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Hi Graham,

My colleague Nicole has put together the attached briefing note to accompany the Concept Plan, as attached. Do you want to send it out with the agenda?

I will attend to give a verbal update on NM6, Ashington Park. I think this could get going on the ground very quickly, as soon as I have a start date I'll ask you to post something on NMTC's website,

Regards

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## NM5 Carrick Way Woodland Enhancement Works Briefing Notes

### Site Information

The Site lies on the urban edge of New Milton and bound by residential dwellings to the north, an active aggregate processing plant to the west and south, and an open arable field to the east. The site is fully covered by blocks of mixed deciduous woodlands for at least 150 years, and it is designated as 1A Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC).

The site sits on the shallow valley side of Danes Stream (a main river), which divides the site from the north and the south. The residential development to the immediate north of the site has opened up a circular walk at the northern section of the site and brought the woodland into informal public open space.

There is no appropriate foot crossing provided over Danes Stream. The public is currently using either the emergency maintenance mesh structure to the west of the site or treading the stream with suitable footwear.

### Landscape Proposals

Landscape works and footpath improvement works are proposed for this site to enhance space for informal recreation, as part of the New Forest District Councils Mitigation Strategy: [Mitigation for Recreational Impacts SPD 21](#) and [Infrastructure Delivery Plan](#). The works will enhance the woodland environment to help maintain its Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) status. It is proposed to procure the works via a JCT Design and Build contract.

The proposals include improving the accessibility of the site with resurfaced footpaths, two footbridges crossing the Danes Stream (a designated Main River), signages, seating, gabion walls, vegetation name tags for educational values, improving the woodland condition through positive management, opening glades, and implementing new planting for some areas. Refer to [NM5 Carrick Way Landscape Strategy](#).

The proposed footbridge crossings will be registered with the Environment Agency (EA) and an exemption waiver sought for their construction. Refer to item 5 of the link below: [Exempt flood risk activities: environmental permits - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

A Management Plan will be developed by New Forest District Council (NFDC), and the management and maintenance of the site post-construction will be carried out by NMTC.



**Existing Footpath**

- Vegetation to be cut down and cleared to maintain 1.8m wide access.



**Proposed Footpath (2m Wide)**

- Follow the existing informal path alignments.
- The exact route is to be agreed on site.
- 2m wide height path with timber edging.
- Total length is approximately 410m.
- Allow for drainage details, particularly areas near Danes Stream.



**Lectern Interpretation Board**

- Woodland thinning will create a more porous entrance to the woodland.
- A lectern style interpretation board can be installed adjacent to the common fence (Paganus sylvaticus).



**Woodland Thinning**

- Total area 2650sqm.
- Gradual felling of high canopy trees.
- Retention of mature trees and a tree cover rate of 20-25 trees per hectare, in the plan of 10 years.
- Reduction and removal of bramble through pulling or localised digging.
- Limbing seedlings for retention.
- Amplification of the number of standards to ensure continuity by primarily reducing the number of mature trees to enable the shrub layer and ground flora to thrive and diversity and generating non-native invasive species.



**Wooden Litter Bin**

- One wooden litter bin to be installed at the main entrance, to the west of the site.
- Recommended product: WTS/B Inoko Harwood Litter Bin, by Woburn.
- Dimensions: 1200mm x 1000mm x 1000mm. Light oak finish, 500 x 500 x 945mm.



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Carrick Way Woodland, New Milton

TITLE

Landscape Strategy Plan

Scale 1:750 @A1

Date July 2023

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Drawn BY NP

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**Greenway Waymarker**

- Four waymarker posts directing the public into the site and through to the footbridge crossings.
- The design is to follow the published AWC Greenway Signage Guidance.



**River Crossing**

- Two crossings are proposed within the existing Danes Stream (main river).
- This proposal will be exempted from needing a permit from Environment Agency (EA). However, regulation major works to the crossing over a bank to bank (FRAS) is required.
- The crossing will be 1800mm wide x 3000mm long (maximum).
- The deck will be FSC-thruwood boards with grooves, and also sleep posts.



**Shrub / Perennial Planting (Bank)**

- Total approximate 500sqm shrub / perennial / herbaceous planting area is proposed to the northern edge of the site at the steep bank, to create a naturalised area.
- Species include Garden Lady's mantle (Alchemilla mollis), Dill (Anethum graveolens) and Rosemary (Rosmarinus officinalis).



**Gabion Wall**

- Two gabion walls are proposed along the edge of the bank to the north section of the site.
- The lengths of these gabion wall are respectively 19m and 24m. 1m wide and 1.5m high.
- Recycled materials and objects to serve as wildlife shelter or planting containers, such as broken tiles, slates, bricks, logs or clay pipe, which will make fantastic habitats for all sorts of invertebrates.



**Shrub / Perennial Planting (Flat)**

- Total approximate 500sqm shrub / perennial planting area is proposed to the northern site entrance, at both sides of the main footpath, to create a sense of arrival. Species include Wych hazel (Corylus avellana), Dog rose (Rosa canina), Burdock (Arctium lappa), Cowslip (Viola tricolor), and Autumn crocus (Fritillaria autumnalis).



**Wooden Bench**

- Four wooden benches are proposed across the site, recycling the existing tree trunks.
- The selected trunks must have a minimum diameter of 50mm (trimmed and chamfered to remove sharp or splintered ends).
- All rot and hollows to be cleaned out.
- All trunks to be fixed to the ground so as not to move or rock when climbed on.



**Logs**

- Random logs and trunks are commonly found at this site. This resource can be examined, treated and valued, carefully, to create recreational opportunities.
- There are five areas that are suitable for placing tree logs, as identified on the plan above.
- Logs must have a minimum diameter of 450mm.
- All trunks have to be chamfered to remove sharp or splintered ends.
- All rot and hollows to be cleaned out to leave no water traps.
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**Bulb Planting**

- Approximately 200sqm of bulb planting is proposed across three areas: the main entrance, the site entrance, the residential footpaths and at the centre of the main footpath.
- A mix of Grape-Hyacinth (Muscaria arifolium), Daffodil (Narcissus pseudonarcissus) and Tulip (Tulipa gesnerioides).



**Open Glade**

- Three areas of a total 600sqm of open glade are proposed, to create a sense of space and well-being.
- Remove all existing undesirable vegetation by mechanical methods.
- Adjust levels to create generally level and flat areas, including any necessary drainage.
- Seed soft Eriogonum or similar approved.



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