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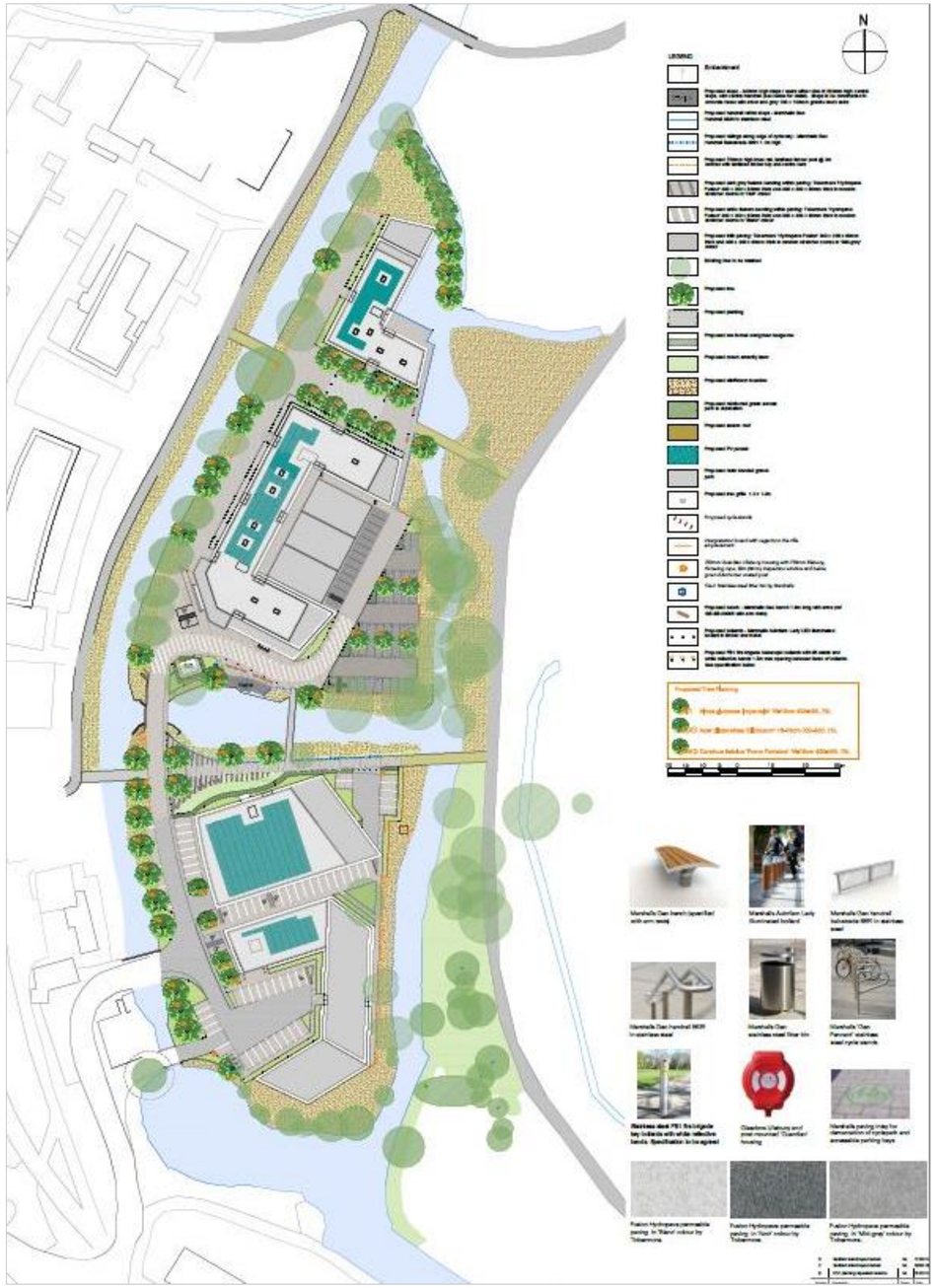

Landscape Masterplan

The proposed mixed-use development, set within the River Chelmer, provides an exciting opportunity to create a new public realm and landscape for the benefit of students, office workers and the wider public.

A new square is to be created on Rivermead North between Block A and Block B. This will provide a communal meeting area for students and will be served by two new pedestrian bridges providing a publicly accessible link for pedestrians between the University and the public footpath to the east.

At the northern end of Rivermead South, a new cycle-path and two new bridge links will provide additional publicly accessible linkages. In addition, a new paved area of public realm with cycle parking will wrap around the central mill pond with seating to enjoy elevated views of the river.

Where possible existing trees are to be retained. A robust strategy for new tree planting will provide a generous framework of new trees around the perimeters of the islands which will both contribute to urban greening and ensure that the development proposals are properly integrated into their local context.

A new area of wetland will be created adjacent to the eastern bank of Rivermead North. This will help with the sites SUD's Strategy as well as making a positive contribution to the sites biodiversity potential. A traditional osier bed could be planted within the new area of wetland.

Central Square

Northern Square

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