



Green Infrastructure Local Strategy





- Provide an update of the work undertaken and current status
- Look into the results of the assessment in more detail
- Delve into some of the opportunity concepts and initiatives identified



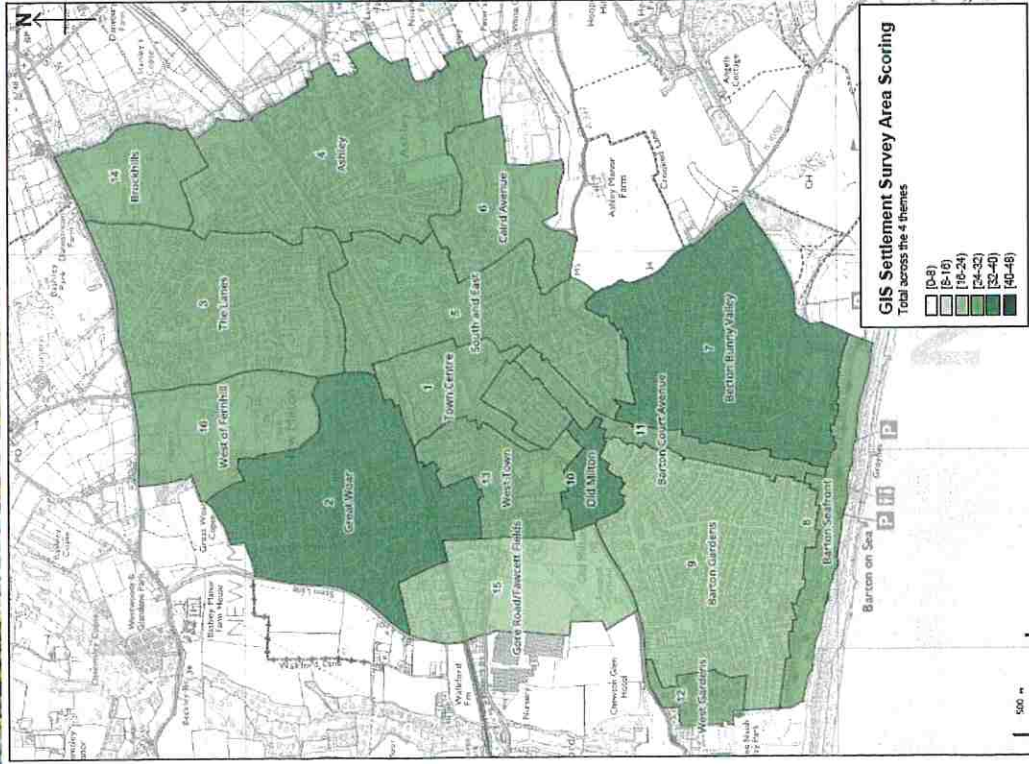
Settlement divided into 'character areas'

- A. Accessibility and connectivity
- B. Attractive and appealing places
- C. Supporting biodiversity and the ecological network
- D. Promotes health and well-being



Baseline GI – Field Survey Summary

- Areas scoring highest include Great Woar, Becton Bunny Valley and Old Milton
- The lowest scoring areas were Barton Gardens, Gore Road/Fawcett Fields, Barton Court Avenue and South & East
- The highest scoring theme across all areas was ‘attractive and appealing places’ and the lowest was in relation to biodiversity





Accessibility and Connectivity

- Areas scoring highest include Barton Seafront and West Gardens
- Further high scoring areas include Great Woar, The Lanes, South & East and Old Milton.
- The lowest scoring areas were Gore Road/Fawcett Fields, Barton Court Avenue and West of Fernhill



Criteria	
i	Well located close to residential area
ii	Provide quality paths fit for purpose
iii	Is clearly signed and enables movement between places
vi	Links to PROW network



Accessibility and Connectivity

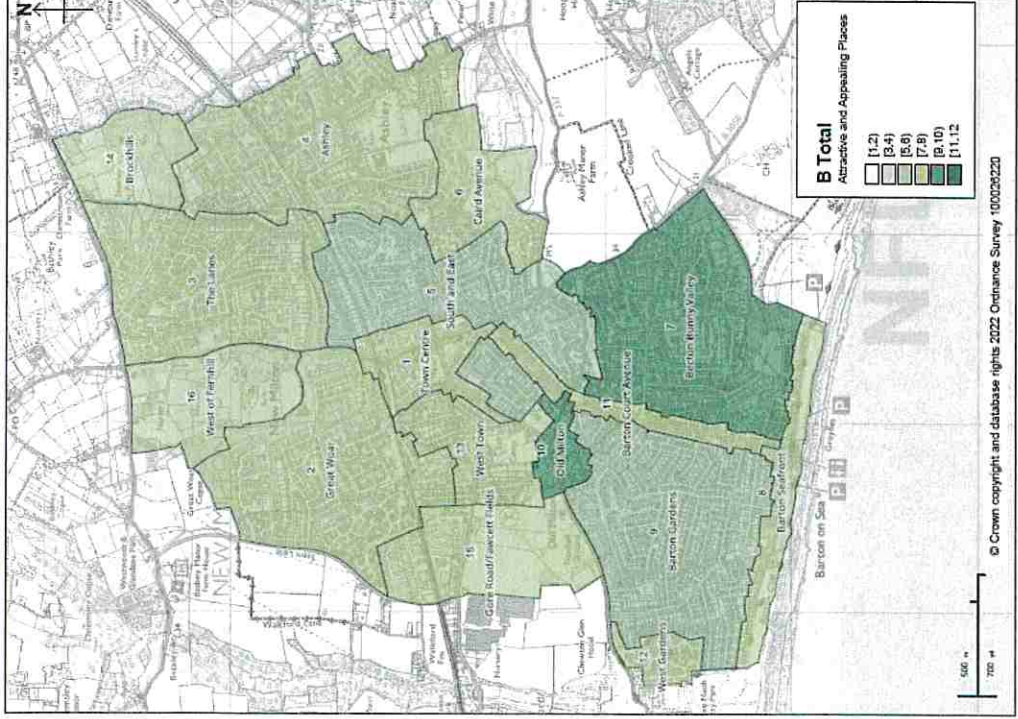
Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a significant amount of green infrastructure in New Milton • Paths generally fit for purpose • Good links generally to local services • Key areas of GI accessible to all e.g. car parking at Barton Cliffs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green infrastructure more prevalent in some areas than others. Some areas relatively deficient • Signage of walking routes is generally poor – reliant on local knowledge • Bollards, railings etc on some links compromising accessibility for some individuals • Railway crossing closed preventing cycle and walking links connecting • Lack of connectivity to coast e.g. No signage to Long Distance Coastal footpath • Some areas demonstrate reliance on cars
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic development sites to provide additional publicly accessible green infrastructure • Signage strategy for navigation 'a to b' picking up key destinations. • Themed routes e.g. heritage/history, urban wildlife etc – Information boards • Removal of outdated highways signage • Reinstatement of railway crossing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cliff instability at Barton Seafront



Attractive and Appealing Places

- Areas scoring highest include Old Milton and Becton Bunny
- Other highly scoring areas include Town Centre, Great Woar, The Lanes, Caird Avenue, Barton Seafront, Barton Court Avenue and West Gardens
- The lowest scoring areas were Barton Gardens and South & East

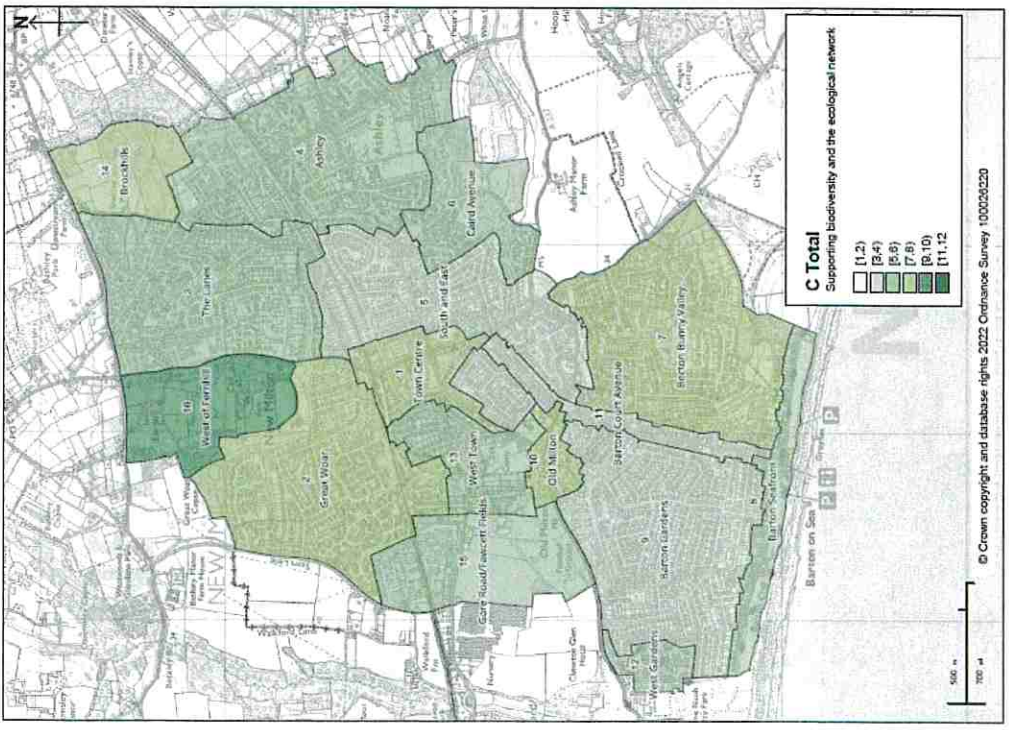
Criteria
i Attractive with a positive image
ii Well maintained
iii Contains attractive features of interest
vi Welcoming entrances, places to sit, other facilities





Attractive and Appealing Places

<p>Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas of GI are typically subject to regular maintenance • Areas including tree lined avenues regarded as attractive locally 	<p>Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many areas of GI lack an identity, structure or interest. • Identity and use predominantly revolves around dogs (& dog waste) • Places to sit and rest are present in some but not all areas • Many areas unknown or otherwise underutilised
<p>Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make areas a destination in their own right, provide benches, increase in planting, structure, interest. Areas with benches etc where dogs are not allowed • Increased tree planting in public realm and private land 	<p>Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vandalism • Dog mess • Gradual loss of street trees • Adoption of verges by residents – highly managed lack diversity



Supporting Biodiversity and the Ecological Network

- Areas scoring highest include West of Fernhill, Brockhills, Old Milton, Becton Bunny Valley and Great Woar
- The lowest scoring areas were Barton Court Avenue, Barton Gardens and South & East

Criteria	
i	Contributes positively to biodiversity
ii	Offers a diversity of habitats
iii	Area capable of sustaining wildlife populations
vi	Contribution to habitat network



Supporting Biodiversity and the Ecological Network

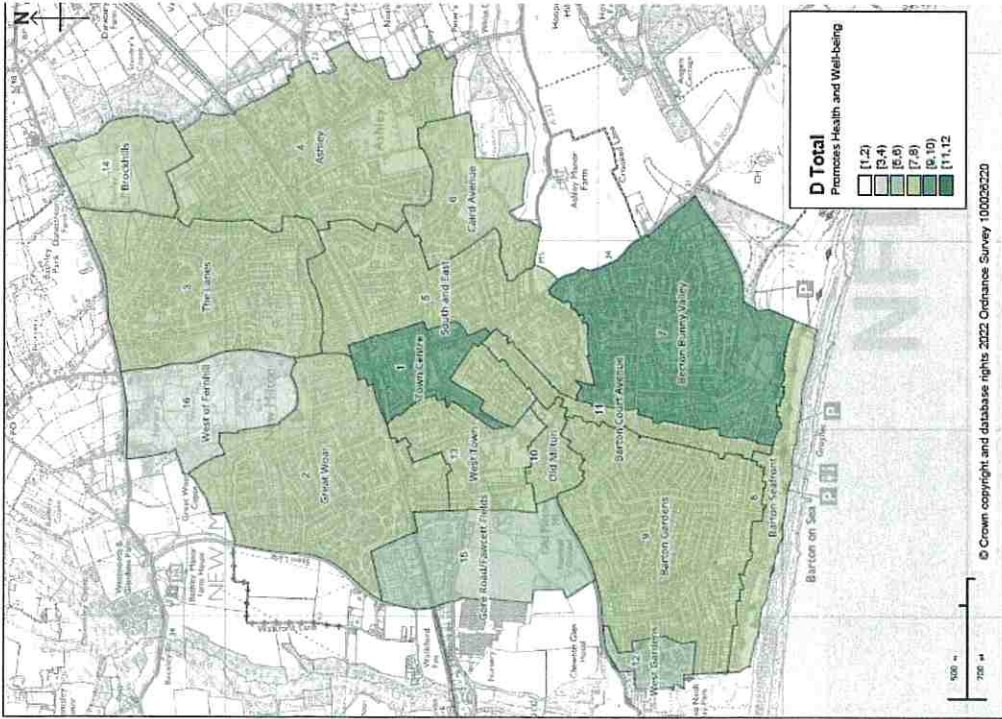
<p>Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Railway line provides green corridor broadly west to east through New Milton • North south corridor along line of Becton Bunny stream • Existing initiatives e.g. areas of wildflower planting • Relatively large amount of green / open space available • Value of private gardens to contribute to green infrastructure • Habitats of value beyond settlement boundary 	<p>Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of areas of GI are very formally managed e.g. close mown amenity grassland • Open spaces lack diversity and structure • Watercourses channelised, culverted etc
<p>Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Succession planning for ash dieback to preserve landscape character • Opportunity to enhance areas of amenity grassland for biodiversity but other opportunities e.g. community orchards, links with nature etc. • Adding value to GI through additional tree planting in private gardens • Opportunity in some locations to naturalise and enhance water courses to provide greater GI and flooding value. Link with inclusion of rain gardens and additional soft planting • Providing improved linkages to areas of high value habitats on settlement boundary 'green corridors' 	<p>Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk to well wooded / mature tree rich character from ash dieback • Gradual loss of street trees • Presence and spread of invasive species in watercourses and elsewhere e.g. Barton cliffs





Promoting Health and Wellbeing

- Areas scoring highest include Town Centre, Becton Bunny Valley, Great Woar, Barton Seafront, Old Milton and West Town.
- The lowest scoring areas were West of Fernhill, Gore Road/Fawcett Field and West Gardens.



Criteria	
i	Provides a place for a range of outdoor activities
ii	Perceived as a natural area, provides an inviting 'in touch with nature experience'
iii	Safe and welcoming for all
vi	Good routes to wider community facilities



Promoting Health and Wellbeing

<p>Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key areas of GI accessible to all proving in touch with nature experience e.g. car parking at Barton Cliffs • Some areas served well with seating • Some areas very well served e.g. town centre with range of provisions 	<p>Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of benches in some areas • Some areas are not served with any sports or outdoor facilities. Lack of community facilities in some areas i.e. a need to travel. • Railway can be a barrier to movement / access. Facilities close as crow flies but further to access • Some routes are not welcoming / could present safety concerns
<p>Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide 'pit-stops' for people getting round on foot who are less able. • Make some of the areas which are currently just amenity grassland a destination with benches (seats and picnic) 	<p>Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vandalism and antisocial behaviour • Loss of facilities



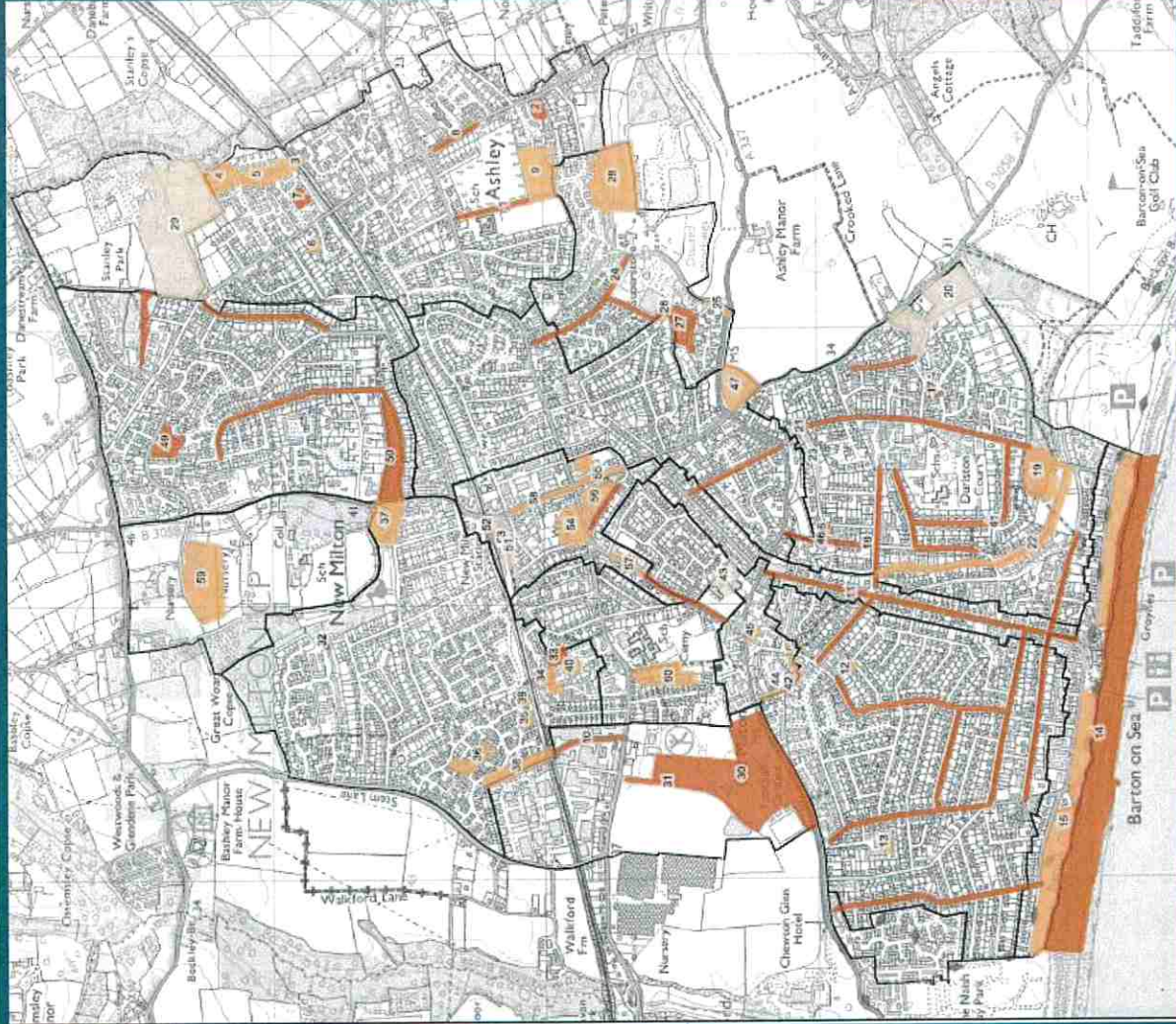
Survey work for each area – common messages and features become apparent.

Emerging Types of Opportunities:	Lead
• Signage of walking routes & Interpretation boards	AH
• Making green spaces interesting places	JC
• Improving accessibility for all	AH
• Pleasant places to sit and enjoy	JC
• Improve enjoyment and management of accessible woodland	CH
• Enhancing local biodiversity	CH
• Enhancement of water features	SH
• Greening streets	SH

Locations for possible opportunities recorded

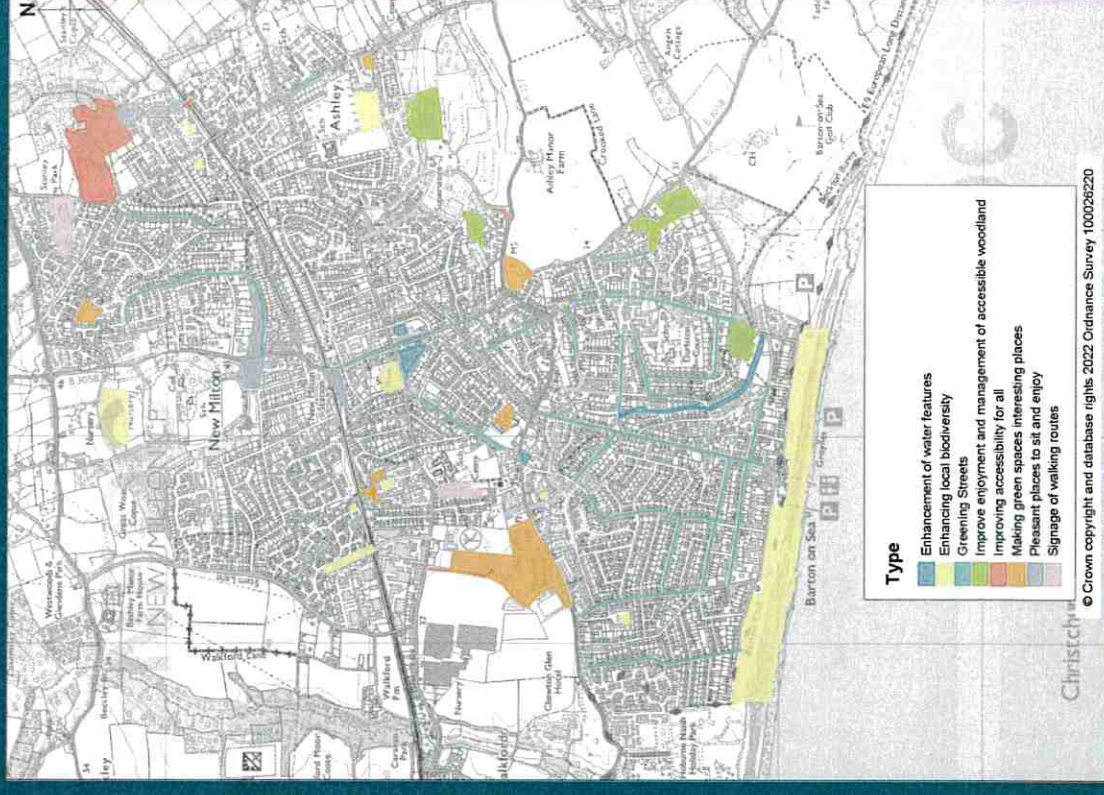
- A tiering system (Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3) has been applied. Tier 1 represents the highest priority / maximum benefit / easiest to deliver and Tier 3 is the lowest priority / benefit / difficult to deliver.

Project Tier New Milton GI Potential Opportunities



Breakdown of Opportunities by Type

- Map shows the spread of opportunities by type – some could deliver multiple benefits. The lead opportunity is shown
 - 4 No. Enhancement of water features
 - 13 No. Enhancing local biodiversity
 - 5 No. Greening streets
 - 4 No. Improving enjoyment and management of accessible woodland
 - 5 No. Improving accessibility for all
 - 7 No. Making green spaces interesting spaces
 - 9 No. Pleasant places to sit and enjoy
 - 13 No. Signage of walking routes
- A selection of opportunities has been issued to NMTC for consideration / discussion





Fawcett Field – Opportunity Concept

- Space used for community events?
- Link with green loop, strategic development site
- Opportunity for ecological enhancements for field next to Moore's Close? Urban Park/Community Garden or wildflower meadow on edges or entirely?
- Sensory garden? See, touch, hear, smell, taste
- Additional seating / more interest in location of seating
- Need to plan positively for replacement of coniferous tree lines
- Woodland management, extend woodland / woodland edge planting – Ecotone
- Parish land



- ✓ Signage of walking routes & interpretation boards
- ✓ Making green spaces interesting places
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- ✓ Enhancing local biodiversity



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Carrick Way Woodland – Opportunity Concept

- Review existing woodland management plan for stewardship
- More detailed survey of use
- Habitat survey in spring – establish ecological baseline
- Selective felling / thinning as appropriate
- Phased removal of rhododendron etc
- Bird / bat boxes
- Enhance watercourse
- Formalise water course crossing
- Parish land



- ✓ Signage of walking routes & interpretation boards
- ✓ Improving accessibility for all
- ✓ Improve enjoyment and management of accessible woodland
- ✓ Enhancing local biodiversity
- ✓ Enhancement of water features



Millers Close – Opportunity Concept

- Community orchard? Sensory garden
- Nice place to sit, picnic bench
- Change management / creation of species rich grassland / wildflower
- Insect hotels & bird boxes
- NFDC land



- ✓ Making green spaces interesting places
- ✓ Pleasant places to sit and enjoy
- ✓ Enhancing local biodiversity



Hollands Wood Drive – Opportunity Concept

- Partially enclose? Hedgerow? Provide buffer to the road? Include trees in hedge – local landscape character/ greening streets
- Community orchard / garden?
- Planting for pollinators
- Insect hotel + signage?
- Grassland enhancement
- Bat boxes on boundary mature oaks
- Ditch / watercourse present – any opportunities to improve?
- Additional seating
- Parish land - need to understand use and value as kick about space.



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- ✓ Making green spaces interesting places
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- ✓ Enhancing local biodiversity
- ✓ Enhancement of water features



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Andrew Lane off Lower Ashley Road – Opportunity Concept

- Maybe follow-on project from something like Hollands Wood or Millers Close? Use those as basis to demonstrate what could be delivered
- Need to better understand current use
- Opportunity to add structure and interest through planting and deliver biodiversity benefits
- Parish land



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- ✓ Pleasant places to sit and enjoy
- ✓ Enhancing local biodiversity



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Greening Streets – Creating green corridors





NFDC Next Steps

- Complete draft report
- Review methodology and outputs
- Streamline process for application to further settlements



**Any feedback
and / or
questions?**

