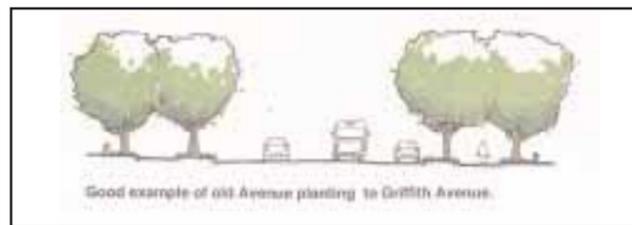


OPEN SPACE STRATEGY

A range of open space is proposed from Poppintree Park with its recreation grounds to local parks and greens. It is an aspiration of the Masterplan that most residents should have access to an open space area at most 5 minutes walking distance from their home which can be safely reached by only crossing minor streets.

Open spaces will be designed to be overlooked to promote natural supervision or 'eyes on the street'. There should be a clear definition between public and private space to maximise the ownership by the community. Open space is to be designed to encourage the community to take responsibility for maintenance.

A range of plants will be used so that each level of space can have a recognisable planting character. The care of new planting could be nurtured through children's and schools involvement. There will be good training and employment opportunities in landscaping works throughout the duration of the project and in future maintenance.

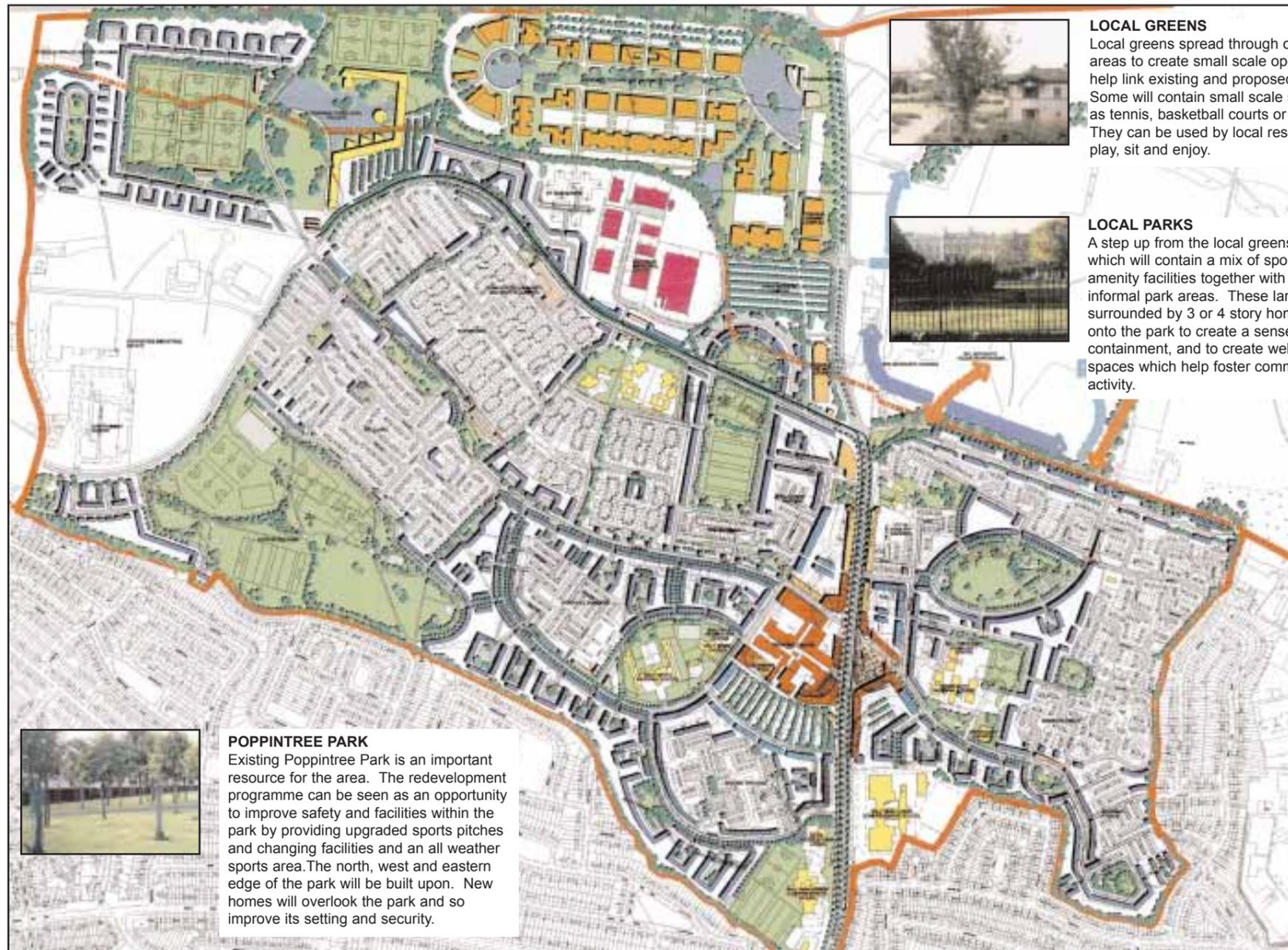


STREET TREE PLANTING

A variety of street trees will be used to define the urban structure of the new Ballymun. Street trees are an important element of any town and can soften the hard edges of an urban landscape.

The streets will be designed as a public space which encourages walking, cycling and will cater for the needs of people with mobility problems.

A range of species and types of street trees will be used to define the different types of roads, with larger classic avenue trees for the main routes, similar to the trees seen along Griffith Avenue, and smaller more compact species planted along the estate roads and within housing areas.



LOCAL GREENS

Local greens spread through out the housing areas to create small scale open spaces and to help link existing and proposed housing areas. Some will contain small scale sports facilities such as tennis, basketball courts or five a side pitches. They can be used by local residents as a place to play, sit and enjoy.

LOCAL PARKS

A step up from the local greens are local parks which will contain a mix of sports pitches and amenity facilities together with walks and informal park areas. These larger parks will be surrounded by 3 or 4 story homes all fronting onto the park to create a sense of scale and containment, and to create well defined public spaces which help foster community and activity.



POPPINTREE PARK

Existing Poppintree Park is an important resource for the area. The redevelopment programme can be seen as an opportunity to improve safety and facilities within the park by providing upgraded sports pitches and changing facilities and an all weather sports area. The north, west and eastern edge of the park will be built upon. New homes will overlook the park and so improve its setting and security.



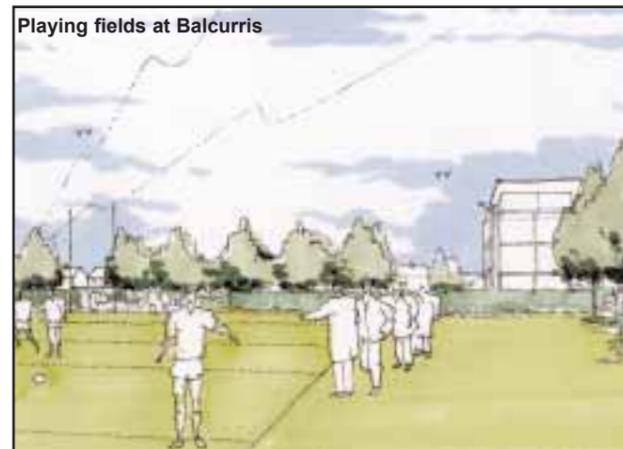
TOWN CENTRE

A Town Centre space for Ballymun with emphasis on formal use and activities to promote civic pride and to become a focal point on the new main street.

LANDSCAPE AND BALLYMUN

Some say that the name Ballymun comes from Baile Muin or 'The Town of the Shrubland', a reference to a dense forest which originally grew in the area. Today few trees have survived the exposed conditions of present day Ballymun.

As part of the redevelopment programme it is hoped to bring some of the trees back to Ballymun and to create a quality of landscape and open space to be enjoyed by all around the evolving new town.



The Masterplan attempts to be a flexible framework. Consultation will be on-going throughout the regeneration process.

This section describes the range and character of the proposed open spaces.

