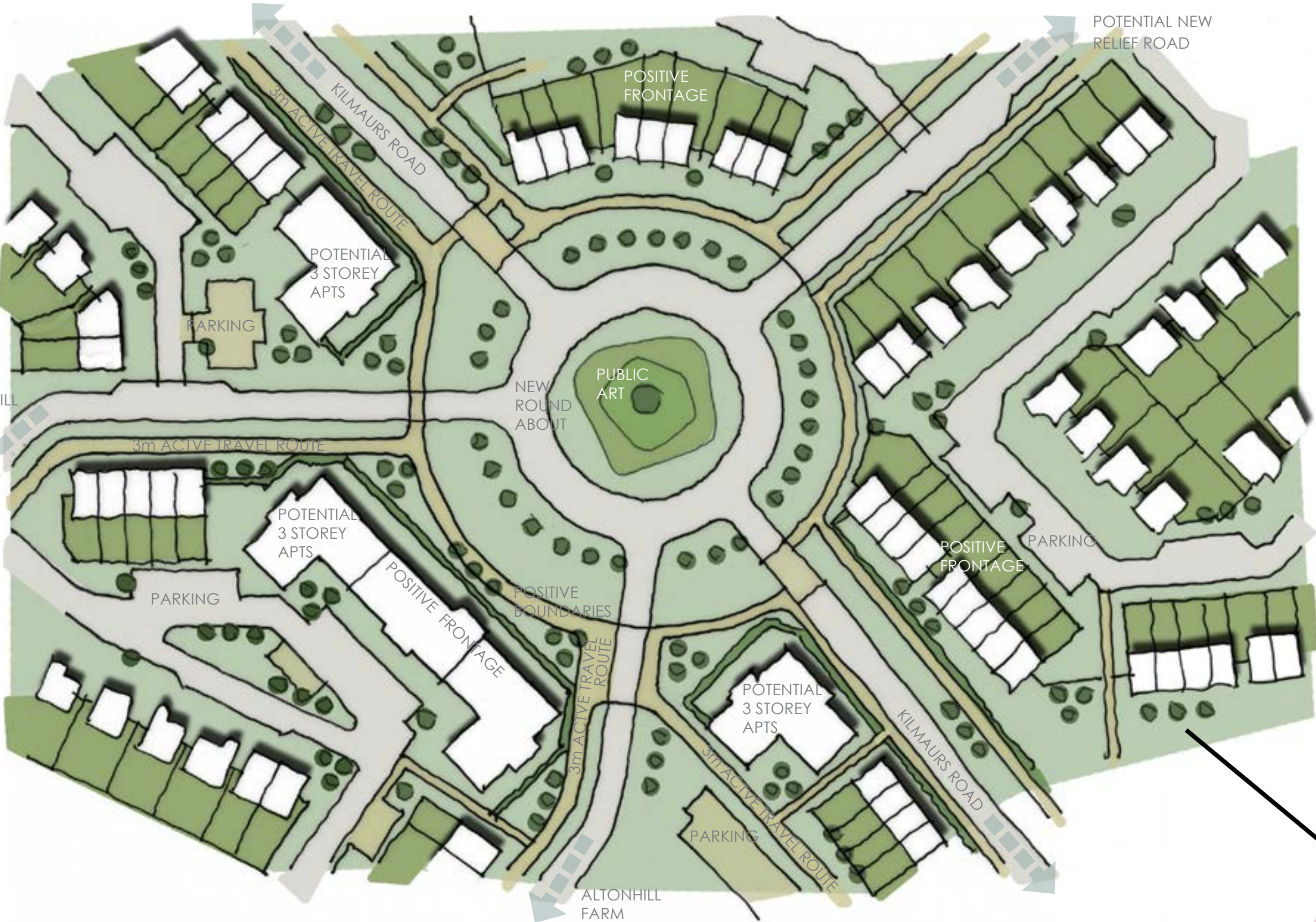
New detention/attenuation basins form part of the SUDS strategy located within low-lying areas of new parkland across the Site and along the Woodhill Burn corridor. Associated riparian planting, wet wildflower areas and rich habitat grass meadows would increase biodiversity and extend habitats and green networks;



A site-wide paths network will be fully integrated into the ribbons of parkland across the Site ensuring direct links between the existing and new communities and providing safe links to the range of new recreational and leisure activities on offer.



CHARACTER ZONES



ARRIVAL - ONTHANK WEST / ALTONHILL NORTH

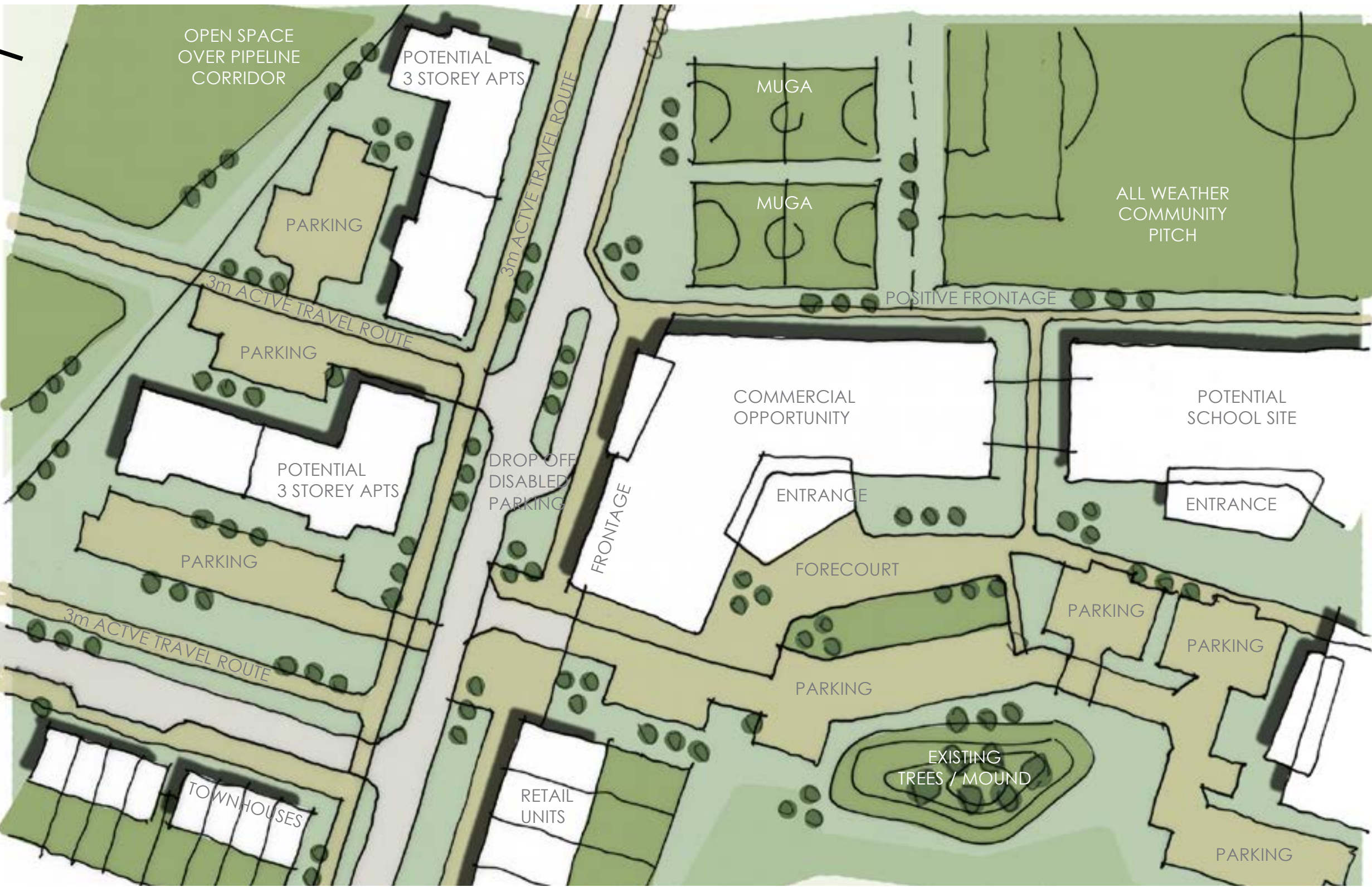
Vehicular access to the new neighbourhood will be from the Kilmaurs Road in the northern part of the site. It is likely this will be in the form of a new roundabout. The roundabout would also provide access to the north of the site and be the southern gateway to the potential West Kilmarnock relief road which is a desire of the Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA). Development should front onto the new roundabout and existing road to create a positive frontage. New active travel routes will also help to create more sustainable links through the new neighbourhood for pedestrians and cyclists.

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 - WEST KNOCKINLAW
 - WALKERS
 - WOODHILL BURN



WOODHILL VILLAGE CENTRE

The Woodhill area of the masterplan would be appropriate for the local hub to serve the new neighbourhood and the existing surrounding houses. It is in the central part of the site and close to the existing houses along the western edge of Kilmarnock. It is also close to the proposed infinity loop and so easily accessible to all. The area could also accommodate a potential school site (if required by East Ayrshire Council), associated sports facilities, open space and employment opportunities.



CHARACTER ZONES



OPEN SPACE - ALTONHILL WEST / KNOCKINLAW

Development should front onto all new streets and open spaces wherever possible. A positive frontage to these spaces and new public realm will create a safe and pleasant new environment within the masterplan. This could be reinforced by minimising the impact of cars on key elevations and locating parking to the rear. This in turn will increase safety and security and prioritise pedestrians and cyclists rather than vehicles. A network of new footpaths and cycleways through these spaces will also improve usage and connectivity.

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POSITIVE FRONTAGE TO OPEN SPACE



FRONTAGE TO SUDS - WALKERS

The layout includes for SUDS features which provide necessary drainage for the new development and which also offer opportunities to improve bio-diversity. The houses in this area should front onto the SUDS creating a positive environment within the new open spaces created within the masterplan. The open space at Walkers is south facing and offers views out over the surrounding countryside and Kilmarnock to the south of the railway. It also creates opportunities to improve connections to the proposed infinity loop and the existing houses in the east.



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COMMUNITY BENEFIT

Through the delivery of the Altonhill development there is also the potential to provide facilities for the local and wider community in Kilmarnock. This could include land for a school, GP surgery, dental practice, nursery/creche, indoor and outdoor sports facilities, community space, accessible greenspaces/parks, pub/restaurant and shops.

Please write your suggestion on the post-it(s) provided and stick on this board. Alternatively, you can share your thoughts / ideas on the feedback form provided.



POTENTIAL FOR MEDICAL CENTRE



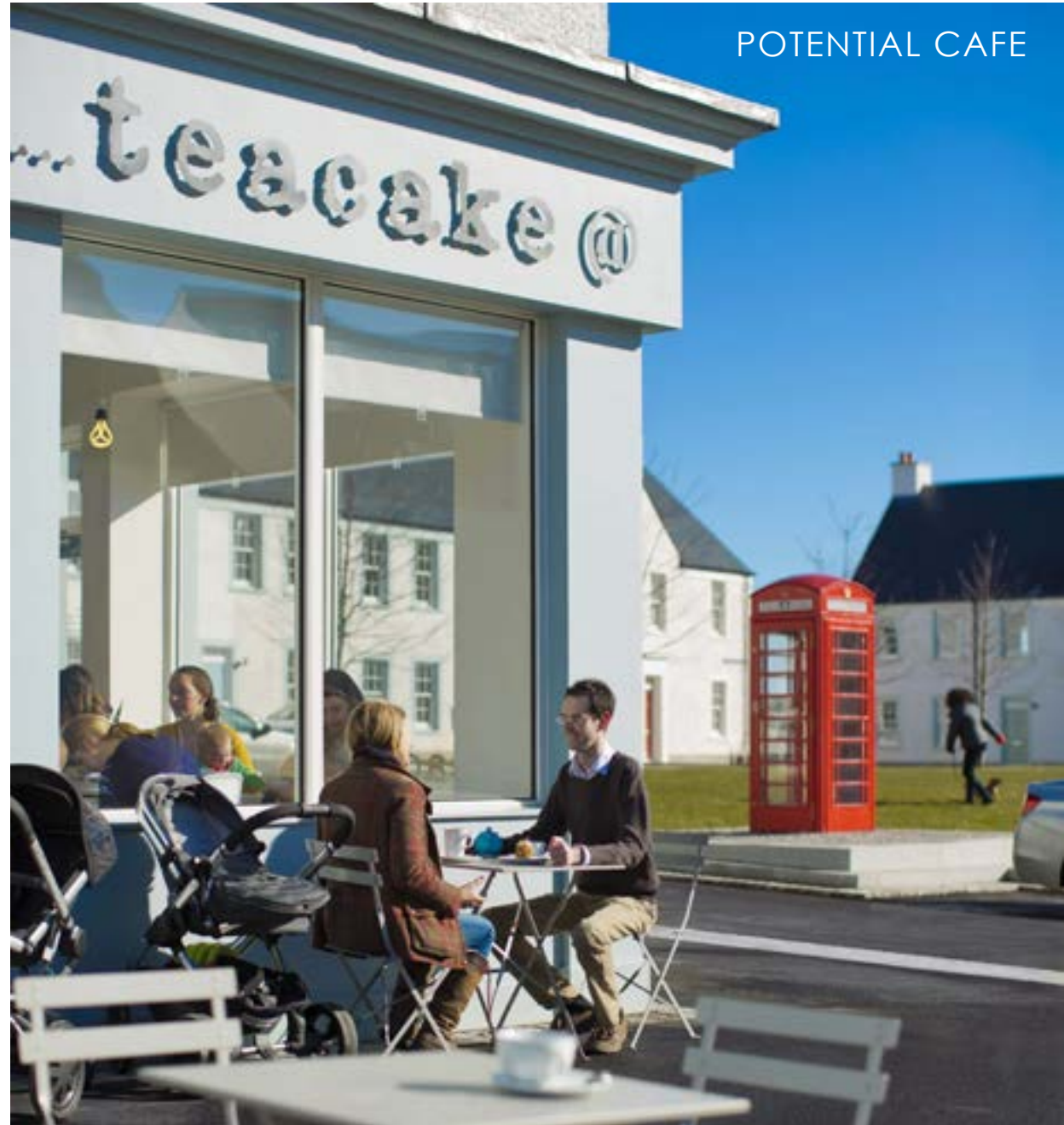
POTENTIAL SITE FOR NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL



POTENTIAL FOR NEW PARKS / OPEN SPACE



POTENTIAL FOR COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES



POTENTIAL CAFE



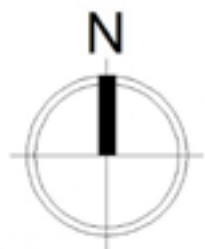
POTENTIAL NURSERY



POTENTIAL FOR FAMILY PUB / RESTAURANT



POTENTIAL FOR OUTDOOR SPORTS



Have your say

We hope you like what you have seen. You are invited to comment on the proposals by speaking to members of the design team and completing one of the questionnaires available at the event.

Alternatively you can send your form / comments to the address / contact details below:

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What Happens Next?

After the event we will meet with other stakeholders including the local authority regarding the proposals. There will also be another community event later in 2026.

After the second event we will collate all the comments received and incorporate any amendments within the design ahead of submitting a formal planning application for the site to East Ayrshire Council. The application will likely be submitted later in 2026.



- EXISTING DEVELOPMENT BLOCKS
- ALLOCATED DEVELOPMENT BLOCKS
- EXISTING KEY ROADS
- POTENTIAL RELIEF ROAD (SUBJECT TO FUTURE LDP)
- APPLICATION SITE
- POTENTIAL FUTURE HOUSING ALLOCATIONS BASED ON NEW RELIEF ROAD AND IMPLICATIONS OF NPF4

