

# SUSTAINABILITY AT THE OVAL



*The Oval* at  
OLD DURHAM GATE



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# SITE PLAN

Throughout the planning process we consider where we can introduce nature and where we can strengthen it.

At The Oval at Old Durham Gate you'll find many nature friendly features with the aim to encourage wildlife and to help build an environmentally conscious and sustainability focused community.



# CREATING A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

WHERE FAMILIES AND NATURE CAN THRIVE

At David Wilson Homes, we do more than simply craft beautiful homes and desirable developments.

We design and build great places that meet the highest standards, and that promote sustainable, healthy and happy living for our customers.

We know we must give our customers confidence that their homes are designed and built to meet the challenges of the future. We do this through creating places where people and nature can thrive.



# COMMUNITY OPEN SPACES



There are over 10 acres of community open space at The Oval at Old Durham Gate.

The development has been thoughtfully planned to promote a more desirable, healthier and enjoyable way of living.

Open space offers great opportunities for you to enjoy the outdoors and live more in harmony with nature.





# BAT AND BIRD HABITATS



Bird and bat boxes provide perfect nesting opportunities for a range of species.

You will notice these are installed as high as possible, away from natural light and in different positions to encourage our winged friends to enjoy their wildlife habitats.



**50+**

bat and bird  
boxes installed

# WILDFLOWER MEADOWS



Wildflower turfs and scented plants are a great attraction for pollinating bees and butterflies, whilst providing insects, birds and mammals a home.

We all appreciate how important it is to create these habitats as pollination is one of the most essential biological processes on the planet.

Ready to enjoy on your doorstep... encouraging wildflower planting will help create an aromatic, relaxing and beautiful environment.



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wildflower  
meadows



SAFE SHELTER

# HIBERNACULA



Hibernacula are important underground chambers that amphibians and reptiles use during the winter months to protect themselves from the cold.

A mix of frogs, toads, newts, lizards and snakes are regular visitors to log piles, sunny spots, ponds, swales and compost heaps.



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habitat and  
log piles

# — BEE-FRIENDLY — PLANTING



We value how important bees are, as they provide the essential pollination of many garden plants and wildflowers.

By nurturing bee-friendly planting, together we will provide an important natural food source whilst helping to preserve biodiversity and protect the environment.



**2 acres**  
of bee-friendly  
planting

# HEDGEHOG HIGHWAYS



You will see runs and routes throughout the development, these are our hedgehog highways.

A hedgehog highway is about a 13cm x 13cm (so 5" x 5") gap built into the bottom of a garden fence, wall or hedge, which enables hedgehogs to easily move between gardens.

Hedgehogs can travel a long distance on a single night looking for food and a suitable mate, so room to roam is crucial.



**100+ metres**

of hedgehog  
highways



# NEW HOMES

## Quality Code



Housebuilders and developers who build new homes will be expected to register with the [New Homes Quality Board](#) (NHQB). As long as a house-builder or developer has followed the correct registration process, including completing the necessary training, introducing a complaints procedure, and following other processes and procedures that are needed to meet the requirements of this New Homes Quality Code (the code), they will become a registered developer.

Registered developers agree to follow the code and the New Homes Ombudsman Service, including accepting the decisions of the New Homes Ombudsman in relation to dealings with customers. If a registered developer does not meet the required standards, or fails to accept and act in line with the decisions of the New Homes Ombudsman, they may have action taken against them, including being removed from the register of registered developers.

The code sets out the requirements that registered developers must meet. The code may be updated from time to time to reflect changes to industry best practice as well as the decisions of the New Homes Ombudsman Service.

All homes built by registered developers must meet building-safety and other regulations. All registered developers should aim to make sure there are no snags or defects in their properties before the keys are handed over to a customer. If there are any snags or defects, these should be put right within the agreed timescales.

### What the code covers

For the purposes of this code, 'customer' means a person who is buying or intends to buy a new home which they will live in or give to another person. (If a new home is being bought in joint names, 'the customer' includes all the joint customers.) However, the New Homes Quality

Board have also started work to consider other groups of customers and what they should be able to expect from a new home. This includes shared owners and people who are buying a new home to let to other people. Any changes the New Homes Quality Board make to the code to reflect the needs of other groups of customers will be developed through consultation, and they will continually assess and review the effectiveness of the code, and any new laws or regulations that apply. Other areas which are not covered by the code are claims for loss of property value or blight (where a property falls in value or becomes difficult to sell because of major public work in the area), personal injury or claims that are not covered by the scheme rules of the New Homes Ombudsman Service.



Nothing in this code affects any other rights the customer has by law and does not replace any legislation that applies to the new home. Customers do not have to make a complaint to the New Homes Ombudsman Service if they are not satisfied with a matter that is covered by the code. They may decide to take other action, such as through the civil courts or other ombudsman or regulator. We are on the New Homes Quality Code register of registered developers. "We" refers to the Barratt Developments PLC group brands including Barratt London, Barratt Homes and David Wilson Homes. All images used are for illustrative purposes. These and the dimensions given are illustrative for this house type and individual properties may differ. Please check with your Sales Adviser in respect of individual properties. We give maximum dimensions within each room which includes areas of fixtures and fittings including fitted furniture. These dimensions should not be used for carpet or flooring sizes, appliance spaces or items of furniture. All images, photographs and dimensions are not intended to be relied upon for, nor to form part of, any contract unless specifically incorporated in writing into the contract.



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