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New development will be required to contribute towards the provision, protection and enhancement of green infrastructure, to reflect the physical characteristics of the site; the type and function of the development proposed; and the character of the surrounding area, to secure multi-functional benefits which will, where relevant:

1. provide for landscaping and amenity and maintain and enhance existing landscape features, such as trees, woodlands and hedges;
2. protect and enhance public rights of way, green networks and access to local facilities such as shops, schools, open space and public transport;
3. protect and provide land for recreation in line with Policy CS31 and Policy CS32;
4. contribute towards net gains for nature and the enhancement of ecological networks and preserve and enhance the setting of any biodiversity and geodiversity assets in line with Policy CS33, including the use of native species where this is possible and feasible;
5. protect, conserve and wherever possible enhance landscape character, consistent with the landscape guidelines contained within the Wirral Landscape Character Assessment and the local priorities identified in Policies CS4 to CS11;
6. provide for the sustainable management of surface water and the maintenance of effective flood defences, land drainage infrastructure and river corridors in line with Policy CS34 and Policy CS35, including improvements to water quality and watercourse hydromorphology, including the removal of redundant features and watercourse restoration, where relevant;
7. assist in mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change on people and the environment, including urban cooling and carbon storage; and
8. support health and wellbeing and provide for a sustainable pattern of development, particularly within areas of greatest need.

22.3 In implementing Policy CS30, emphasis will be placed on securing a resilient, coherent network of interconnected landscape, wildlife and ecosystem services in line with the recommendations in the Lawton Report and the aims of the Government's Biodiversity Strategy. This will include the protection and enhancement of existing environmental assets and the creation of corridors and stepping stones to assist species movement and enable colonisation and adaptation to climate change.