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Can access be restricted?

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Appendix 3

Carrick Wood Alternative Natural Recreational Green Space

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Carrick Wood

New Planting Proposals and Plans



1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Carrick Wood Public Open Space is subject to enhancement works as part of:

- NFDC (New Forest District Council) Mitigation Strategy – creating new and enhancing existing walking routes and open spaces to encourage residents to undertake daily dog walks close to home and so avoiding the sensitive parts of the National Park. Find out more at: [Mitigation for Recreational Impacts On New Forest European Sites - New Forest District Council](#)
- NMTC Neighbourhood Plan Green Loop – encouraging walking and cycling as alternative modes of transport. Find out more at: [Neighbourhood Plan 2016-36 - New Milton](#)

New Milton Town Council have agreed to implement proposed new planting to complete the enhancement works as set out below, aiming to undertake the planting works in the first planting season after the main contract is completed. (Autumn/winter 2024/25)

1.2 Purpose and Scope of Document

This documentation describes new planting: its purpose and form, species, and locations.

It does not describe planting methods or establishment operations, as New Milton Town Council will use its own tried and tested methods that align with current best practise for new planting and establishment.

1.3 Proposed Planting

New planting is proposed for specific purposes:

- To visually enhance the new walking routes – primarily through new bulb planting adjacent to glades, entrances and footpaths
- To provide a new boundary feature for the woodland edge at the rear of residential boundaries, that also enhances the ecological value and diminishes garden fly tipping
- To enhance the site entrance at Wentworth Gardens by creating a sense of entrance and transition from the residential street to the woodland. The final vision is to provide a rich grass sward (under existing mature oaks) with bulb planting on the eastern side, and new native hedge to the west and new standard tree planting to create a distinct entrance and connect new habitat (grassland and hedge)
- To maintain a screen to the rear of residential properties by retaining existing understory cover and supplementing with new native shrubs such as blackthorn and holly.
- To deflect access to the brick cistern at the western end of the site. (Planting undertaken by main contractor)



1.4 New Glades

Four new glades have been created by clearing understory, removing bramble roots, and lightly cultivating existing and imported soil.

They have been seeded with Emorsgate EH1, a mix of grasses and wildflowers that are tolerant of semi shade conditions.

The same seed mix has been used to repair disturbed soil adjacent to new paths.

Overseed if required using the same or similar seed mix.

1.5 Bulb Planting

Species	Number	Detail
Bluebells <i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>	1500	Only native <i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i> are to be sourced not Spanish bluebells <i>Hyacinthoides hispanica</i> .
Snowdrops <i>Galanthus nivalis</i>	1500	These will provide some of the earliest flowers in the woodland and are ideal at the site entrance and alongside the path.
Tenby daffodils <i>Narcissus obvallaris</i>	500	This is the main daffodil species native to Britain, known as the "Tenby Daffodil". This particular species is also suited to growing on rocky ground, grasslands and in woods where shade is common.
Wild daffodils <i>Narcissus pseudonarcissus</i> <i>lobularis</i>	1000	The Wild Daffodil (<i>Narcissus pseudonarcissus</i>) is a more delicate and graceful plant than its cultivated counterparts, known as "Lent Lily".
Wood anemone <i>Anemone nemorosa</i>	500	These white petalled flowers are suitable underneath trees and are one of the earliest flowers.
To prevent alien species becoming invasive, only source bulbs from reputable suppliers, do not accept donated bulbs from unknown sources		

Bulbs should be planted in groups of 20-30 single species clumps or drifts to maximise impact.



1.6 Hedge Planting

2 new mixed native hedges are proposed: adjacent to the residential fence along the Wentworth Gardens access point, and to provide a new woodland boundary to the rear of 27-30 Wentworth Gardens, approximately 3m from the fence line. The hedges measure 30m and 45m respectively.

The hedge should contain the following mix as a minimum:

25%	Hawthorn	<i>Crateagus monogyna</i>
15%	Blackthorn	<i>Prunus spinosa</i>
15%	Holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
10%	Hazel	<i>Corylus avellana</i>
35%	mixed flowering and fruiting species, such as	Malus sylvestris, dog rose, field maple

Plant in a double staggered row at a rate of 5 plants per linear meter and protect with 60cm spiral rabbit guard and cane.

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1.7 Tree Planting

Up to eight new trees are proposed to enhance the access point at Wentworth Gardens.

New trees should be native or near native and offer fruit and foliage colour, and range in stature from small and medium trees, taking account of existing mature oaks.

The plan below suggests locations for specific species, that are planted within or adjacent to the proposed hedges on the western side, and to create a 'gateway' feature into the woodland.

2 new oaks are also proposed to supplement new planting at the western access.

