



Miles Marling Park, Forest Green

K. Mown path to the Public Footpath which cuts across the field. As this part of the field is still leased from SDC it would remain as an area for informal recreation and dog walking.

J. Habitat corner for building dens, willow tunnels and hibernacula. Native planting to attract birds, butterflies, and pollinators.

I. Dog agility and sleeper benches for informal seating.

H. New planting within existing hedge boundary; we propose oak, lime, hawthorn and flowering fruiting shrubs to attract wildlife.

G. Play areas for both infants and juniors where children can play safely in view of carers. There is space for a 30m zip wire in the south west corner if budget allows.

F. Benches sited next to pathways to take advantage of the best views.

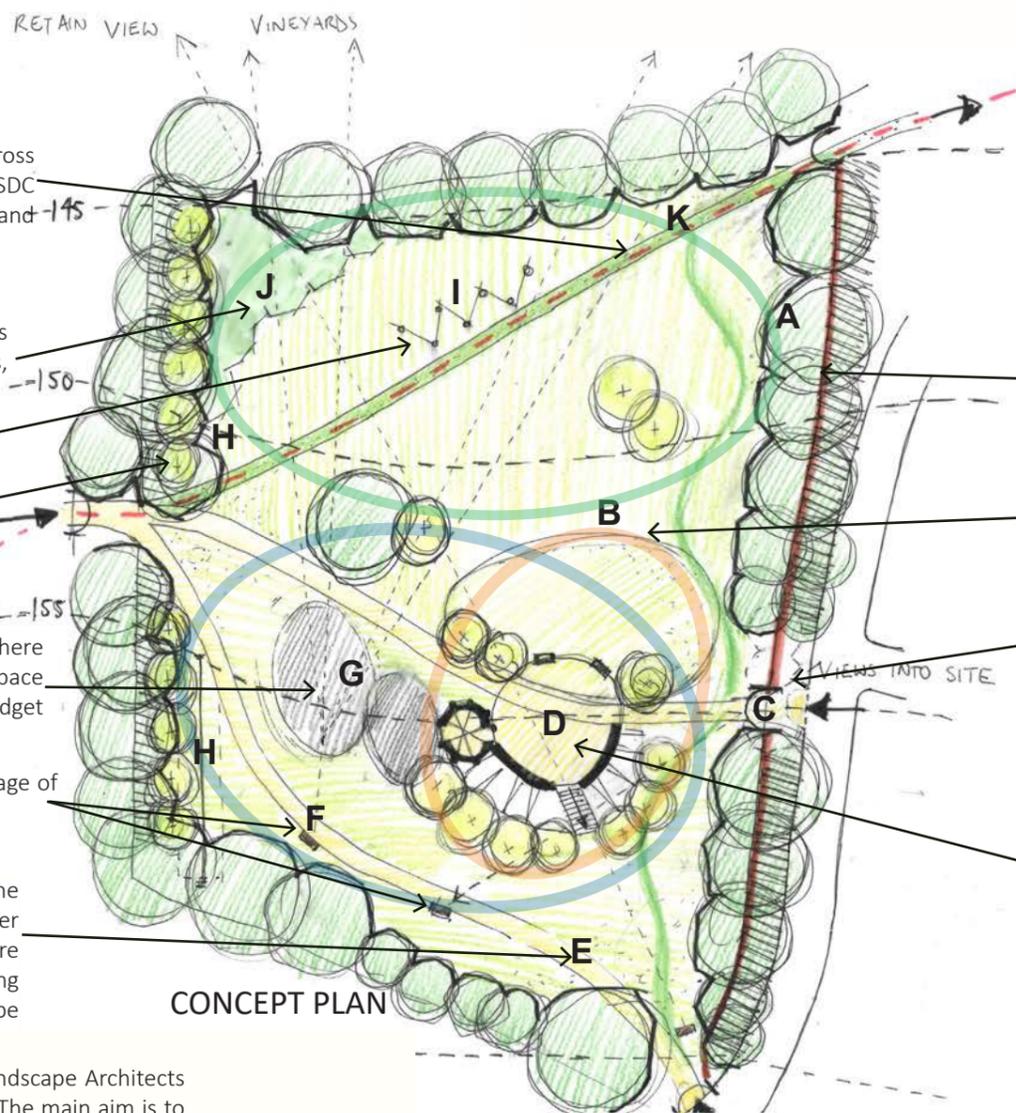
E. Natural pathway finished with self-binding stone chippings with no edge allows easy mowing either side of the path. The slope has a gradient of no more than 1:16 making it an accessible circuit. Existing pedestrian and maintenance access gates will be retained.

This proposal is made by Austin Design Works Landscape Architects in collaboration with Greenfield Garden Services. The main aim is to create a space that is attractive for all members of the community.

The site is divided in to two parts; to the south new gravel pathways are proposed allowing access whatever the weather. The sports equipment is kept and shelter removed. New oak benches provide resting places from which to enjoy views. The Southern half of the site also includes naturalistic play equipment for both junior children and infants.

In the centre of the site, fully visible from the new entrance, a new seating area will be carved out of the slope creating a level area. This could be used for community events such as fêtes, informal BBQs, outdoor classes and picnics. The entire area would be surrounded by seating made from oak sleepers, tall poles threaded up high with steel wire providing structure for climbing plants, lights or bunting. The level grassed area provides space for both kick-about or informal play.

To the North of the site the land drops away. It is proposed that a meadow mixture is sown here with paths cut through and a habitat corner created. The inclusion of a dog agility course and some informal sleeper benches would provide additional benefit to dog walkers and help to keep dogs generally to this end of the site.



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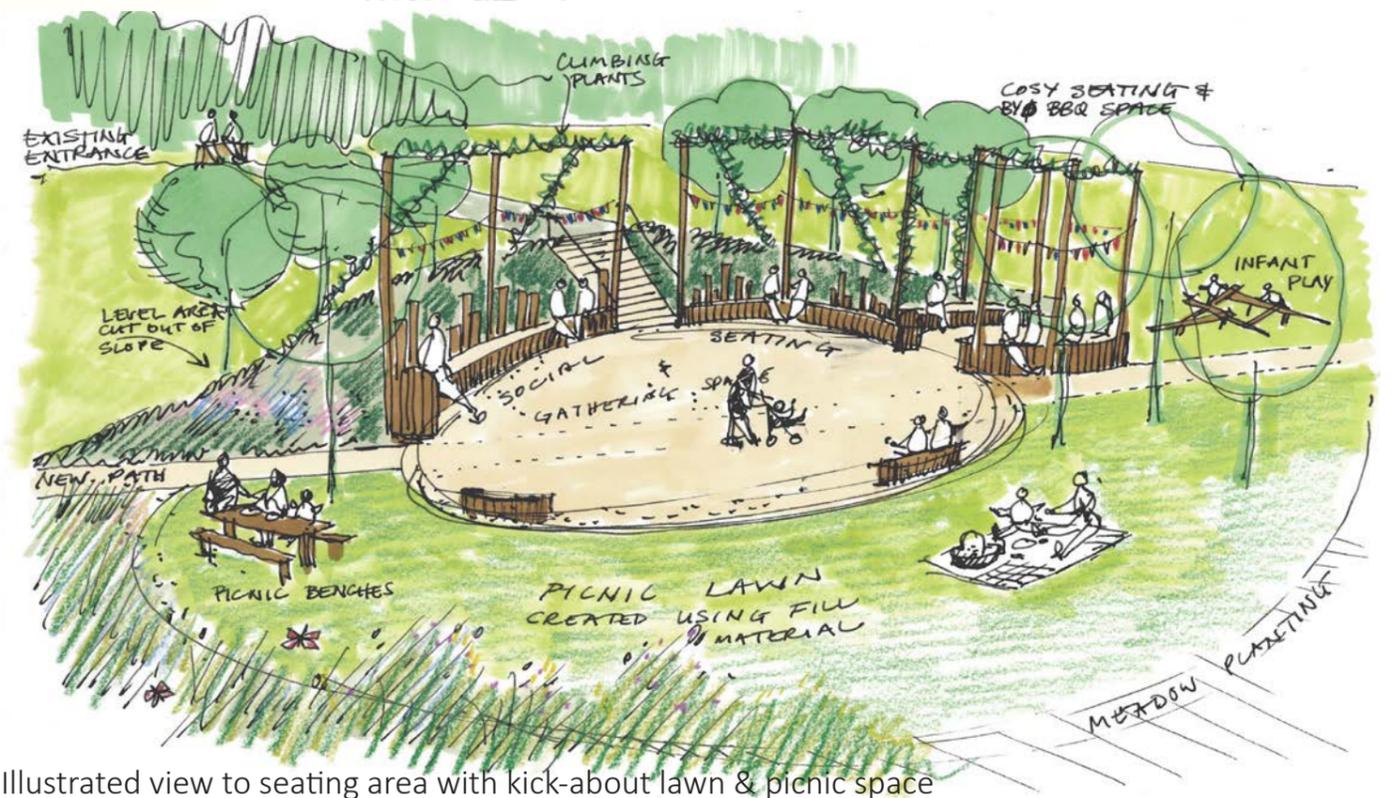
- Social Hub zone with seating & level picnic space.
- Formal recreation, play area, fully accessible zone.
- Informal recreation, dog walking and nature reserve.

A. New fencing runs inside existing hedge boundary; existing understorey vegetation to be cut to 1.5m high, allowing views into site from the road, making the park more secure.

B. Meadow planting with level 35m wide lawn for ball games and picnics.

C. New entrance and welcome space. Increased visibility into park from road. Remove sycamore and ash to create new access point. Barriers allow for pedestrian and disabled access but stop vehicles entering.

D. Social space cut into bank, similar in size to the circular area in Mortimer Gardens in Nailsworth; this would have a tough gravelled surface and also an area for personal barbecues and social events. This area would be the main focal point of the park. New trees provide shade and a waterproof canopy could be incorporated over the small seating circle, if desired.



Illustrated view to seating area with kick-about lawn & picnic space

