

WHITCHURCH VILLAGE WOODLAND PARK

Development Proposal by
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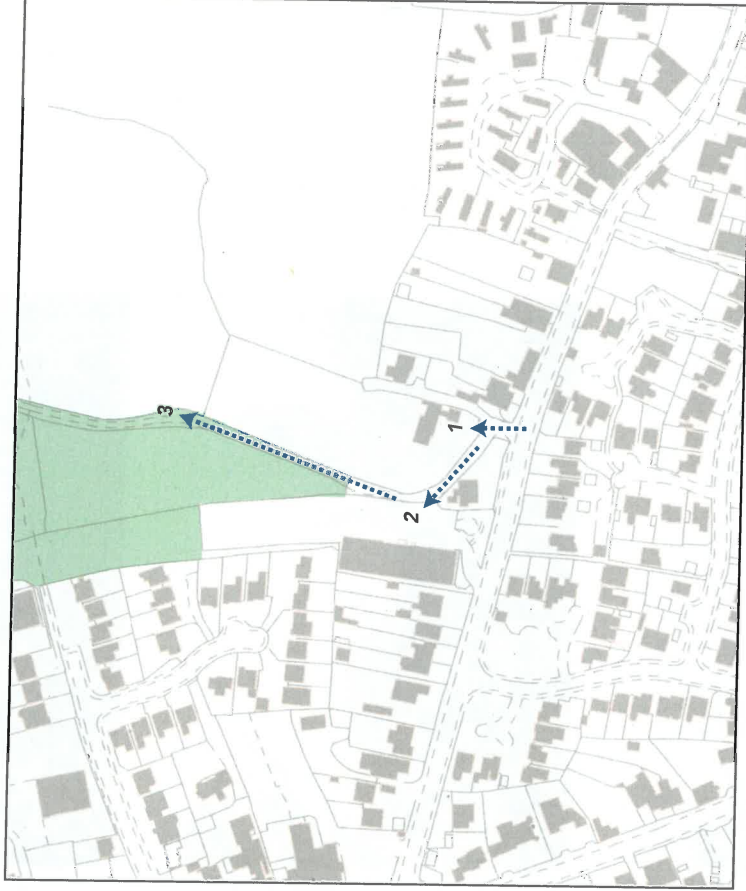
1. View from Road



2. Access to Proposed Park along established Cycle Route



3. Entrance to Park Site and Established Cycle Route



ACCESS FROM WHITCHURCH VILLAGE



SITE CHARACTERISTICS

A photograph of a dirt road lined with dense green trees and bushes. In the distance, a building with a decorative window is visible. The text "KEY DOCUMENTS" is overlaid on the right side of the image.

KEY DOCUMENTS

Over **90% of the District is rural** and it has 47 rural parishes. The Government's vision for the countryside is a living, working, **protected** and **vibrant** countryside.

B&NES' wealth of **natural** and cultural **assets**, including its watercourses, **trees and woodland**, countryside, parks, **exceptional landscapes** and historic built environment, make a huge contribution towards the **attractiveness** and **liveability** of the District.

Provision of Green infrastructure including **multifunctional** green space (formal, natural and allotments); well integrated Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems and **habitat, pedestrian and cycle** connectivity within the site and to the surrounding area. To include a multi-functional Green Infrastructure corridor.

Ensure the integration of this area into neighbouring developments, to provide more **direct access** to local **facilities** and services, and to encourage **walking and cycling**

Contributions will be required to facilitate the expansion of Whitchurch Primary School to accommodate the additional **pupils generated from the development** and to fund enlargement of the school site or the provision of a new playing field in a suitable location

Valuing people, place and nature

a green infrastructure strategy
for Bath & North East Somerset

March 2013

**Bath & North East
Somerset Council**



natural environment

community,

providing for people, places and nature.

Valuing people, places and nature

natural tourism

link

beyond the district

alternative models

leisure spend

local shops.

physical improvements

Respect

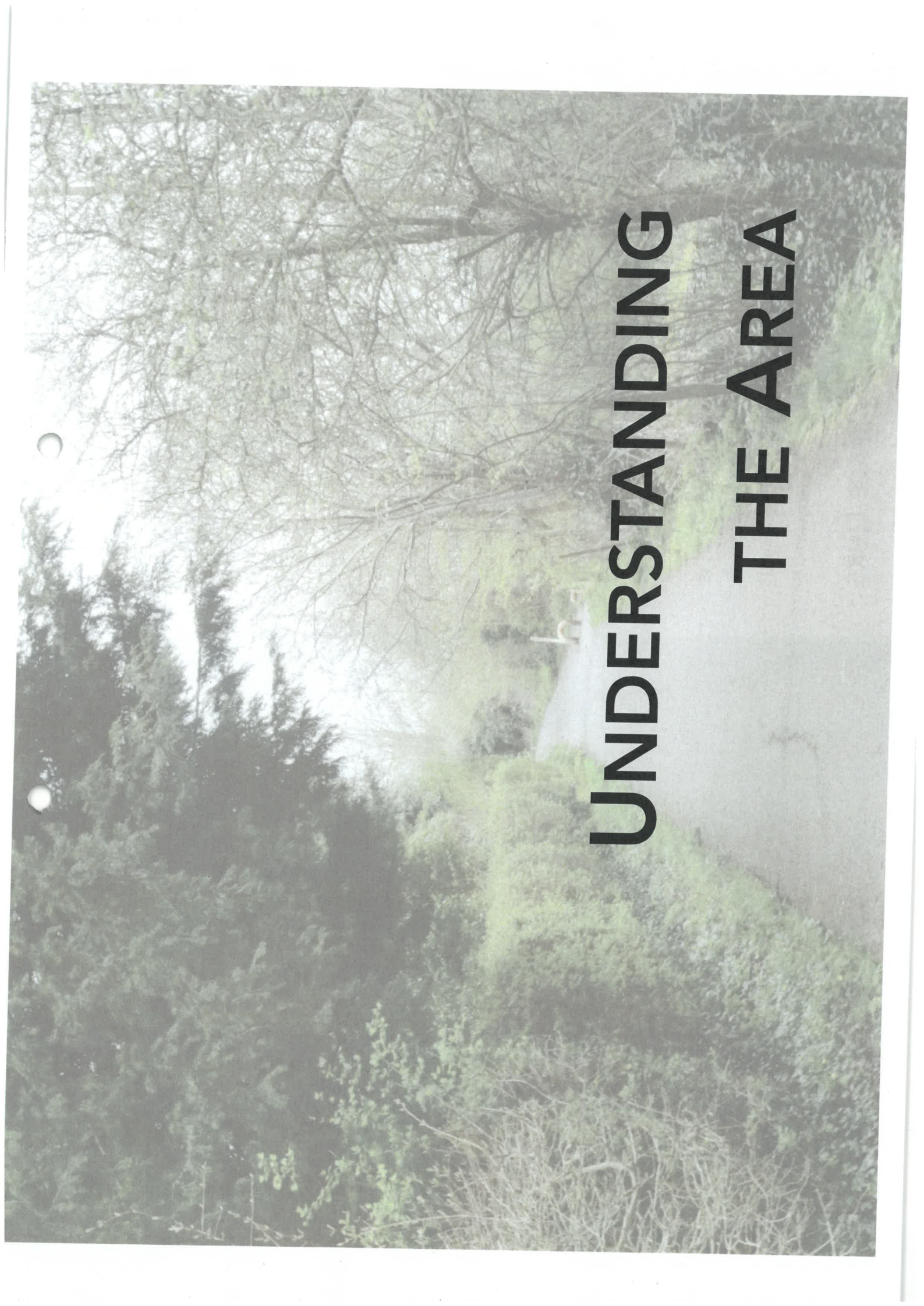
enhance

local

visitor

access

recreation.

A photograph of a forest landscape. In the foreground, there is a dense thicket of green bushes and some bare, light-colored branches. A dirt path or road winds through the middle ground, leading towards a small, light-colored structure or clearing. The background is filled with tall, thin trees, some with sparse green leaves and others that are bare. The overall scene is a natural, wooded area.

UNDERSTANDING THE AREA



There is a small amount of public space within the village for recreation and play

Existing park to the south of the village is removed and has difficult access to it

Park space to the north is Bristol Council land, and is made up of wild grassland and woodland

EXISTING PLAYGROUNDS

STRENGTHS

- Existing Woodland Space
- Cycle Links between Bristol and
Whitchurch Village
- Links to existing Green Space to the
North, and Village Park

WEAKNESSES

- Local Connections to Whitchurch Village
- Thick Woodland requiring management
- Lack of facilities and ancillary features
such as lighting and bins

OPPORTUNITIES

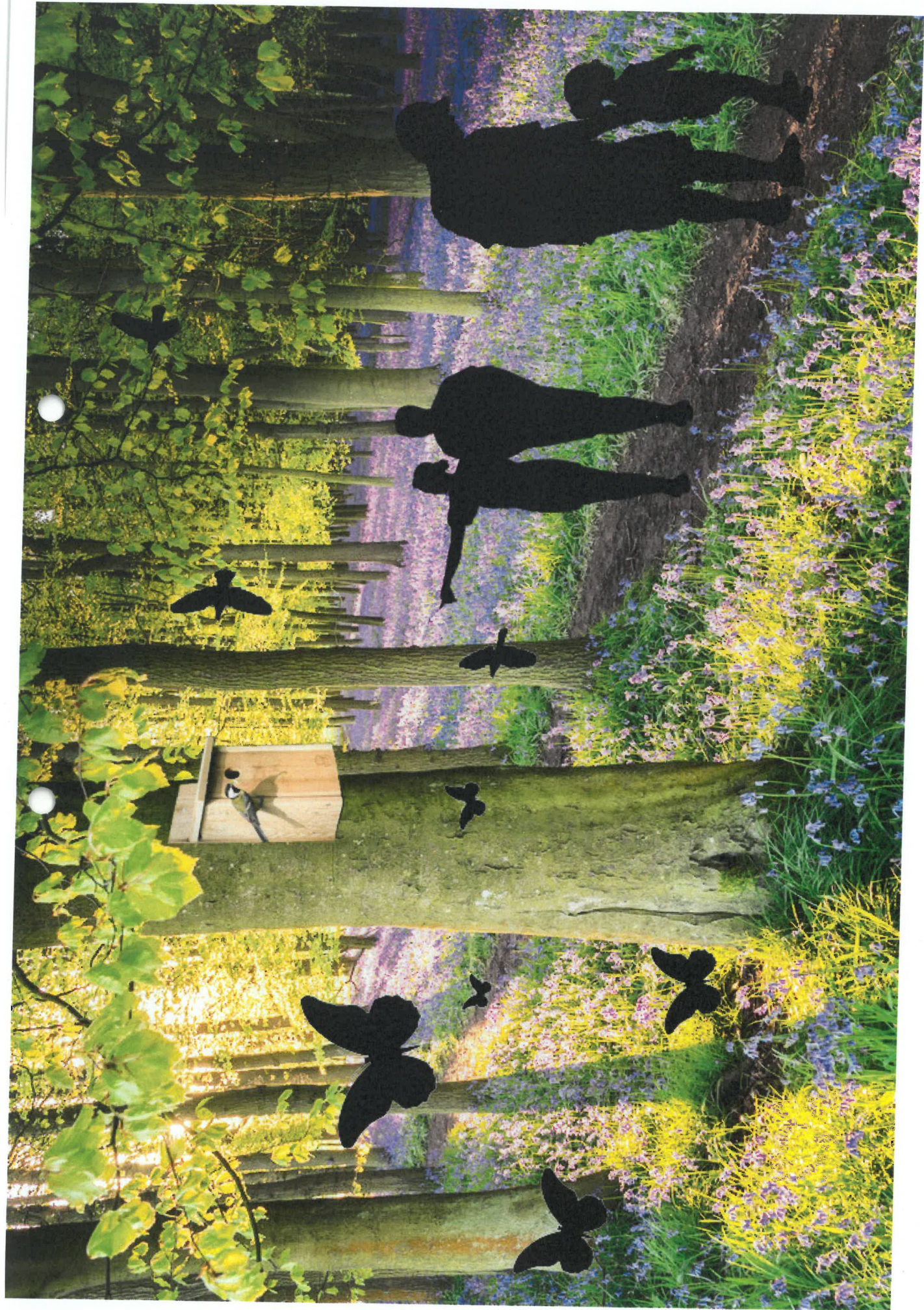
- Develop routes into the Woodland Area
- Create a space for play, relaxation and activity
 - Increase provision of facilities
- Bring visitors to the area from local and wide area

THREATS

- Night time activity is against family
aspect of the site
- Rubbish in the area needs clearing
- Hard access through the site for school
students and parents

A photograph of a path leading through a dense forest. The path is paved and curves to the right. The trees are lush and green, with sunlight filtering through the canopy. In the distance, a small structure or building is visible through the trees. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

FOCAL POINTS OF THE DESIGN

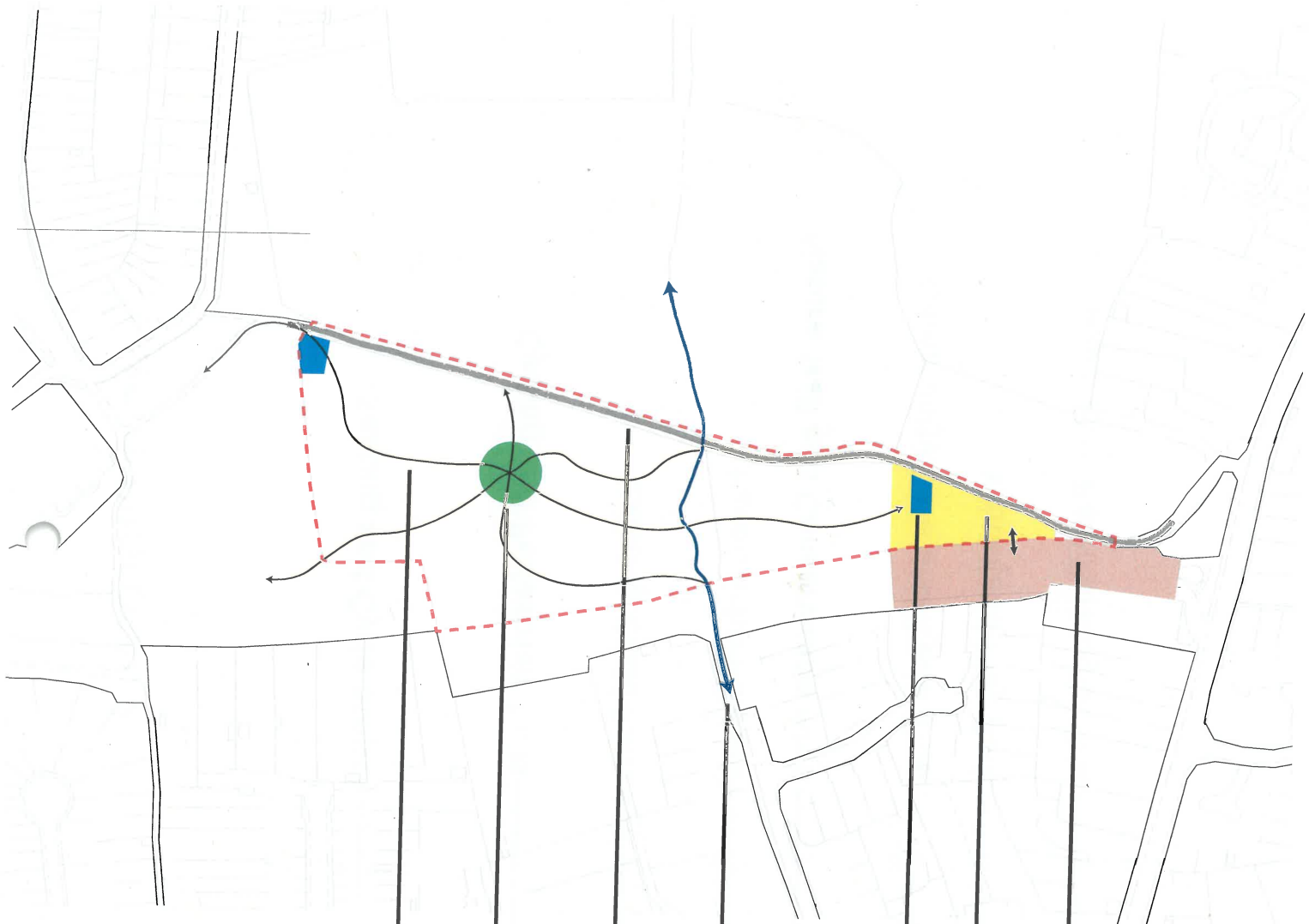


FAMILY WOODLAND NATURE TRAILS



PROPOSED INTERVENTIONS

SITE LAYOUT PROPOSAL 1



Woodland Trails

Woodland BBQ and Social Space

Existing Cycle Path

Paved School Route

Community Cafe and Cycle Stop

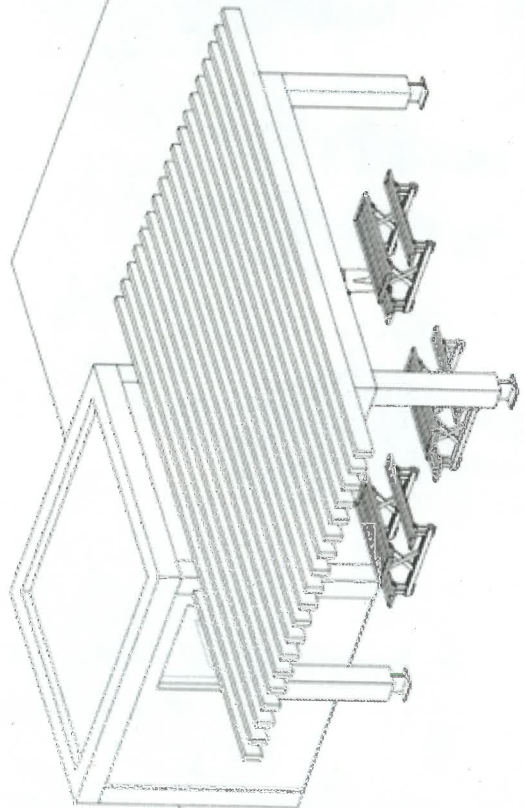
Woodland Play Park

Short Term Paid Parking at RBL



WOODLAND BBQ AND SOCIAL SPACE

FAMILY CAFE AND CYCLE STOP



PROPOSED ACTION PLAN

PRIMARY - 1 YEAR

FORESTRY MANAGEMENT

WOODLAND PLAYPARK

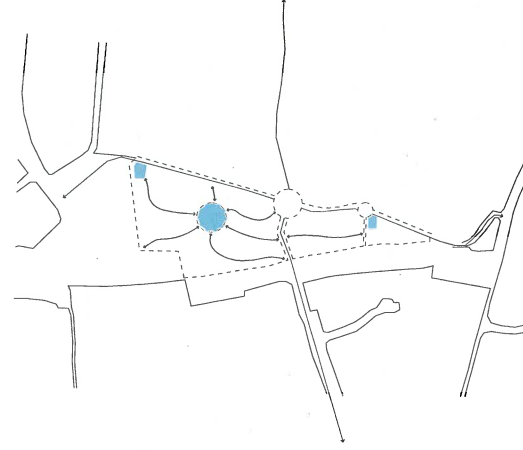
SHORT TERM PARKING AT RBL



TERTIARY - 3 YEARS +

WOODLAND BBQ AND SOCIAL SPACE

COMMUNITY CAFE AND CYCLE STOP



SECONDARY - 2 YEARS

PAVED SCHOOL ROUTE

WOODLAND AND NATURE TRAILS

LIGHTING ALONG CYCLE PATH

