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## Melksham Town Council

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Town Clerk Tracy Predeth BA(Hons) MPA, FLSCC

To: Councillor A Westbrook (Chair)  
Councillor J Oatley (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor P Aves  
Councillor G Cooke  
Councillor G Ellis  
Councillor C Forgacs  
Councillor J Hubbard  
Councillor T Price  
Councillor J Westbrook

5 August 2024

Dear Councillors

In accordance with the Local Government Act (LGA) 1972, Sch 12, paras 10 (2)(b) you are invited to attend the **Asset Management and Amenities Committee** meeting of the Melksham Town Council. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall on **Monday 12th August 2024** commencing at **7.00 pm**.

A period of public participation will take place during the meeting. The Press and Public are welcome to attend this meeting.

Yours sincerely

Mrs T Predeth BA(Hons), MPA, FSLCC  
Town Clerk and RFO

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**Melksham Town Council**  
**Asset Management and Amenities Committee**

**Monday 12 August 2024**  
**At 7.00 pm at the Town Hall**

In the exercise of Council functions. Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety, Human Rights and the need to conserve biodiversity. The Council also has a duty to tackle discrimination, provide equality of opportunity for all and foster good relations in the course of developing policies and delivery services under the public sector Equality Duty and Equality 2010.

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**AGENDA**

**1. Apologies**

To receive apologies for absence.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

To receive any Declarations of Interest in respect of items on this agenda as required by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council.

*Members are reminded that, in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest or other registrable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. Members may however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared on the Register, as well as any other registrable or other interests.*

**3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)**

To approve the Minutes of the Asset Management and Amenities Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**4. Melksham Town Council Clothing Branding (Pages 7 - 8)**

To consider changing the branding logo staff clothing. This would be done as part of normal cycle of replacements so there is no additional cost implication.

For decision.

**5. Provision of Water Troughs**

There are two water troughs to be installed.

For decision on location.

**6. Replacement Ride-on mowers (Pages 9 - 14)**

Deferred from the meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 for further information to be supplied.

For decision.

**7. Replacement Work Vehicles (Pages 15 - 18)**

To consider the report of the Amenities Team Manager.

For decision.

**8. Local Green Space Designation (Pages 19 - 24)**

To resolve to include Dorset Crescent and Heather Avenue as Designated Green Spaces in the Joint Melksham Neighbourhood Plan 2.

**9. Lions Club 50th Anniversary**

Email from Simon White

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We would very much like to plant an Oak tree to recognise the Lions of Melksham Club of 50yrs. We are hoping to have a well known personality to do the honours. Please pass to your amenity committee to obtain permission. It is to be planted in King George V Park, the position to be established.

It would be good to have a decision at your earliest convenience so that we can proceed with arrangements as soon as possible.

For decision.

## **10. King George V Park**

### **10.1 Splashpad** (Pages 25 - 26)

To discuss the future of the Splashpad. E-mail exchange attached.

For decision on next steps.

### **10.2 Dog Signage**

At the meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 a member of the public asked for more signage in KGV about keeping dogs on leads.

For discussion.

[Link to minutes 10th June 2024](#)

### **10.3 Dog Park** (Pages 27 - 62)

Deferred from meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 for further information.

For decision.

### **10.4 Eco Loos** (Pages 63 - 64)

Report on plumbing in the Eco-Loos.

For decision

## **11. Shurnhold Fields**

### **11.1 Shurnhold Fields car park/entrance improvements** (Pages 65 - 66)

Email exchange attached.

For decision.

### **11.2 Shurnhold Fields Working Group**

Full Council at the annual meeting referred to Asset Management & Amenities the question of whether to disband the Shurnhold Fields Working Group.

For decision.

## Melksham Town Council

### Minutes of the Asset Management and Amenities Committee meeting held on Monday 10th June 2024

**PRESENT:** Councillor A Westbrook (Chair)  
Councillor J Oatley (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor P Aves  
Councillor G Cooke  
Councillor T Price  
Councillor C Stokes  
Councillor J Westbrook

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**OFFICERS:** Tracy Predeth Locum Clerk  
Hugh Davies Head of Operations

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Four members of the public and one member of the press were present. Councillor Ellis was present virtually as a member of the public.

**1/24 Public Participation**

**Davina Griffin**

Spoke about the lighting in the park and how it has affected her home and life. Referenced and quoted from Government guidelines on lighting. She asked

- What was the aim of the lighting scheme and whether other schemes were proposed that would have achieved the same aim with less intrusion on KGV neighbours?
- What was the impact assessment conducted by the Council?
- If no impact assessment was conducted, why not?
- Was consideration given to a lower level lighting scheme?

**Sue Mortimer**

Notes that there are items on the agenda that have not been budgeted for. Do we know what the year end general reserves are? Important to know that before any further decisions are made for spending.

**Teresa Menghini**

Would like to see more signage in KGV about keeping dogs on leads. Councillor A Westbrook acknowledged the request and said it would be put on the agenda for the next Asset Management & Amenities meeting.

**Joe McCann**

Can it be confirmed that no audio recording is made by the CCTV in KGV Playing Fields? Head of Operations said he did not think so but would seek confirmation.

What is the reason for upgrading security in the Town Hall? Councillor A Westbrook advised an answer would be provided.

**2/24      Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Ellis and Councillor Hubbard. Councillor Stokes substituted for Councillor Hubbard.

**3/24      Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4/24      Minutes**

The minutes of 5 February 2024, having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by Councillor A Westbrook.

**5/24      Lighting in King George V Playing Fields**

The Town Mayor, Councillor Price asked if an Impact Assessment was done. The Locum Clerk said her belief was that an Impact Assessment was not a legal requirement if the lights were erected under permitted development but she would check.

It was noted that the lighting was installed for the safety of residents and to deter anti-social behaviour. It was also felt that the lights added to the aesthetics of the KGV. For these reasons some members said they would not support the lights being turned off.

The possibility of installing shields was raised. Paul Weymouth said they would have no effect other than to dim the lights, which can be done anyway without shields.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Davina Griffin to speak.

A trial period of dimming and the best time to do this was discussed.

It was proposed by The Town Mayor, Councillor Price, seconded by Councillor Cooke and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to**

- start a trial on dimming the lights on KGV playing fields

- For Paul Weymouth to establish the optimum level to maintain safety and allow CCTV to work
- To conduct a survey of residents around the KGV playing fields.

## **6/24 Motion on Awdry Road Play Area**

Councillor Oatley spoke to the motion.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Price asked if officers were being delegated to obtain quotes and proceed with installation or would it need to come back to council. Councillor A Westbrook advised that it would be a Wiltshire Council not a Town Council project.

It was proposed by Councillor Oatley, seconded by Councillor A Westbrook and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that officers can work with Community Conversations and other companies/organisations to replace and refurbish the children's play area in Awdry Avenue, Melksham Forest, using the funding set aside from Community Conversations.

It was proposed by Councillor Oatley, seconded by Councillor A Westbrook and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that, subject to the Community Conversation panel agreement to the funding, the £55,000 set aside for the works and consultant's report for Awdry Avenue play area from the Major Projects gets set aside for works on other play areas within the Melksham Town Council area.

## **7/24 Street Trees**

The Head of Operations spoke to the item. Various questions were asked. Head of Operations set out the proposed locations. It was requested that siting of the trees takes into account access for wheelchairs and double pushchairs. Councillor Oatley made a request for Silver Birches.

It was proposed by Councillor A Westbrook, seconded by Councillor Ave and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to purchase 20 trees at £300 each, totalling £6000 to come from the budget for tree planting and ecology.

It was noted that an application could be made to Wiltshire Council for up to £20000 funding for Town Centre improvements and this could offset all or some of the cost.

## **8/24 Play Area Strategy**

The Head of Operations spoke to the item. Concerns were expressed about the cost and the need to go down the proposed route. It was felt that no decision could be made without further information.

It was proposed by Councillor A Westbrook, seconded by Councillor Stokes and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to ask Eugene Minogue to come to the next available full council meeting to give a presentation.

#### **9/24 Replacement Work Vehicles**

The Head of Operations spoke to the item. Options were discussed.

It was proposed by Councillor A Westbrook, seconded by Councillor Oatley and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to set up a Task and Finish Group to look at replacement Work Vehicles.

It was agreed to put membership out to all councillors.

#### **10/24 Replacement Ride-on Mowers**

The Chair Councillor A Westbrook advised that no budget had been allocated for replacement mowers.

The Head of Operations spoke to the item. There was discussion on where Melksham Town Council mows and whether any areas could be left to rewild.

It was proposed by Councillor A Westbrook, seconded by Councillor Oatley and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to defer to the next Asset Management & Amenities meeting so that further information and proper costings can be provided.

#### **11/24 Dog Park**

The Head of Operations spoke to the item. There was discussion of the plans, flooding and future plans.

It was proposed by Councillor A Westbrook , seconded by Councillor Price and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to ask officers to report on

- costings to remove the rubberised matting and to level the area.
- costings to plant trees to attempt to mitigate flooding
- The possible re-use or sale value of the current dog agility equipment.

#### **12/24 Sensory Garden**

The plans produced in 2019 and 2021 were discussed.



It was proposed by Councillor A Westbrook, seconded by Councillor Oatley and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to set up a Sensory Garden Task and Finish Group.

It was agreed to put membership out to all councillors and to open meetings to the public.

**13/24      Community Garden**

Councillor A Westbrook spoke to the item.

It was proposed by Councillor A Westbrook, seconded by Councillor J Westbrook and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to delegate to the Locum Clerk, Councillor A Westbrook, Councillor Oatley and Councillor Price authority to research the possibility of creating a Melksham Forest Community Garden in partnership with Wiltshire Council who are funding the project.

**14/24      Market Place Public Toilets**

The Head of Operations spoke to the item and advised there were incidents of anti-social behaviour.

Concerns about the Radar Key System limiting access were raised and options were discussed.

It was agreed that the Head of Operations would report back on

- the possibility of using Mosquito
- the possibility of using an electronic radar key
- contact with Wiltshire Police to see if any other solution to anti-social behaviour could be used.

**15/24      Shurnhold Fields**

Thanks were expressed for the work of the Shurnhold Fields volunteers.

Meeting Closed at: 9.00 pm

**Signed:** .....

**Dated:**

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**MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF THE Asset & Amenities COMMITTEE**  
**10<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

***Replacement ride on mower***

**Report of the Head of Operations**

**1. Purpose of the report**

For councillors to consider the replacement of the ride on mowers .

**2. Current Situation**

The existing ride on mowers comprise of 2 John Deere domestic units, each with a trailer.

**3. Background**

The existing mowers are approximately 5 years old and are coming to the end of their useful working life but still retaining some value for the domestic market. Most of the bigger cuts are contracted out which helps the operation in both time and cost but the time has come to replace the ride ons if we want to maintain the quality of our work. The hand propelled mowers are still working well.

**4. Financial implications**

Looking at commercial units, an investment of £10k would be required to replace the two existing units and one trailer with one “out front” commercial grade machine.

**5. Links to Town Council policies and core values**

The Council wants to maintain the quality of the green spaces it manages and this proposal would assist us in achieving that aim.

**6. Risk assessment**

There is currently a risk that we could have a breakdown of machinery at the height of the mowing season and whilst it would be possible to rent a unit, de-risking the possibility of this occurrence is worthwhile.

**7. Crime and disorder implications**

N/A

**8. Biodiversity considerations**

N/A

**9. Safeguarding**

N/A

**10. Recommendations**

The committee consider the proposal and if in agreement, suggest the budget from which the project would be funded.

**MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF THE Asset & Amenities COMMITTEE**  
**12<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

*Replacement ride on mower*

**Report of the Amenities Team Manager**

**1. Purpose of the report**

For councillors to consider the replacement of the ride on mowers .

**2. Current Situation**

The existing ride on mowers comprise of 2 John Deere domestic units, each with a trailer. These mowers are not designed for the work we do but instead made for large flat gardens

**3. Background**

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**8. Biodiversity considerations**

N/A

**9. Safeguarding**

N/A

**10. Recommendations**

The committee consider the proposal and if in agreement, suggest the budget from which the project would be funded.



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DELIVERY  
RESTRICTIONS



Husqvarna R420TsX AWD Rider  
103-122 cm

RRP: £13,799.00

**£12,299.00**

Ex VAT: £10,249.17

[Read more](#)

OUT OF STOCK

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Husqvarna RC 320Ts AWD Rider  
103-112 cm

RRP: £9,899.00

**£8,799.00**

Ex VAT: £7,332.50

[Read more](#)

OUT OF STOCK

DELIVERY  
RESTRICTIONS



Husqvarna R316TsX AWD Rider  
103-112 cm

RRP: £8,499.00

**£7,649.00**

Ex VAT: £6,374.17

[Read more](#)

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Husqvarna RC 318T Rider 103-  
112 cm

RRP: £7,499.00

**£6,899.00**

Ex VAT: £5,749.17

[Read more](#)

OUT OF STOCK

DELIVERY  
RESTRICTIONS



Husqvarna R320X AWD Rider  
103-112 cm

RRP: £7,399.00

**£6,699.00**

Ex VAT: £5,582.50

[Read more](#)

OUT OF STOCK

DELIVERY  
RESTRICTIONS



Toro Timecutter MR5075T Zero  
Turn Ride-On Mower (74695)

RRP: £6,899.00

**£6,199.00**

Ex VAT: £5,165.83

[Read more](#)

OUT OF STOCK

DELIVERY  
RESTRICTIONS



Toro Titan X4850 Zero Turn  
Ride-On Mower 74875

RRP: £7,899.00

**£7,109.00**

Ex VAT: £5,924.17

[Read more](#)

OUT OF STOCK

DELIVERY  
RESTRICTIONS



Toro Titan XS4850 MyRIDE®  
Zero Turn Ride-On Mower  
(74890)

RRP: £8,499.00

**£7,649.00**

Ex VAT: £6,374.17

[Read more](#)



**MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF THE Asset & Amenities COMMITTEE**  
**12<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

*Replacement work vehicles*

**Report of the Amenities Team Manager**

**1. Purpose of the report**

For councillors to consider the replacement of the work vehicles .

**2. Current Situation**

The existing fleet comprises of one rented flatbed that has approximately 2 years left on the contract and a two owned panel vans that are in excess of 20 years old. The pick up was returned to the lease company earlier on this year. One of the two owned vehicles always needs investment at MOT time. Although the vehicles rarely leave the Town on their travels, only the rented flatbed can enter the Bath Clean air zone. As a rural town the need for the 4x4 pick up is great not only with helping us get into difficult areas but also with collecting bin bags as this cannot be done using a closed back vehicle. Short term we need to get a pickup asap and we can then take time to discuss what is needed from a replacement panel van for example size and fuel type. Please see attached local options for a 4X4.

**3. Background**

The fleet has been operated as frugally as possible but to remain cost effective, I would recommend that we source some local second hand vehicles that are newer and create a rolling sinking fund to replace every 5 years. It has made sense in the past to keep the transporter and the Berlingo running to save costs but the transporter is now at stage where the MOT is quite costly and not viable financially.

**4. Financial implications**

Looking at second hand market, an investment of £20k would be required to replace the panel vans with a newer pick up and a transit type van. The vans could be traded in or sold on the open market. The other option is to lease the vehicles over a longer term, say 5 years. We could also decide to keep the smaller van as a runaround for smaller jobs It would be very helpful if the funds the pick up truck as we are in desperate need of it already

**5. Links to Town Council policies and core values**

The vehicles are looking tired and replacement would improve our image.

**6.**

**Risk assessment/health and safety**

**There is currently a risk that one or other of the vans fail and we need a very quick replacement at short notice. Replacing before this happens would be prudent. Newer vehicles are safer not only for the passengers but also for others involved in accidents.**

**7. Crime and disorder implications**

**N/A**

**8. Biodiversity considerations**

**This proposal will most certainly assist our biodiversity considerations by running newer more fuel efficient engines.**

**9. Safeguarding**

**N/A**

**10. Recommendations**

**The committee consider the proposal and if in agreement, suggest the budget from which the project would be funded.**



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# Agenda Item 8

## MELKSHAM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Teresa Strange



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Linda Roberts  
Town Clerk  
Melksham Town Council  
Market Place  
MELKSHAM SN12 6ES

8 June 2023

Dear Linda

### **Re: Melksham and Melksham Without Neighbourhood Plan: Local Green Spaces**

As you know, Melksham and Melksham Without Parish/Town Councils are working on a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). Once formally in place, the NDP will inform and shape future development of our area, and become part of the statutory Development Plan which Wiltshire Council will use for determining planning applications in the area.

One aspiration for the Steering Group, as part of this work is to identify and protect important green space within the neighbourhood area. One way that the NDP can do this is to identify 'Local Green Spaces' for protection by a planning policy. For a Local Green Space to be eligible for designation, it must be:

- in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- demonstrably special to the local community and hold particular significance, for example, because of its beauty, historic significance recreational value (including playing fields), tranquility or richness of wildlife, and
- local in character and not an extensive tract of land.

Designation of land as a Local Green Space would mean that policies for managing development of the land would be consistent with that of land in the green belt i.e. inappropriate development of the space would not be allowed except for in very special circumstances (National Planning Policy Framework 2021, para 101-103)<sup>1</sup>.

The NDP Steering Group has been working on an initial list of potential Local Green Spaces and with

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<sup>1</sup>  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1005759/NPPF\\_July\\_2021.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1005759/NPPF_July_2021.pdf)

support from their planning consultants have assessed the long list of suggestions against the national planning policy criteria outlined above.

We are writing to inform you that Dorset Crescent play area and green, as well as Heather Avenue play area and green (on the attached plan), and believed to be maintained by the Town Council, have been identified as potentially suitable for Local Green Space designation.

Although an initial assessment has been undertaken on this land, a decision has not yet been made in relation to whether the space is suitable for designation.

Please get in touch with any comments or concerns about the potential designation of this space as a Local Green Space before 7 July 2023. Your comments will be considered and included as part of the evidence base of the NDP. As mentioned, although an initial assessment has been undertaken on this land, a decision has not yet been made in relation to whether the space is suitable for designation.

Comments received from landowners and the wider community will be taken into account to decide on which Local Green Spaces will be proposed for designation in the draft Neighbourhood Plan. The draft NDP will be consulted on formally for 6 weeks (a stage known as Regulation 14 consultation), during which, should your land go forward as a proposed Local Green Space, you will be contacted again and given the chance to record your formal comments.

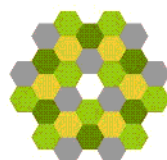
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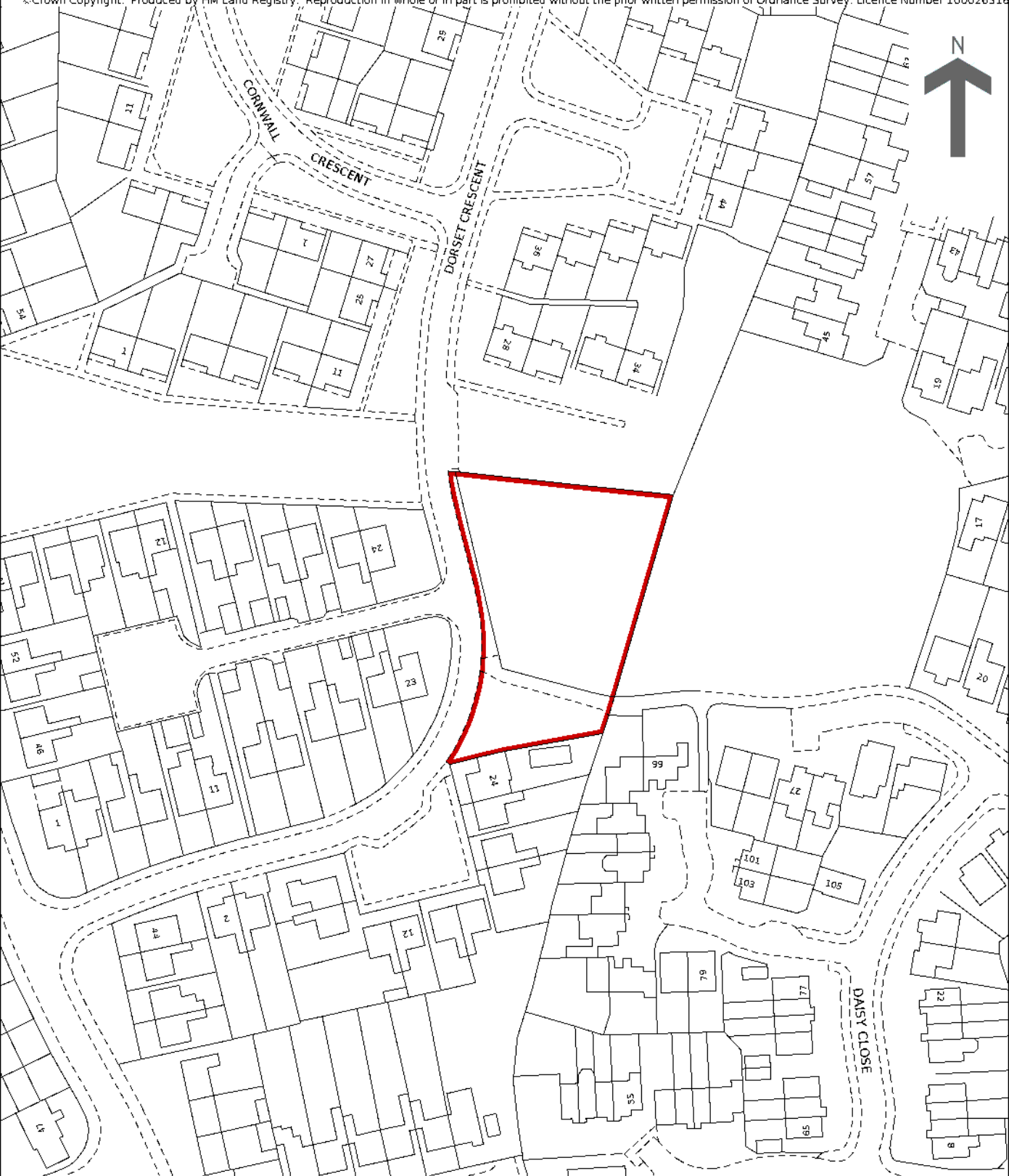
Clerk

Melksham Without Parish Council





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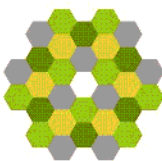
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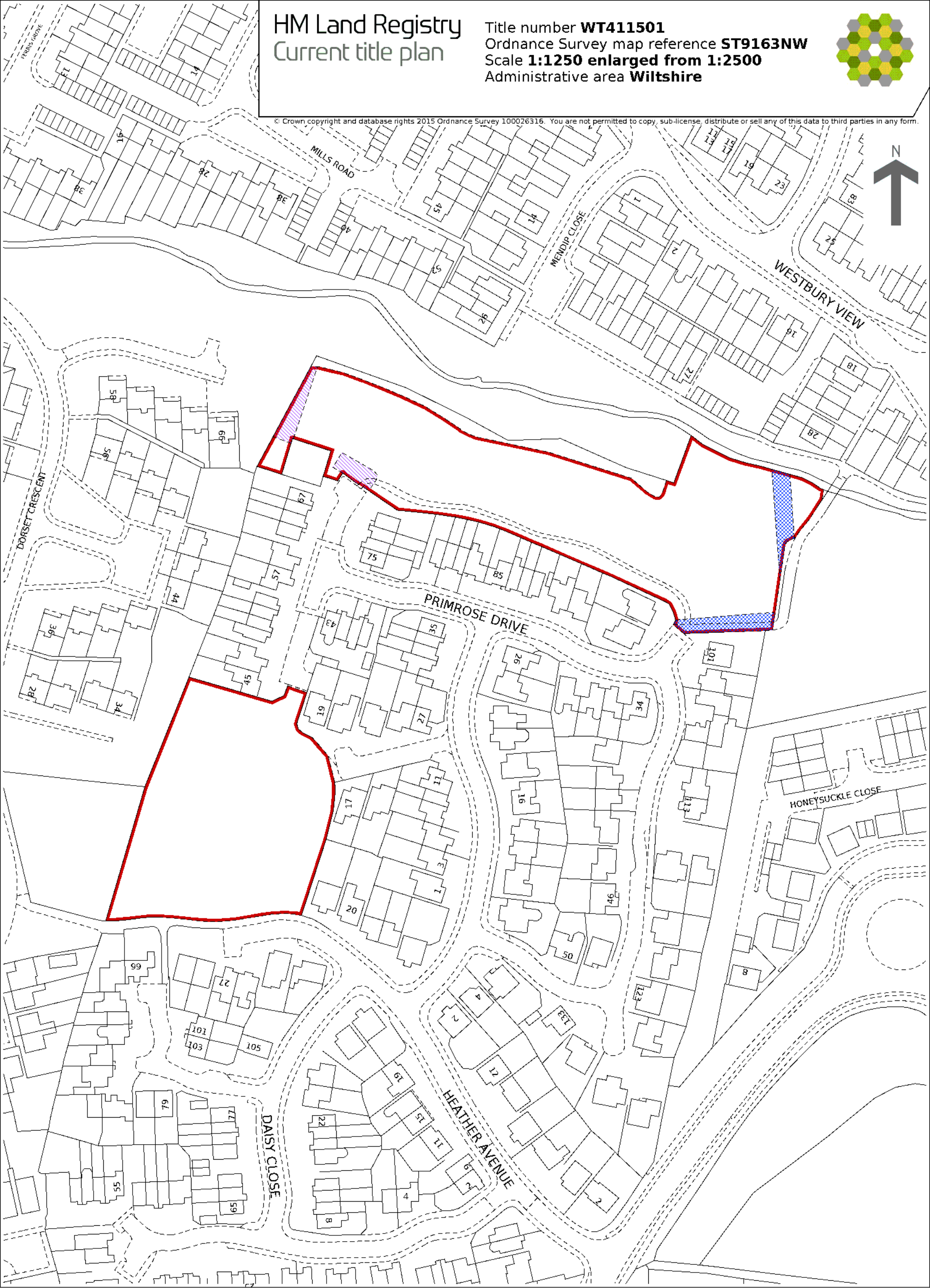
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e-mail exchange re Splashpad

**From: The Town Mayor Councillor Price Tuesday, July 30, 2024**

Hi Dave,

Looking at how the splash pad struggles do we have anything we can do to upgrade it so that it doesn't struggle in the heat? In your personal opinion is there extra investment that could help or anything else you can think of?

I know you guys work tirelessly to keep it running and I really appreciate it but would be interesting to see if there was anything we could do to stop it being closed due to heat and popularity.

Thanks,

**From: Dave Elms Wednesday, July 31, 2024**

Hi Tom,

Our biggest problem at the moment is the strength of the acid used to keep the PH safe. Due to a change in legislation the strength we have always used is no longer made. I have spoken to one of the splash pad engineers and he is going to supply a wider bore pipe for the acid so we can add more at a time to counteract the weakness. I am worried about the future legitimacy of the Splash pad though as the engineer who informed me of the change of legislation said in the next few years they will drop the strength even further.

Kind regards

Dave Elms

**From: Tom Price Thursday, August 1, 2024**

Thanks for your work on this Dave and the update.

Seems as though we need to think ahead at future proofing it. It may even be that we need a complete rehaul of the splash pad which would be costly and we would need time to save for the work.

Tracy and Hugh are we able to get an item on the asset and amenities agenda discussing the future of the splash pad please?

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**MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF THE Asset & Amenities COMMITTEE**

**12<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

***Dog agility area***

**Report of the Amenities Team Manager**

**1. Purpose of the report**

For councillors to consider the removal of the concrete bases and rubber matting from the dog area and to plant alder trees which will cost around £72 each I would suggest between 10 and 15 but that's all down to the budget.

**2. Current Situation**

There has been a desire to develop this strategy for some time but resourcing issues have prevented further progress.

**3. Background**

In November 2023, The dog park was closed amid safety concerns and the equipment was removed shortly afterwards.

**4. Financial implications**

**The initial quote we have received:**

- To remove concrete bases of children's play equipment and remove from site – approx area 670 sqm
- To remove rubber crumb and remove from site
- To fill in excavated areas with material on site (bank of spoil under trees)
- To supply and spread 100mm of imported top soil, level off and sow grass seed
- To allow for all security fencing as required
- Provide Health & Safety operative on site

**Total - £ 21, 800.00 + VAT**

**Alder trees 2-3m £72 each**

**5. Crime and disorder implications**

**N/A**

**6. Biodiversity considerations**

**The trees will be responsibly sourced and locally procured wherever possible.**

**7. Recommendations**

**The committee consider the proposal and if in agreement, suggest the budget from which the project would be funded.**



# Stage 2 Report

## King George V Playing Fields

for

## Melksham Town Council

Town Hall  
Market Place  
Melksham  
SN12 6ES

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# Introduction

## Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to present a long term development strategy that meets the needs and aspirations for King George V Playing Field. This report has been informed by a programme of public consultations, consultation with key stakeholders and survey visits to the park by NVB Landscape, Design Base, Assured Trees, and Seasons Ecology.

The intention is that this report will form the basis for further discussion with the town council to agree a progressive development strategy, respecting the views of stakeholders within the park including the Rivermead School, Adventure Centre and organisers of the annual festivals.

The report and the masterplan will be adopted by the town council and used as a framework for future fund-raising and marketing for the key development projects.

The overall plan will remain a “live” document and may require updating and adaptation to reflect changes that may occur in terms of the Town Council’s priorities and business plan.

## Background

The site was purchased by the Melksham Cricket Club in 1905, known as ‘Cricket Pitch Field’ and a large area of the site was reprofiled during this period to better accommodate the cricket oval.

The site was not publicly accessible until it became King George V Playing Fields in 1937. It was purchased as a public open space for Melksham in September 1937 following donations of both money and land to commemorate the death of King George V.

It has been a valued part of Melksham town centre ever since forming the backdrop to and location of many cherished memories for the people of the town and visitors alike.

Generally speaking the park remains a popular destination and focal point within the town, however there are key features such as the paddling pool and the cricket pitch which have ceased to satisfy their original function or have come to the end of their economic use and have had to be removed.

In September 2017 NVB were approached to tender for undertaking a masterplan exercise for the Council. Following our appointment in December 2017, NVB Landscape visited the Park, and worked closely with the town council to prepare display boards for the first phase of public consultation held in February 2018.

This first phase of consultation was intended to identify the issues and shortcomings of the park, and to capture aspirations to be included in the masterplan. Representatives from NVB Landscape and the Town Council attended a consultation event in March 2018, after which a presentation board was displayed at a series of public locations around the town along with questionnaire forms.

An emerging masterplan was developed in response to the first phase of consultation. The emerging masterplan was presented to the Town Council at a meeting in July 2018 and with the councils support was released for the second phase of public consultation. The emerging masterplan was displayed in a series of public locations around the town between July and August along with feedback questionnaire forms.

Key stakeholders were consulted through out the consultation process including River Mead School, the Adventure Centre, Party in the Park, Melksham Food and River Festival, the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust, Lowbourn Osteopaths and other neighbours. All consultation feedback and responses, and site survey data were gathered and collated to inform the production of the masterplan and this report analysis of the site survey data. The report seeks to define a concise Masterplan that will meet the Town Council’s and the people of Melksham’s aspirations for the next 10-15 years.





# Context

## Location

As illustrated on the maps opposite and below, the park is located within the centre of Melksham, on the River Avon in Wiltshire. The site is bounded to the south and east by car parking and roads and on the north west and southern boundaries by waterways.

The River Avon runs along the north western boundary providing open views along the river corridor and over toward the Cooper Tires factory on the opposite side of the river. To the south is the vegetated corridor of Clackers Brook, an overgrown bank with a shallow water course susceptible to flash flooding events.

The park is largely open in character dominated by the large mown grass playing field at the centre. Buildings within the park are spread along the northern edge, Tree planting is grouped around the perimeter of the park.

The site is largely flat with steeper slopes to the edge of the sports pitch where the terrain slopes toward the River Avon and Clackers Brook.



Aerial view of location



Key features



- A. Melksham Adventure Centre
- B. The Cricket Pavilion
- C. Old Maintenance Shed
- D. River Mead
- E. Lowbourne Osteopaths (and private residence)
- F. Public Convenience
- G. Waitrose Supermarket
- H. Girl Guides Melksham HQ
- I. Scout Hut
- J. The Riverside Club
- K. Millennium Mosaic
- L. Millennium Footbridge
- M. Weir
- N. Fixed Cricket Cages
- O. Carpark
- P. Fastigate Trees
- Q. River bank trees

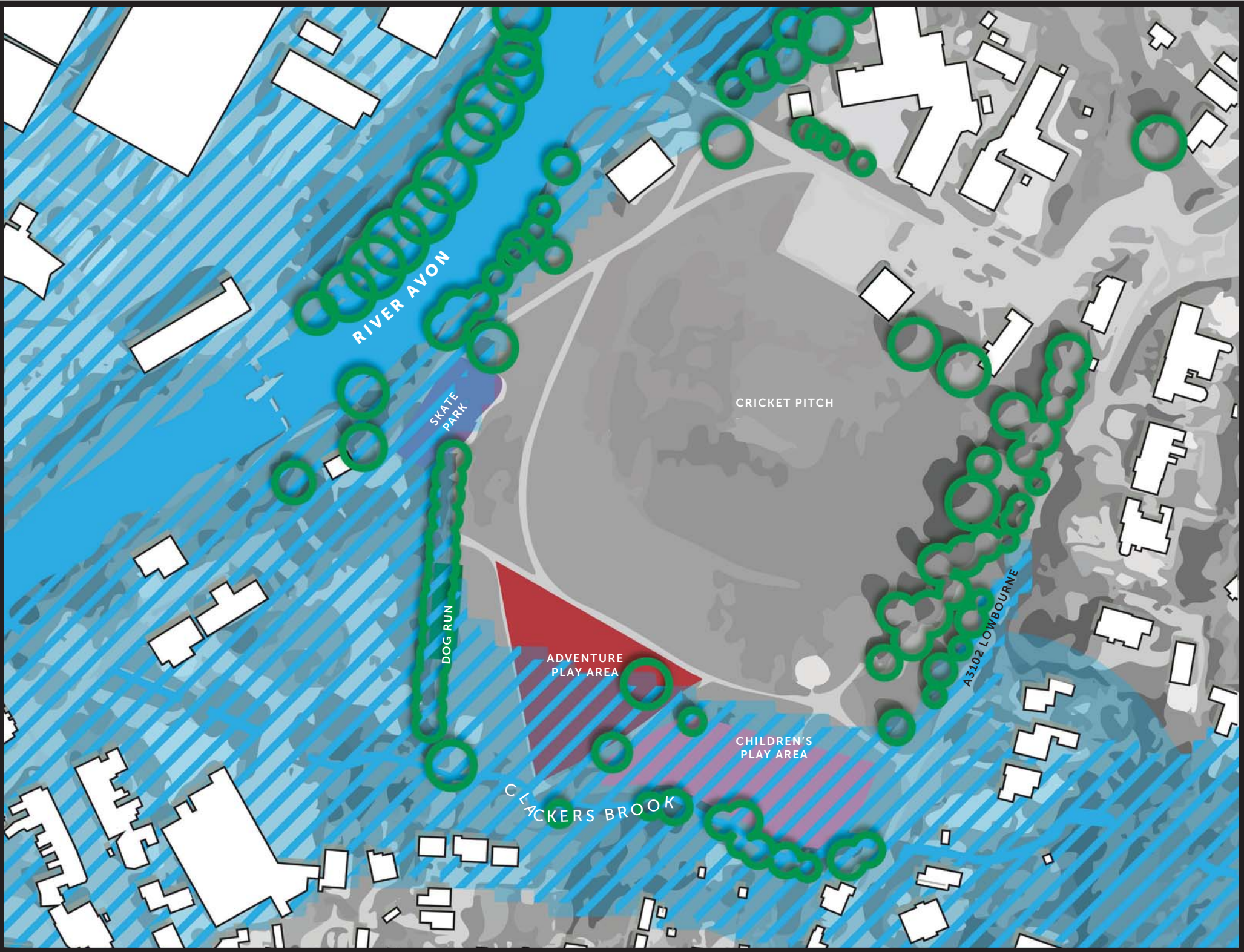


## Access & Designated routes





Flood Risk



 Flood Zone 2

 Flood Zone 3

Areas of the site are subject to seasonal flooding. Bounded by the River Avon to the West and by Clackers Brook to the South the plan shows the extents flood risk as defined by the Environment Agency's Flood Map for Planning (<https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/>).

The plan identifies the significant risk of flooding presented by Clackers Brook on the southern edge of the site.










Flood Zone	Definition
Zone 1 Low Probability	Land having a less than 1 in 1,000 annual probability of river or sea flooding. (Shown as 'clear' on the Flood Map – all land outside Zones 2 and 3)
Zone 2 Medium Probability	Land having between a 1 in 100 and 1 in 1,000 annual probability of river flooding; or land having between a 1 in 200 and 1 in 1,000 annual probability of sea flooding.
Zone 3 High Probability	Land having a 1 in 100 or greater annual probability of river flooding; or Land having a 1 in 200 or greater annual probability of sea flooding.(Land shown in dark blue on the Flood Map)

Note: The Flood Zones shown on the Environment Agency's Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and Sea) do not take account of the possible impacts of climate change and consequent changes in the future probability of flooding.



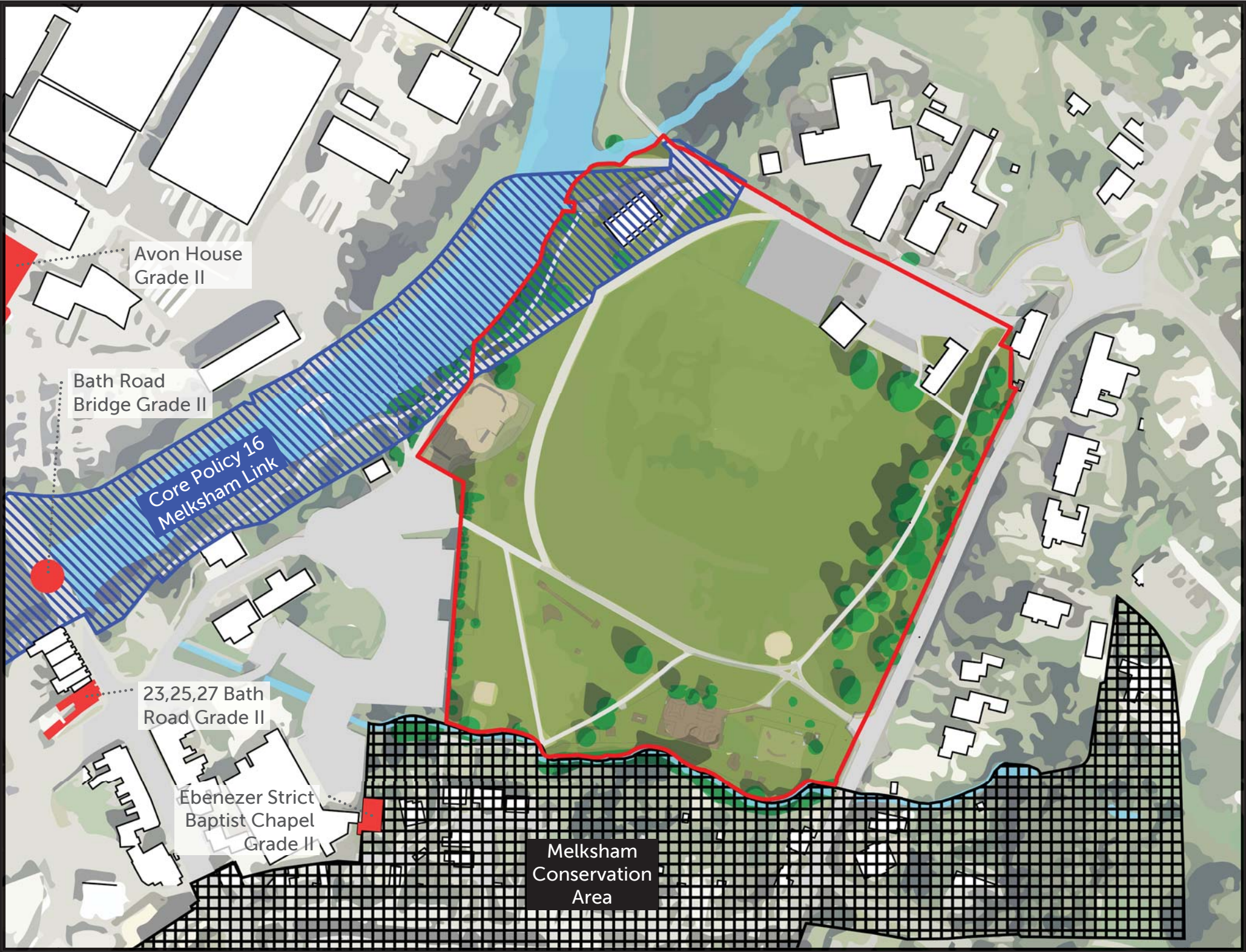
## Movement & Use



-  Park Run (Saturday Mornings)
-  Millennium Riverside Walk
-  Adventure Centre and slipway access route
-  Vehicle access to car park
-  Cycle route
-  Main access routes to School
-  River Access
-  Lowbourne Osteopath entrance
-  Car Park



Planning policy context



Fields in Trust

The charity 'Fields in Trust' legally protects King George V Playing Fields as an open recreational space in perpetuity through a Deed of Dedication. Any non-recreational changes in use of the space or any buildings need specific consent from the Trust.

Wiltshire Core Strategy

Core Policy 16 of the Wiltshire Council Core Strategy makes provision for the Melksham Link Project including safeguarding its route from development. A section of the proposed route passes through the northern edge of the site.

Leisure and Recreation Development Plan Document (January 2009)

The vision laid out for is for West Wiltshire to have a network of safe, accessible, high quality spaces, and sport and recreation facilities that makes West Wiltshire a place to be proud of, meets local needs and enhances the "liveability"<sup>1</sup> of the district, promotes health and well being, promotes sustainability, supports biodiversity and makes the best use of land.



# Public Engagement

# Phase 1 Consultation

NVB landscape and Melksham Town Council launched a process of consultation beginning in february 2018. The process asked the people of Melksham the question 'What changes could be made to improve your experience of the park?'.

# KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD PUBLIC CONSULTATION


What do you most like to do in the park?	
What prevents you from visiting and making more use of the park?	
What is the priority improvement that you would like to see made in this park?	
What do you like least about the park?	
Any other comments	


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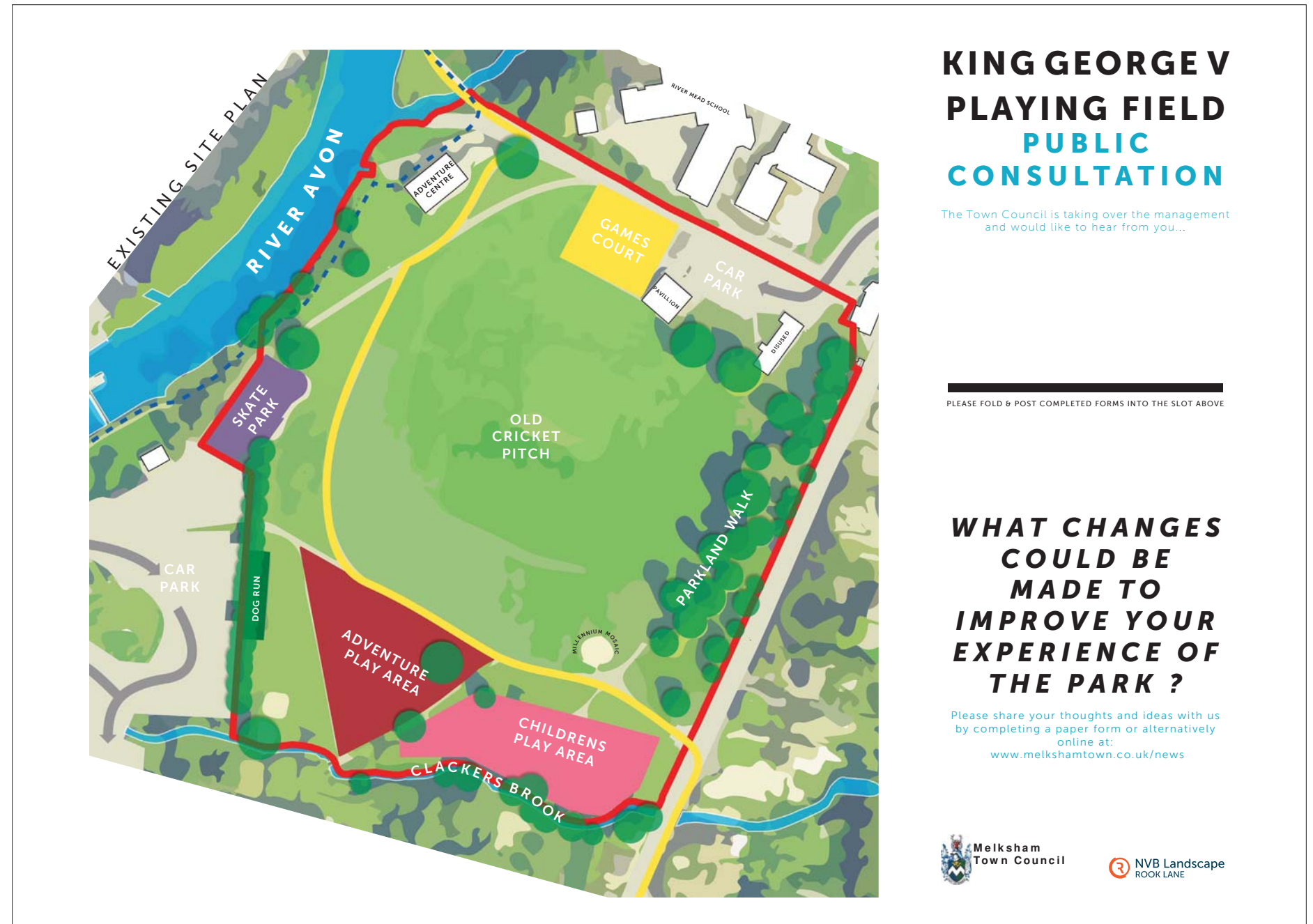
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## Consultation Response

All responses to the consultation were recorded and reviewed. In reviewing the responses it became apparent very quickly that there were common themes running throughout. Wordclouds (worditout.com) were generated from the responses relating to the targeted questions;

- What do people dislike about the Park?
- What do people like most about the Park?
- What are the improvements that people would like to see?

The word size and colour are a reflection of frequency.

The green space and open quality of the park was valued by many of consultees. This is key for dog walkers and events such as the Party in the Park. The park is on many peoples route to and from the town centre and it is also part of longer distance walks out from the town along the river Avon. The promised splashpad was much anticipated and would make the park a destination.

This was part of a recurrent theme throughout the responses for a broadening of appeal to provide something for all ages. A café, public toilets, a broader provision of play equipment suitable for all ages of children and also a call for providing improved amenity value to the older generation and people visiting without children.

This first phase of consultation concluded in June 2018 and informed the design of an emerging masterplan.



What are the improvements that people would like to see?



What do people like most about the Park?

What do people dislike about the Park?



The completed forms were collected in a collection box attached to the presentation board.

# KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD PUBLIC CONSULTATION


Which three of the proposed key improvements (A-G) should be prioritised?	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <span>1st</span> <span>(A)</span> <span>(B)</span> <span>(C)</span> <span>(D)</span> <span>(E)</span> <span>(F)</span> <span>(G)</span> </div>
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What do you like least about the proposals?	
Are there any other changes that you would like to see?	
Any other comments	

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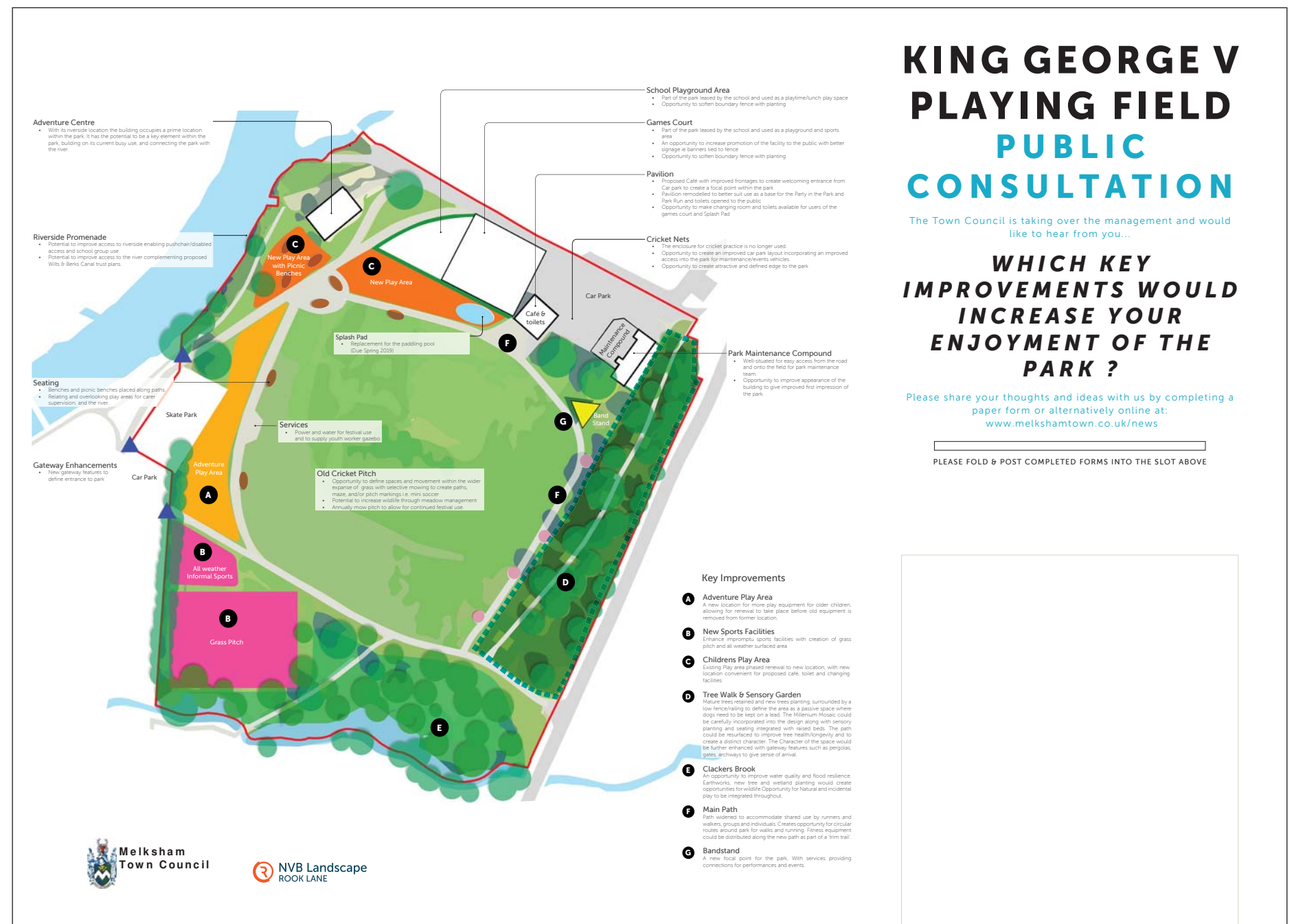
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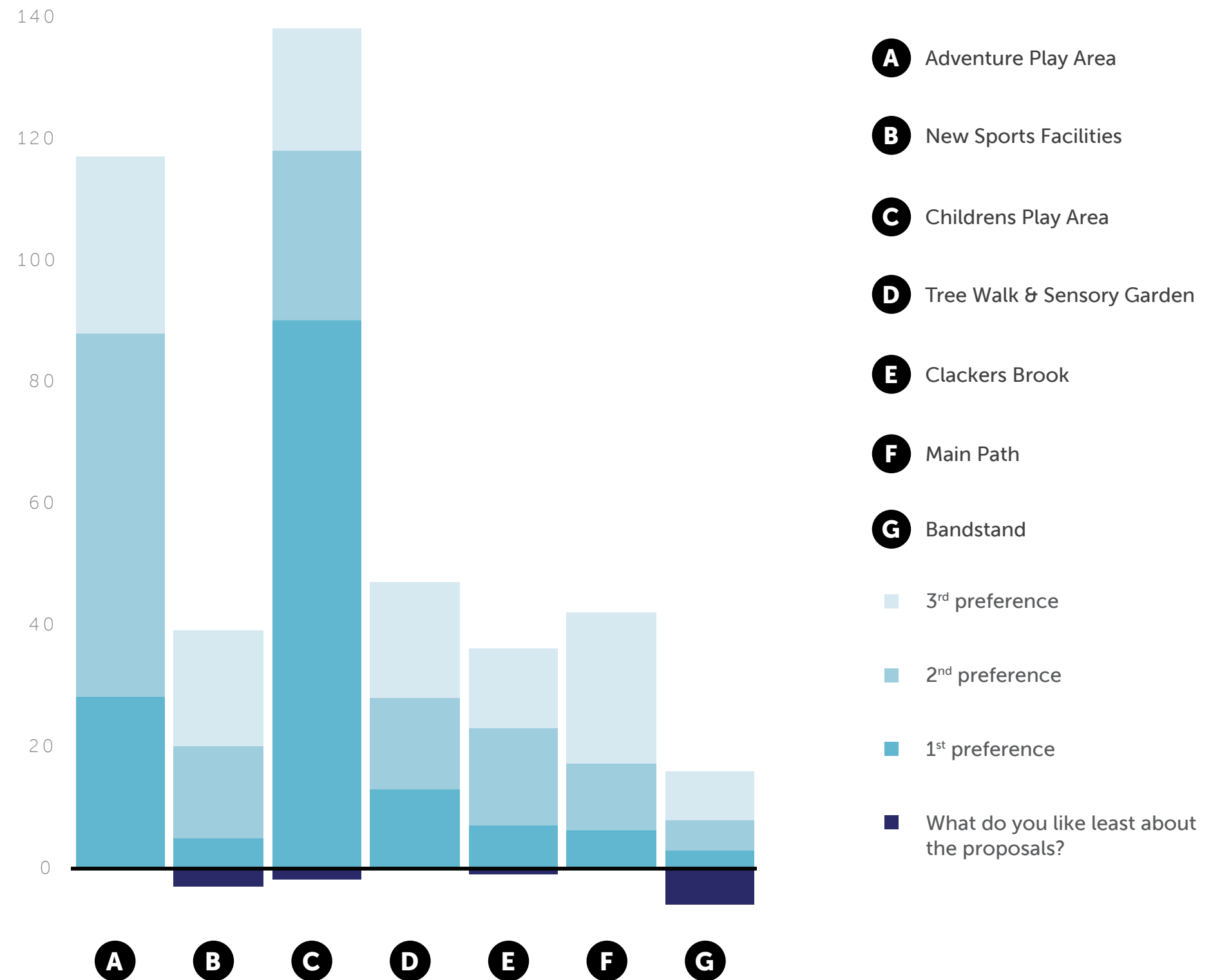
## Public Consultation Conclusions

The response to the masterplan was overwhelmingly positive. In particular the Splash pad was eagerly anticipated by many of the respondents. A café is something that people would like to see in the park and toilet provision was highlighted as essential to encouraging and enabling longer visits.

In answer to the question 'Which three of the proposed key improvements (A-G) should be prioritised?' Respondents gave a clear preference for the childrens play area proposals, followed by the adventure playground. The next key improvement by first preference is the sensory garden followed by the main path and the Clackers Brook.

In reponse to the consultation the proposed new sports facilities were amended. Consideration was given to the location of the grass pitch to move it away from the Clackers Brook flood zone.

The key improvement that was least popular by preference and also attracted the greatest negative response was the proposed bandstand. Service connections are proposed to be integrated for temporary stages currently used by events however it has been agreed that the proposals for a permanent bandstand will not be developed in the short term. The masterplan will be developed so that it wouldn't prevent development of this feature in the future.



Graph showing how respondents to the consultation ranked their three choices in order of preference. The bars in the graph describe for each option the breakdown of votes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd preference

# Existing Park

## Key Assets

Two features particularly define the character of the park, the River Avon and the expanse of green open space.

Cricket has historically dictated the layout of the park. The level area for the pitch was created approximately centred within the park, all tree planting and structures have subsequently been positioned around the edge of the park to avoid any inference with cricket. The Cricket Club no longer plays at the park but the open space is valued by the people of Melksham particularly as the location for events and the annual festivals.

The Cricket Pavilion formerly associated with the cricket club has food preparation, toilet and changing facilities.

The River Avon defines the north western boundary and offers open views and connections to the countryside beyond the town.

A Public slipway provides the opportunity to access the river for canoes and small boats.

The Adventure Centre benefits from a commanding location on the river bank. It features storage and facilities for the canoe club local groups including changing rooms, showers, toilets.

The MUGA is available for hire and is used by sports clubs and for team sports.

The Skate park is a recent addition to the park and is a popular amenity for both local teens and also teens from beyond Melksham.

There are many mature trees around the edge of the park, the most notable of are the mature parkland trees planted along the path running immediately parallel to the Lowbourne and the row of fastigate trees that runs along the boundary of the supermarket car park.







## Ecology

An appraisal of the ecology was carried out in December 2018.

The site is afforded a level of rarity, being a large area of open green space within its urban surroundings.

With consideration to protected and notable species, the site provides opportunities to roosting bats (buildings and several trees), foraging and commuting bats (grassland, trees and shrubs, and in particular the watercourses along two of the site's boundaries), badger, small mammals, and common and widespread species of reptiles and amphibians.

The site is assessed as having local value overall, with the adjacent River Avon and Clackers Brook having Borough value. The river and brook are valuable both as habitats in their own right and due to the species they are known to support which includes; kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*), otter (*Lutra lutra*), water vole (*Arvicola amphibius*) and water shrew (*Neomys fodiens*).

## Trees

The park benefits from many good quality mature trees. A tree survey was undertaken in December 2018 by a qualified arboriculturalist who assessed all trees on site. Trees are spread around the outside of site, but can be loosely grouped within four distinct character groups.

Along the eastern edge of the park on both sides of the path running immediately parallel to the Lowbourne is a very established group of mature specimens. The combination which includes of Birch, Beech, Horse Chestnut, Lime and London Plane is typical of post war municipal park tree planting. As a group collectively they significantly contribute to the feel and character of the park.

On the western boundary, beside the supermarket car park is a line of mature fastigate Lombardy Poplar. Although recently reduced in height and of little individual merit they have greater value as a landscape feature defining the park boundary and contributing a distinct character to the park.

Along the banks of the River Avon are several groups of native trees including Birch, Alder, Hazel, Willows and Hawthorn. Collectively these trees contribute to the waterside character and ecological importance.

Along the banks of the Clackers Brook the trees are of mixed mostly non native species. Some specimens are spread along the northern bank however the main grouping of trees sits beyond the site boundary on the opposite bank of the brook. Within this group several large horse chestnut and willow trees have been managed as high pollards and are the subject of a TPO.

The survey also identified that there are some trees which will require immediate action due to dieback and/or decay.







# Masterplan

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## First improvements

- A** Adventure Play Area
- B** Informal Sport facilities
- C** Children's play area
- D** Tree walk sensory garden
- E** Clackers Brook
- F** Main Path
- G** Bandstand

The following pages describe a brief for each of the improvements





## Adventure Play Area

The existing adventure play area is a popular feature within the park, particularly the zip wire. The area of play equipment is intended for use by an older age group than use the children's play area but includes children who have not completely grown out of the children's play area and/or are not necessarily quite independent of parental supervision.

The proposed move of the children's play area gives an opportunity to relocate the adventure play area closer to the younger play area.

Moving the two areas to be closer will improve convenience for use by families with children of ages that straddle the two areas. It will also ease the transition for children from the younger equipment up to bigger adventure equipment.

The location will also be more convenient for the proposed café, picnic area and toilets.

Issues to be addressed/Project brief:

- Options for play equipment that can be relocated
- Options for new equipment





## Informal Sport Facilities

The site has historically been laid out to host cricket matches but this no longer takes place. Sport is supported elsewhere within the park with a recent all weather games court associated with the school which is available for hire and there is a small area of tarmac with a basketball hoop available for informal use.

The existing small area of tarmac and basketball hoop is within the flood zone and approaching the end of its useful life. There is an opportunity to create a new and improved informal sports offer within the park by creating a new multi purpose space.

Working with the existing topography a series of terraces could be formed to create informal seating for spectators and informal meeting point. The mix of sports will be explored further during the detailed design, but could include basketball, football, street snooker, table tennis, cricket.

Markings for a grass sports pitch or goal posts for impromptu sports could also be comfortably accommodated within the former cricket pitch.

Issues to be addressed/Project brief:

- Terrain remodelling including amphitheatre seating
- Options for impromptu all weather sports pitch layout
- New path
- Options for improvements or removal of existing basketball court
- Options for grass pitch layout



Multi use games court with cricket



Multi use games court with street snooker and basket ball hoop



Table tennis



The all weather surfaced area could be designed to work with the existing topography to create an area for spectators/informal meeting point



## Children's play area

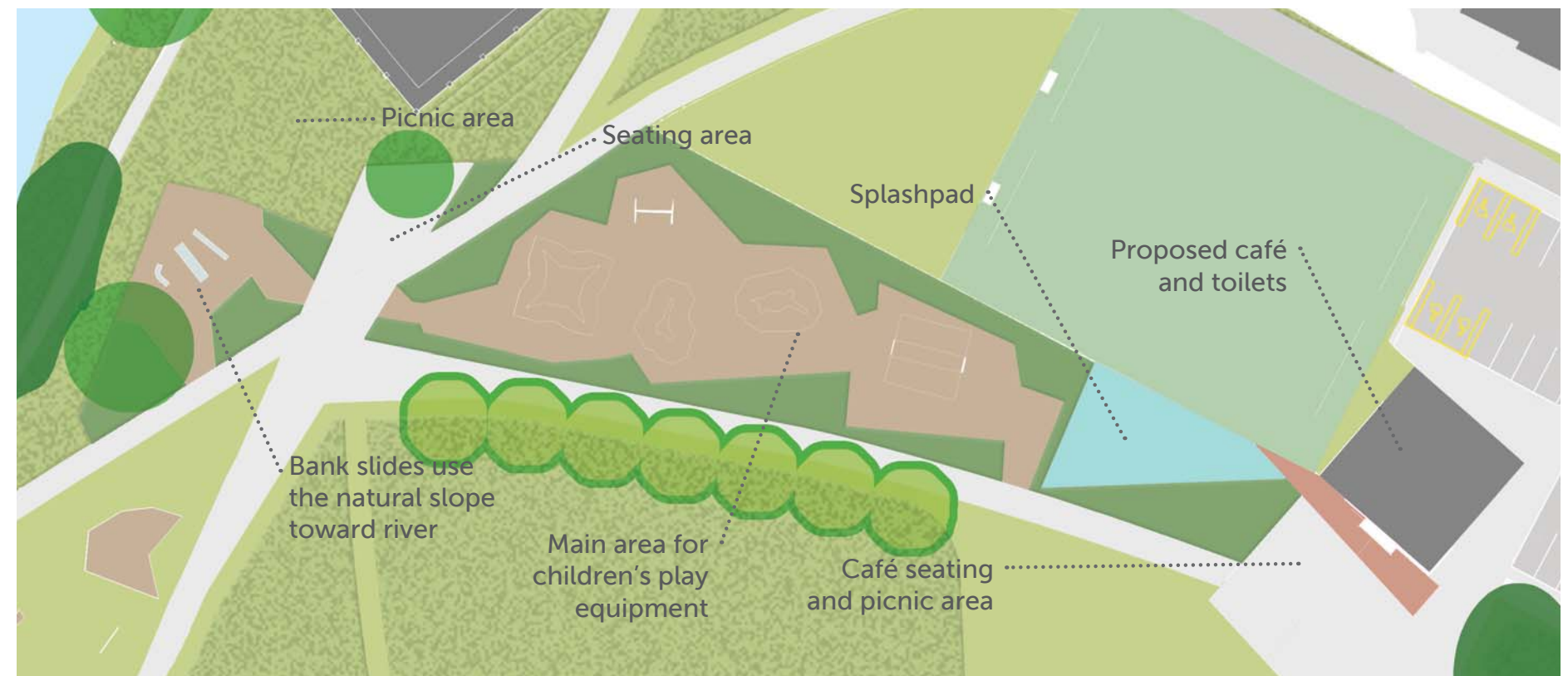
The existing children's play area is within the flood zone of Clackers Brook. Moving the play area out from the flood zone was the improvement most prioritised by respondents to the second phase of consultation.

The proposed location for the play area would be more convenient for public toilets, changing and café facilities. It will also be closer to the new splash pad feature.

Issues to be addressed/Project brief:

River bank including picnic area and proposed area for bank slide is within Melksham link safeguarded route area.

- Options for new/relocated play equipment
- Options for picnic area
- Options for slides set into bank
- Seating
- Planting



Play tower, climbing framework and interactive sensory play made form organic natural materials



Play tower and climbing framework



Slide set into slope of bank



## Tree walk sensory garden

The park benefits from a fine selection of mature parkland trees which line a walk that runs parallel to Lowbourne. It is proposed that the genteel quality of this area of the park could be enhanced with new planting and bench seating to create a sensory garden. A raised planting bed or similar raised feature acts as a central focal point and could incorporate the panels from the millennium mosaic.

The boundary will be defined by traditional rail fencing which will keep a portion of the park separated from the more active uses beyond. The area would continue to be open at either end for access through and along the walk but gates would prevent access by unsupervised dogs. Dogs would only be permitted if on leads. Pergolas or similar gateway feature would mark the entrance/end of the walk. The character of any proposed trees and planting would reinforce the existing woodland/garden character.

Issues to be addressed/Project brief:

Trees within this area were assessed as part of the wider arboricultural survey which is discussed on page 18. A tree management plan should be developed as a next step to explore options for additional planting and or phased renewal.

- Options for central feature
- Options for entrance feature
- Options for character of planting
- Seating
- Fence



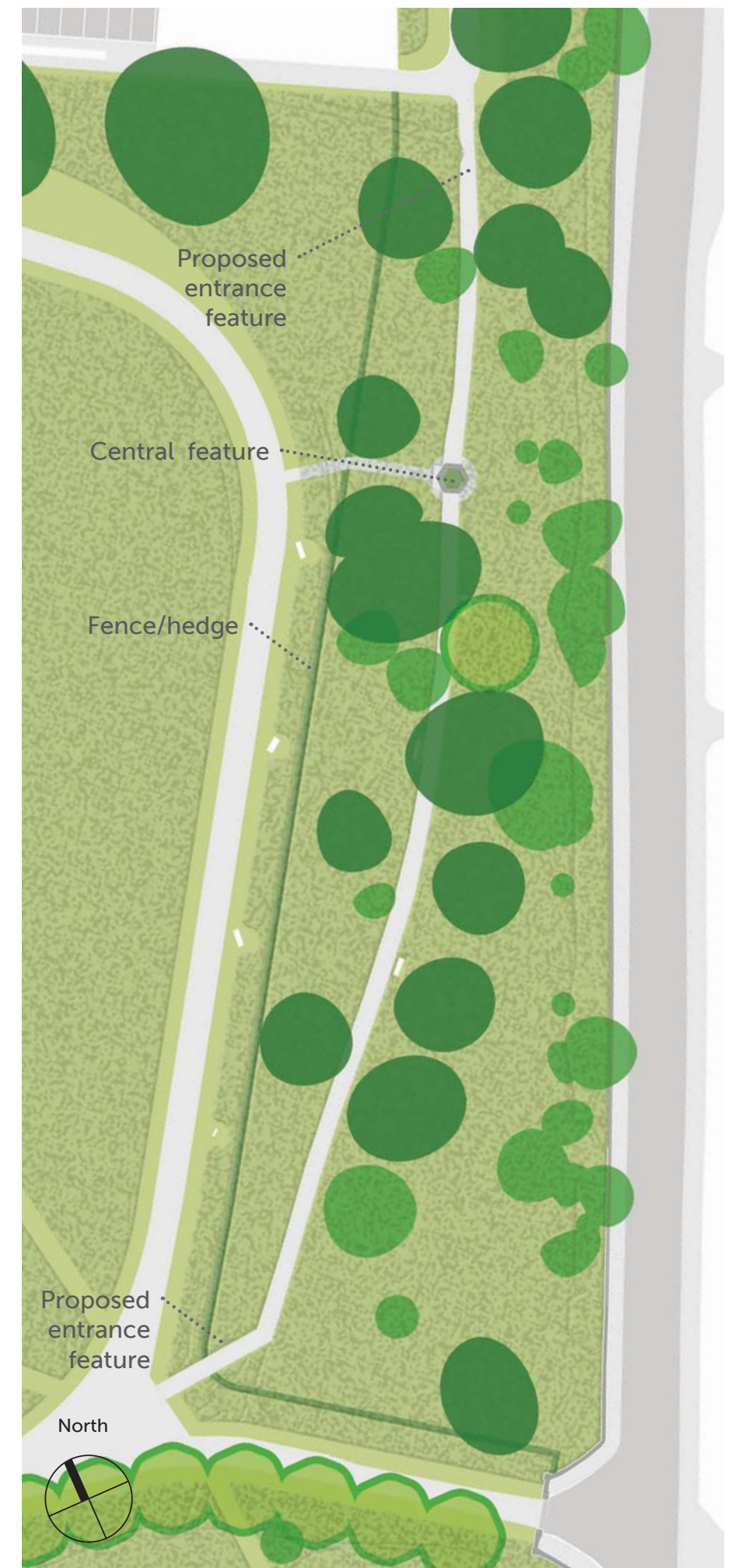
Existing mature trees are an asset.



Pergola entrance feature.



Bench set within planted border.





## Clackers Brook

Flooding effects the banks of the Avon and Clackers Brook. Environment Agency flood risk data supports the many respondents to the consultation who highlighted the issue of flooding in the park. The brook is liable to flash flooding events that anecdotally disrupt the function of the children's play area at least twice a year.

Relocating the children's play area would give the opportunity to take a different approach to the brook corridor.

It is possible that the brook could be reformed from a disruptive force into a key feature within the park. The potential is there to make the brook corridor a place for wildlife, flood prevention and an area for natural play. Features such as swales and ponds could contribute to flood prevention and improve water quality. Low intensity management of the area could improve biodiversity and safeguard routes for wildlife. The wet woodland habitat created could accommodate woodland paths, play trails, tree climbing and stepping stones. A natural foil to the formal tree lined walk and the play areas elsewhere within the park.

Issues to be addressed/Project brief:

- Option for educational use as a Forest school
- Option for flood water attenuation
- Option to extend to include area occupied by basketball hoop and tarmac surface
- Nature trail
- Play trail
- Habitat enhancement



Play trail



Opportunity to improve flood resilience and improve water quality with attenuation swales



Stepping stones passing through wet woodland habitat



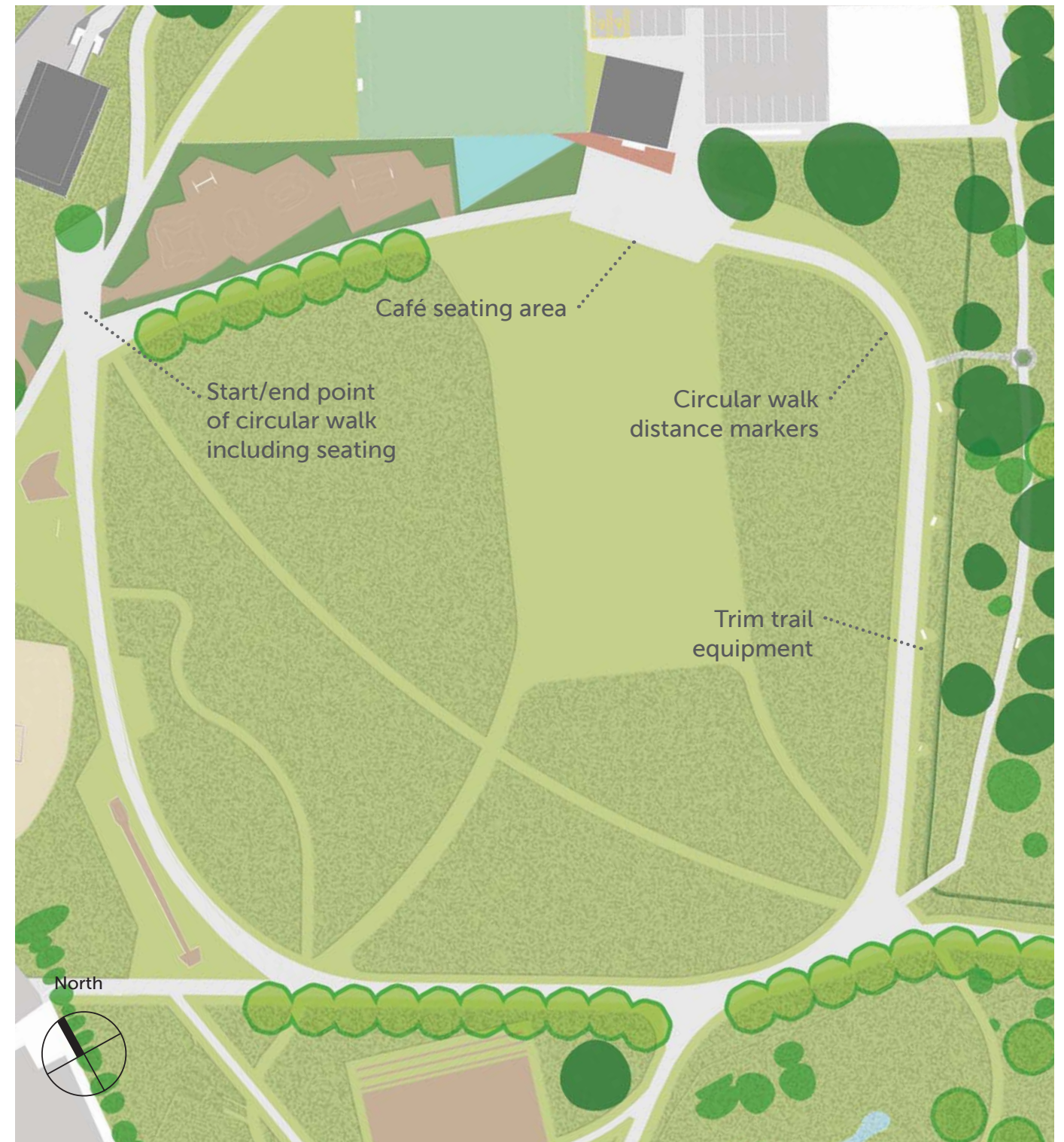
## Main Path

Though possible to 'do a circuit' of the park the current route is not clearly marked and would include negotiating a narrow lane with vehicular traffic and crossing a car park. Creating a clear route around the park could have broad appeal giving opportunity for measured fitness activity as well the social ambler. The path would be designed to be of a suitable width to accommodate individuals, small groups, and runners.

To further encourage activity in the park and in answer to a call for more 'exercise equipment' from the first phase of consultation it is proposed that along the route could be a trim trail.

### Key improvements:

- Options for number exercise spots on trim trail
- Options for lighting
- Option for extent of café 'patio'
- Benches
- Integration of power supplies for events.
- Tree planting



Generous seating provision partitions wide path

Trim trail exercise equipment

Broad path with segregated shared use



## Bandstand

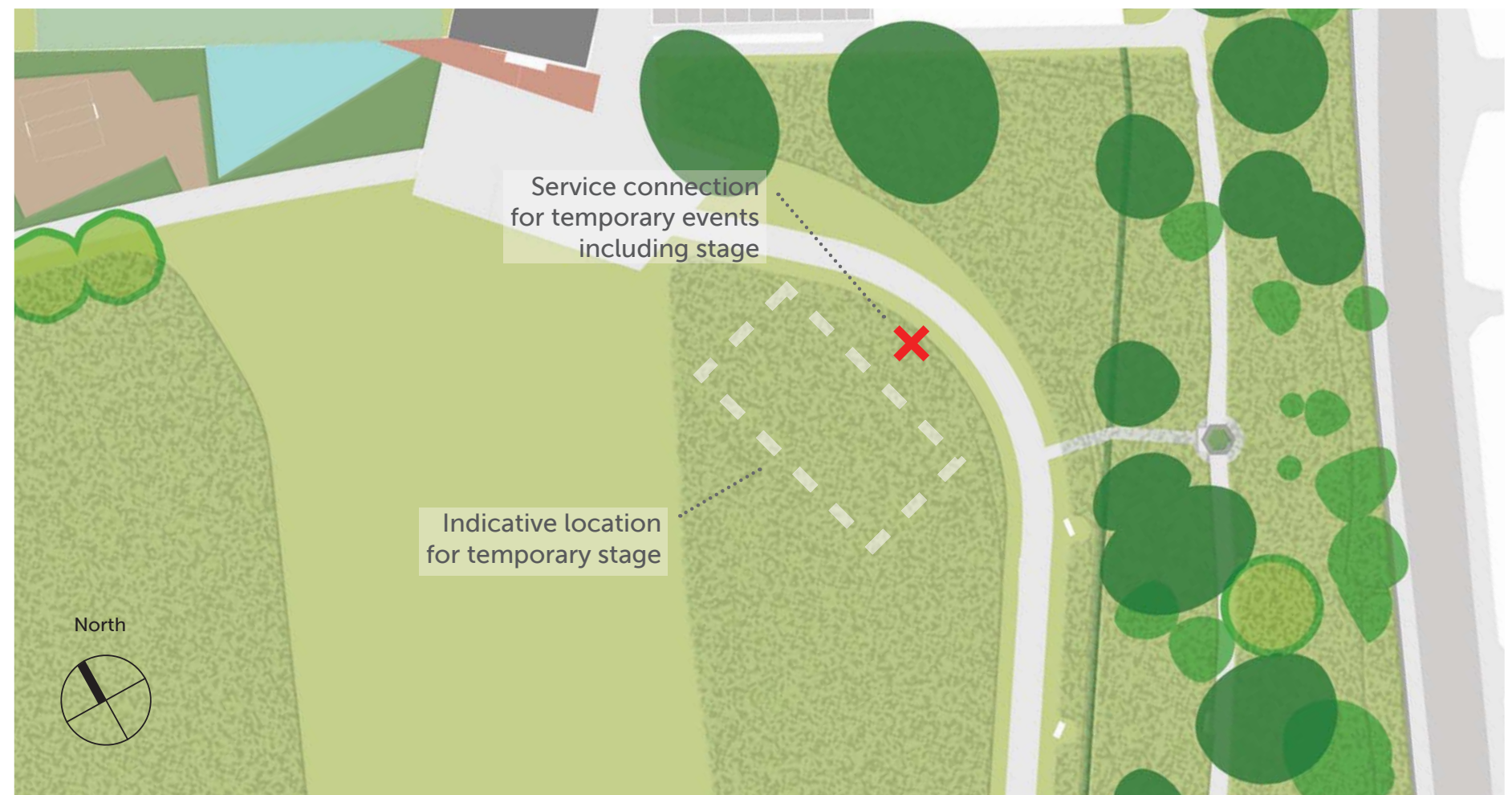
The Park holds various outdoor events and activities throughout the year, such as the popular 'Party in the Park'. Improving the provision of services including electricity and data would better support the delivery of these events.

Many respondents to the first phase of the consultation wanted to see a bandstand added to the park for performances. In the second phase of the consultation the proposed bandstand was the lowest priority improvement and there were also a number of people who were opposed to the Bandstand proposal. The concerns raised were focused around a lack of use, antisocial behaviour and the impact of noise on local residents. Also adding a permanent structure may require a planning application.

Noise from such events is tolerated on the understanding that the event is of a relatively short duration and is currently dealt with on an event by event basis

Issues to be addressed/Project brief:

- Building permanent stage structure will likely require planning permission
- Option to improve access for events support vehicles will require removal of maintenance shed and car park works
- Option for Service connection

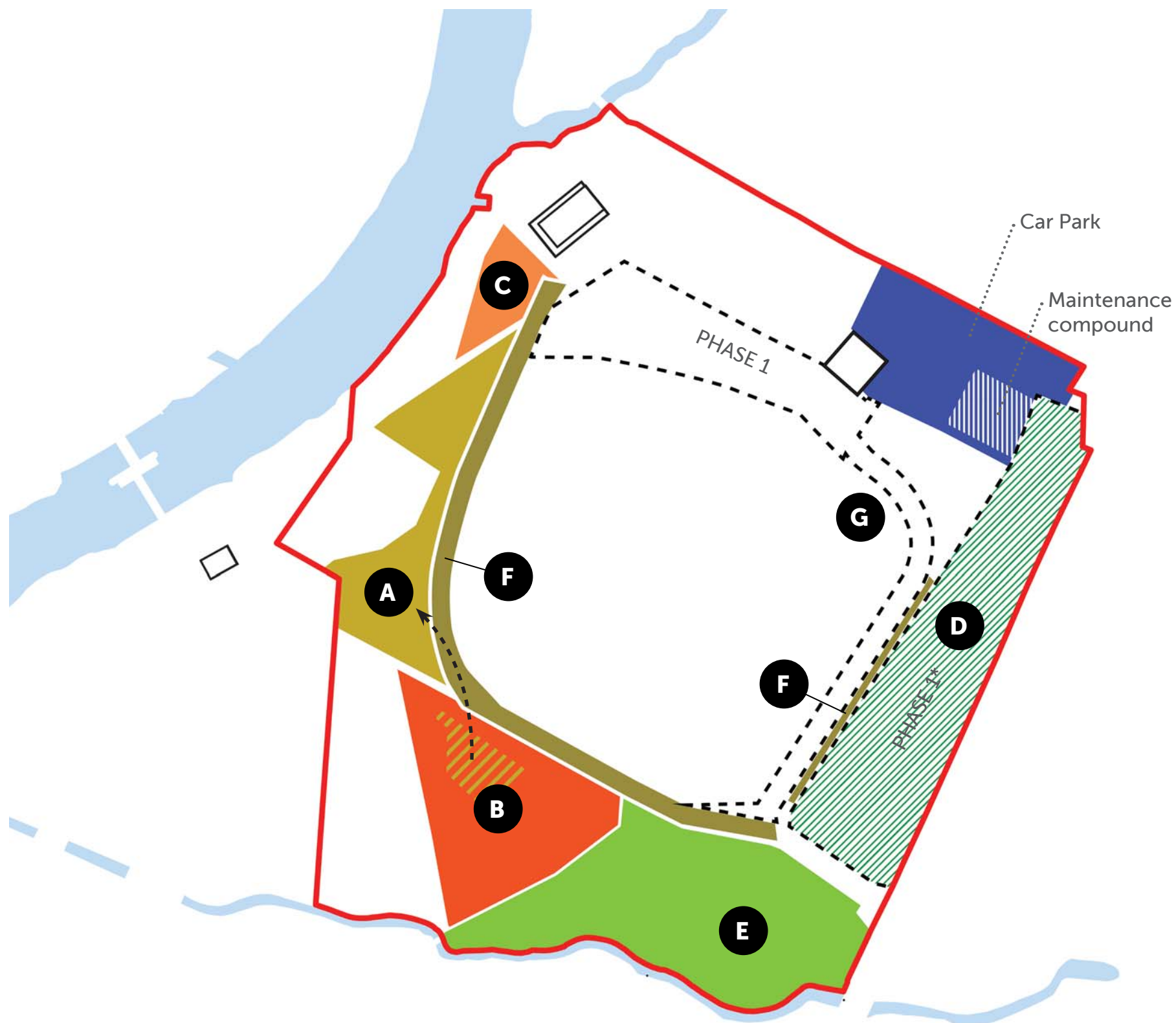


Temporary stage



Performance Canopy



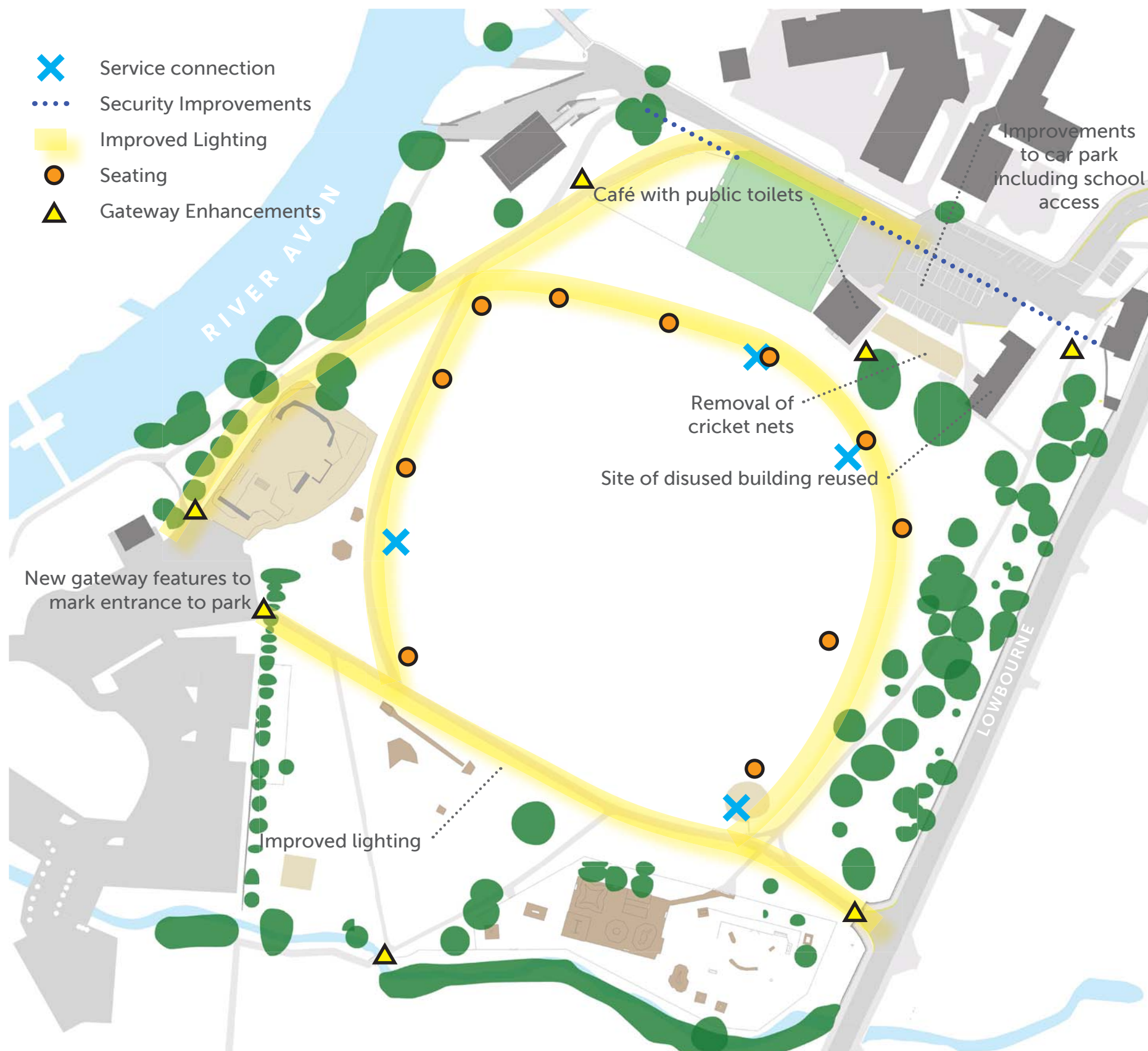


## Phasing

Respondents to the public consultation were given a choice of which key improvements should be prioritised. The most popular improvement was the relocation of the children's play area. This along with the sensory garden and the scheduled works to create the splashpad will form the basis of the Phase 1 works.

Phasing of the improvements after the initial works is for the council to decide, with the following considerations:

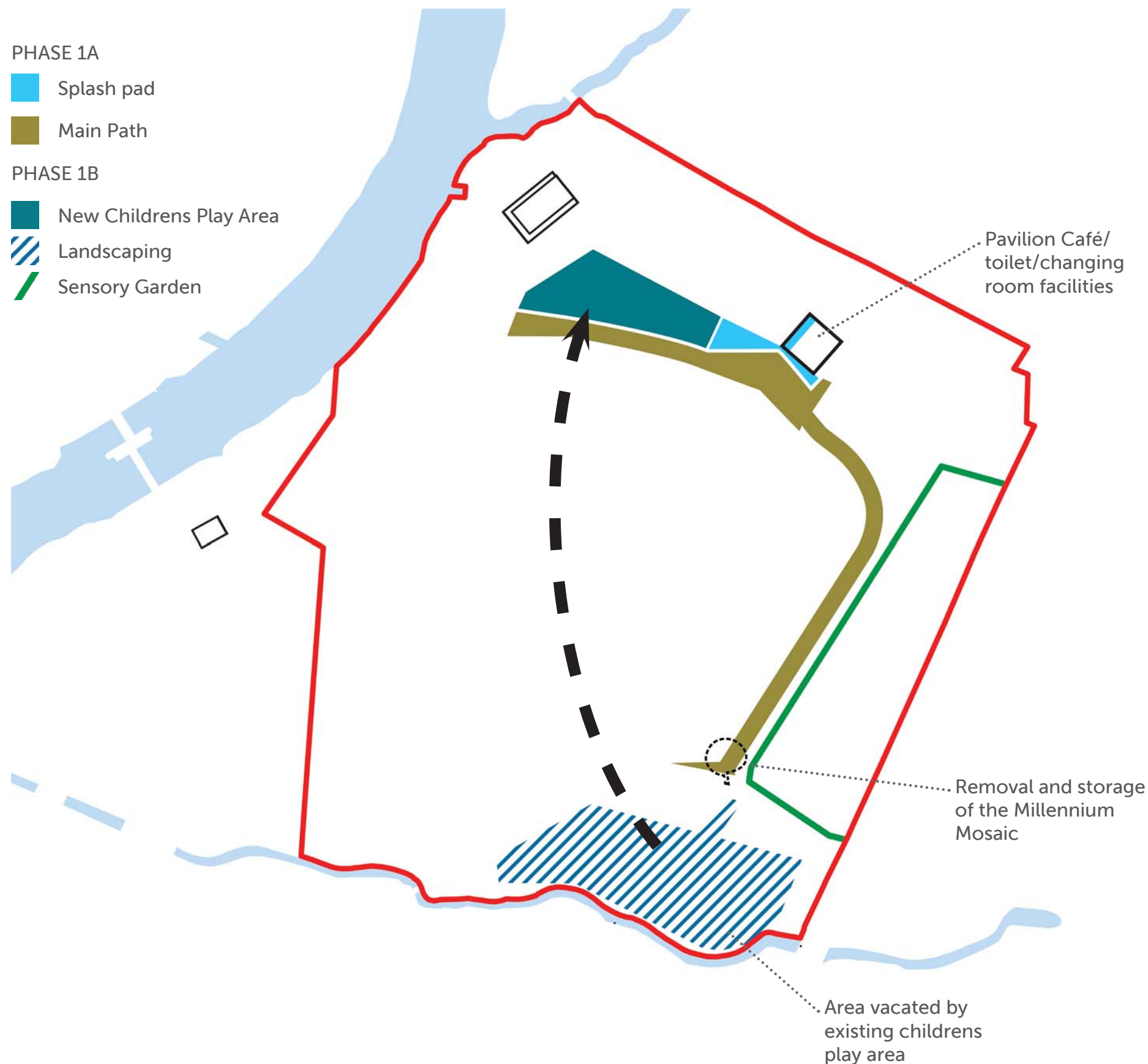
- A.
  - The adventure play area could be phased with equipment installed in the new location as and when the existing requires renewal.
  - The area vacated will require reinstatement, or could include works toward the proposed sports facilities.
- B.
  - Creation of the all weather sports area is dependent on the removal of the adventure play area.
- C.
  - Final works to the New children's play area are within the Wiltshire Core Strategy 'Core Policy 16 Melksham Link' area. Works may require planning approval.
- D.
  - Completion of the proposed access routes is dependent on the removal of the existing derelict maintenance shed.
- E.
  - Improvements to the Clackers Brook wet woodland area could be phased.
- F.
  - Works to complete the circular route around the Park could include the proposed works to improve lighting and the creation of electric/data access points.
  - The trim trail exercise equipment is accessed by the main path. Installation is not dependent on any other element being complete.
- G.
  - A permanent structure may require planning approval.



## Strategic Improvements

- A revised management plan for the areas of grass could be developed to lower maintenance input, cost and promote biodiversity. The management plan would incorporate a layout of pathways and to distinct activity spaces within the long grass.
- Toilets within the Cricket Pavillion opened for public use.
- New improved lighting along key pathways for safe access through park
- Improved seating provision
- Disused maintenance shed is well-situated between the car park and field for vehicle access by Park maintenance team - Proposed reuse as the location for Park maintenance compound.
- Cricket nets removed as enclosure for cricket practice is redundant. Opportunity to create an attractive and defined edge to the park and improve the car park layout incorporating a new access into the park for maintenance/events vehicles.
- Gateway enhancements to improve arrival from carpark on western edge of the site.
- Improved lighting to access routes through park.





## Phase 1

### Phase 1a.

The splash pad area is to be made ready for use in summer 2019. Its position within the park has been informed by the masterplan, but its functionality is not dependent on any other aspect of the masterplan being completed. Works will include the installation of pipe work and equipment inside the pavilion building.

A stretch of path beside the children's play area would enhance the user experience of parents and children. It would also be of benefit to other users of the park by providing an all weather connection between the Pavilion and the existing path that runs parallel to the Avon. This will bypass the narrow lane behind the Games Court.

### Phase 1b.

Moving the children's play area will complement the new splash pad. Where practicable existing play equipment will be relocated or alternatively new equipment installed in the new location.

Play equipment unsuitable for relocation, the perimeter fence, benches and bins will be removed. The area will be relandscaped to make good. The Landscaping works could include initial works toward the Clackers Brook improvements 'E'.

A fence will be erected to enclose the proposed Sensory garden and initial planting improvements.





- C Children's Play Area**  
Existing Play area phased renewal to new location, with new location convenient for proposed café and toilet and changing facilities



- A Adventure Play Area**  
A new location for more play equipment for older children, allowing for renewal to take place before old equipment is removed from former location.



- Youth work**  
• Power and water for festival use and to supply youth worker gazebo

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- New Sports Facilities**  
Improved provision of impromptu sports facilities with creation of all weather surfaced area.



- F Main Path**  
Path widened to accommodate shared use by runners and walkers, groups, individuals and improve vehicle access for temporary stage. Creates opportunity for circular routes around park for walks and running. New bench seating and fitness equipment distributed along the new path as part of a 'trim trail'.



- Central Space**  
• Spaces and movement within the expanse of grass defined by selective mowing to create paths, maze, and/or pitch markings i.e. mini soccer  
• Potential to increase wildlife through meadow management  
• Annually mow to allow for festival use.

- KEY**
- Existing Tree
  - Proposed Tree
  - Trim Trail
  - Seating
  - Gateway Enhancements
  - Services
  - Security Improvements
  - Improved Lighting

# KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD MASTERPLAN

First Steps: • Splashpad • Path connections to Splashpad & Pavilion • Move Childrens Play Area • Sensory Garden

- Car Park and Park Maintenance Compound**
- Car Park layout rationalised and enlarged
  - Pedestrian access improvements
  - Maintenance compound created as part of Car park rationalisation following demolition of derelict building.

- Bandstand**  
Improved provision of services i.e. electric and data to better support the delivery of events and for temporary stages.



- Tree Walk & Sensory Garden**  
Mature trees retained set within a newly defined area with distinct sensory garden planting with raised planters and boundary defined by gateway features such as pergolas, gates, archways to give sense of arrival



- Clackers Brook Nature Trail**  
An opportunity to improve water quality and flood resilience. Earthworks, new tree and wetland planting to create opportunities for wildlife. Natural and incidental play to be integrated throughout.





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**MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MEETING OF THE Asset & Amenities COMMITTEE**  
**12<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

*Plumbing in of the Eco loos at KGV*

**Report of the Amenities Team Manager**

**1. Purpose of the report**

For councillors to consider plumbing in of the eco loos at KGV, this includes all waste being disposed of in the main sewage system.

There will be a small water heater put into the service area of each unit to provide running hot water.

**2. Current Situation**

The existing eco loos are regularly foul smelling and are breaking down regularly. They struggle to keep up with the footfall we get during peak times. The second most common complaint we get after the smell is the lack of water to wash hands with properly.

**3. Background**

The Eco loos have been in place since late April 2023 and have been plagued by regular breakdowns and closures due in part to the complicated way in which they work.

**4. Financial implications**

We have already had a quote from a local approved contractor which comes to £11,000 plus VAT

**5. Risk assessment/health and safety**

With the ability to use proper water for hand washing will be better for the general health of the users

**6. Crime and disorder implications**

N/A

**7. Biodiversity considerations**

N/A

**8. Safeguarding**

N/A

**9. Recommendations**

The committee consider the proposal and if in agreement, suggest the budget from which the project would be funded.

Extracts from email exchange regarding Shurnhold Fields Improvement Project.

**From: Teresa Strange Thursday, July 11, 2024**

**To: Alexandra Crawford**

Hi Alex and Danny

Since we met at the beginning of June, I just wondered if you had further thoughts on taking on the parish and town council's car park/improved entrance project at Shurnhold Fields. Melksham Without parish council have met recently and happy for it to progress in this manner.....

With kind regards, Teresa

**From: Alexandra Crawford 12 July 2024**

**To: Teresa Strange**

Hi Teresa

Danny and I have spoken today and we will progress this work on your behalf.

Kind regards

Alex

**From: Teresa Strange Tuesday, July 16, 2024**

**To: Tracy Predeth**

Hi Tracy

On the Shurnhold Fields project, jointly owned and run by Melksham Without Parish Council and Melksham Town Council, we have been having discussions with Wiltshire Council's drainage team and the project they are progressing with Environment Agency funding (as per the email I sent earlier this week still awaiting confirmation of the Town Council).

There has been a further development, as the EA permits etc and the planned car park and improved entrance way and how they interact with this are now beyond my skill set. Wiltshire Council have employed a project manager to work on their behalf on this project, and they have agreed that the parish and town council part of the project can be part of their larger project so that they are doing all the technical and permit work on our behalf. Please see confirmation below. Melksham Without Parish Council are happy to proceed in this way, can you confirm for the town council please?

With many thanks, Teresa

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