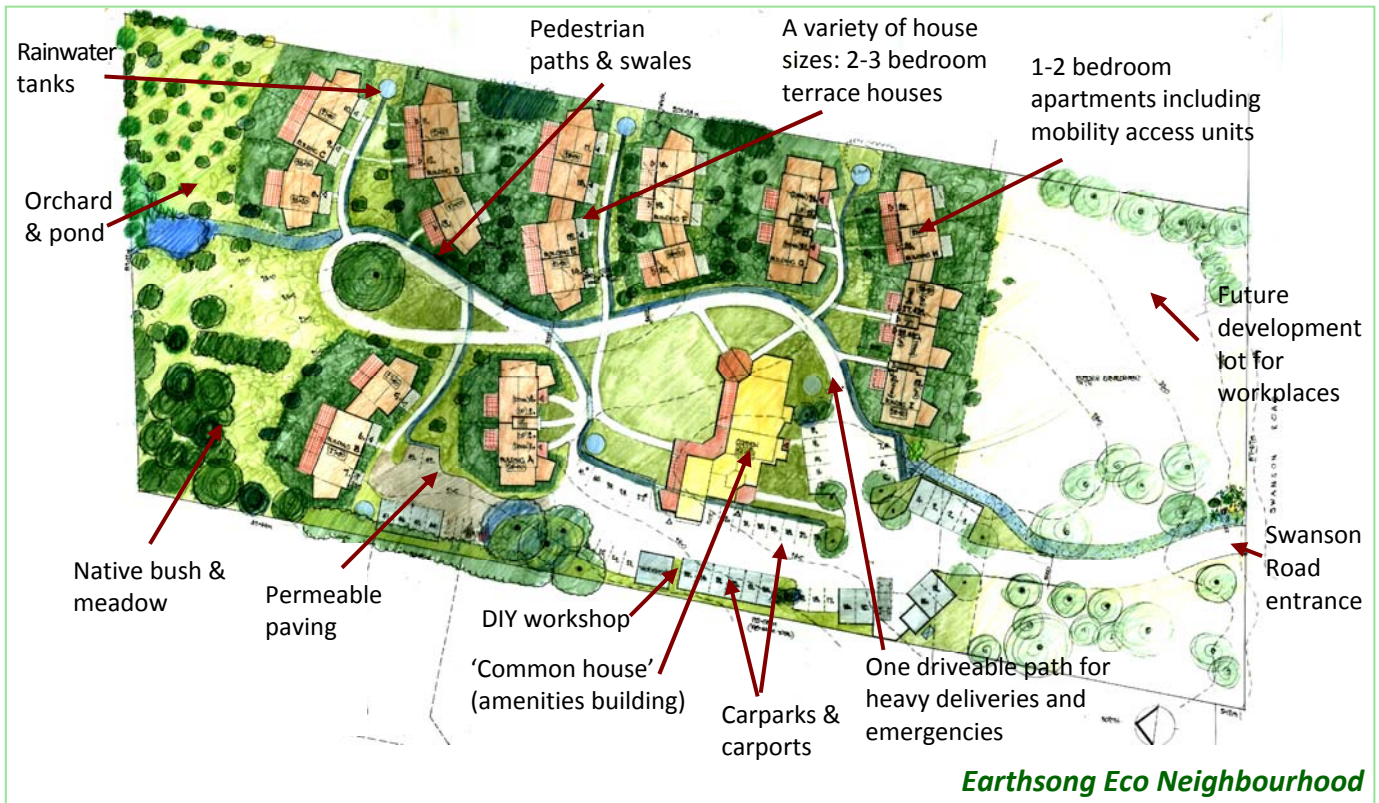




Site Design

At Earthsong, living space for people takes precedence over the needs of cars.



Earthsong Eco Neighbourhood

- Cars are parked at the edge of the site leaving the rest of the neighbourhood safe and peaceful, and freeing up space for living and growing areas.
- A network of pedestrian paths link houses and double as a place for neighbours to chat and children to play safely. All paths have gentle gradients to allow full accessibility for all.
- Secondary paths lead to clusters of houses and gathering nodes, giving a sense of belonging and identity within the larger neighbourhood.
- Each house has a community side with entrance and kitchen overlooking the path and shared common space, and a more private side opening onto an individual garden area, so that residents can maintain the balance between privacy and community interaction.
- While each house has its own Unit Title including private garden, most of the site is owned in common by all of the households. Paths, common gardens, gathering places, orchard and shared facilities are used and loved by all residents.
- At the heart of the neighbourhood is the common house and common green, providing space and facilities for planned and informal activities for all residents.
- Water systems, houses and garden areas all embody permaculture principles of sustainable living by design based on nature's systems.
- Located directly adjacent to the commercial and community centre of Ranui, residents can walk to shops, medical centre, library, schools, train and buses.
- Nearly 70 people now live on this site where only one did before, in a thriving and flourishing community that is nurturing the soil and trees back into health and providing a much greater diversity of plants than previously existed.

