

The Proposal Sites

The two applications cover two adjacent parcels of land:

- The first is land to the west of Parsonage Road; this is approximately 9.6 hectares in area and will accommodate the new homes and most of the public open space.
- The second is land to the east of Parsonage Road; this is approximately 0.7 hectares in area and will accommodate the care home.

As part of the process of drawing up the proposals for the site, we are carrying out a range of detailed work and assessments. The work programme includes:

Landscape: The design and layout of both of the sites is informed and led by the local landscape and surroundings. This includes design provision for the retention of existing trees and hedgerows, and the creation of new open space and wildlife habitat. A wooded area is proposed to the north of the residential site, adjacent the A120, to create a woodland habitat and trim trail.

Arboriculture: An arboricultural survey, or tree survey, is being carried out on both sites, in order to provide an evaluation of numbers of trees and their quality together with general recommendations which will identify those trees that are of high quality and which should be protected.

Heritage: We are undertaking a Heritage Assessment in order to assess the potential impacts upon designated and non-designated heritage assets (which include Listed Buildings nearby such as the Church of the Holy Trinity close to the residential development) and the opportunities to minimise and mitigate any possible impacts. The masterplans for both sites have been informed by these heritage assets.

We have undertaken a Desk Based Assessment and a Geophysical Survey, which is a nonintrusive way of detecting any archaeological deposits that might exist on the sites. We are working with Essex **County Council's archaeologists to ensure any features of archaeological interest are suitably identified, recorded and preserved where necessary.**



West of Parsonage Road (residential site)
View from south-eastern corner, looking north west



West of Parsonage Road (residential site)
View from public footpath to west; looking east to Parsonage Rd



East of Parsonage Road (care home site)
View from public footway to north, looking south towards site



Church of the Holy Trinity
Grade I Listed Building — views to be protected