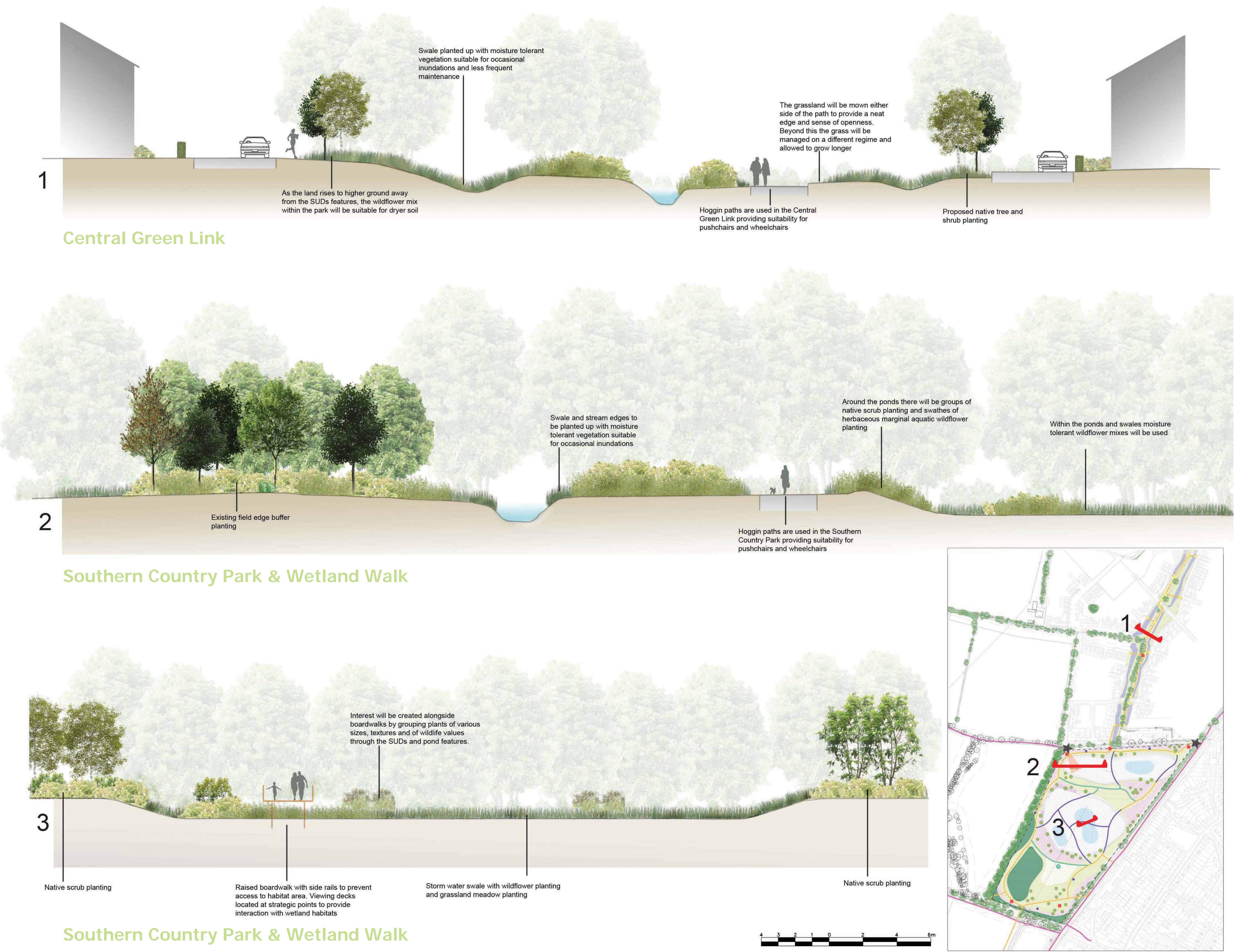




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Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspaces (SANGs)



Along the Central Green Link the swales and the stream will be enhanced through the strategic planting of native woodland tree species such as Alder and Willow. These will be positioned in groups with openings and will be underplanted with wildflower mixes within damp areas. The grassland will be mown either side of the hoggin path to provide a neat edge and sense of openness. Beyond the path, border grass will be managed on a different regime and allowed to grow longer. Surrounding the stream and the ponds incorporated into the Country Park planting mixes will include groups of native scrub and bands of herbaceous marginal aquatic wildflower planting. As the land rises to higher ground away from the drainage features the wildflower planting mix will be more suitable for drier soil. Within the southern half of the Country Park, an area of mown grassland will incorporate a grass maze, similar to that found on nearby Centurion Way, with mounds and tall grass planting features.

The variety of different paths incorporated into the design of the SANGs work to prevent the area becoming too urban in feel. Mown grass paths will provide suitable spaces to exercise dogs off lead whilst also limiting bicycle usage in the area. Raised boardwalks will provide access over the swales and wetland areas and will incorporate timber decked platforms over areas of permanent ponds to provide children with the potential for pond dipping.

