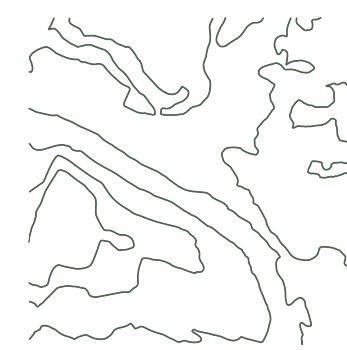


1 Nobles Park Masterplan

Introduction



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Have your say: Nobles Park masterplan public consultation

Douglas City Council is pleased to present the Nobles Park masterplan for public consultation. This aspirational plan sets out a long-term vision for the park, seeking to make improvements for all, whilst balancing the needs of everyday use, major events, environmental sustainability, and accessibility.

The masterplan will allow us to make strategic improvements over time that contribute towards a long term aspirational vision. Let's work together to create a park that meets the needs of all generations — now and into the future.

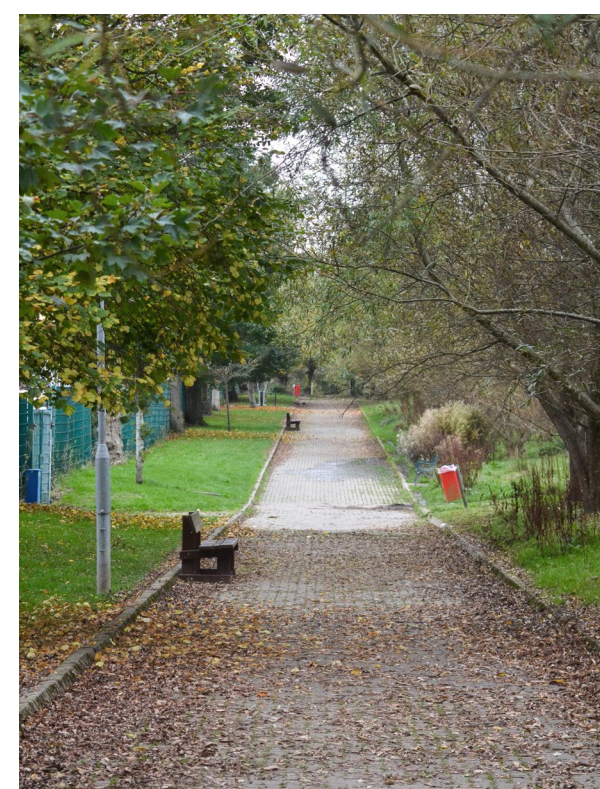
The proposed designs have been developed in response to;

- An initial brief set by Douglas City Council
- The findings of an initial public questionnaire launched at the end of 2025 asking local residents how we could improve the park

Initial consultation

At the end of 2025 we asked local people how we could improve the park for all. We welcomed a strong response from the community with a total of 355 forms completed.

Key findings from the initial public response and how the proposed design has responded are summarised on boards 4-8.



Existing strengths

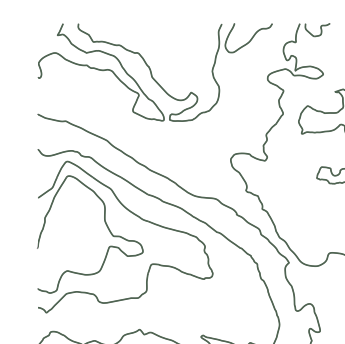
- Elevated position and views towards Douglas bay
- Green setting and existing mature trees
- Wide range of existing community, sports and play facilities
- TT Grandstand provides visitor draw as piece of cultural heritage
- Well maintained, clean park
- Easily accessible from nearby residential areas
- Successful, well-used naturalistic / dog walking area

Existing weaknesses

- Sports / play facilities in need of updating
- Limited offer for teenagers
- Poor drainage to lower fields / naturalistic area
- Large expanses of mown grass - lack of biodiversity
- Footpaths are narrow in places and there is a lack of circular route around the park
- Vehicles passing through centre of the park creates conflict with pedestrians and cyclists, and splits park in two
- Limited new tree planting or replacement strategy for existing ageing tree stock
- Some entrances are non-accessible in places and uninviting
- Area used for TT is cluttered and lacks day-to-day use in non event mode. Area of playing field also damaged by TT event.
- Pavilion lacks day to day community use, and has poor ground floor interface with park.

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Proposed Masterplan - Phase 1



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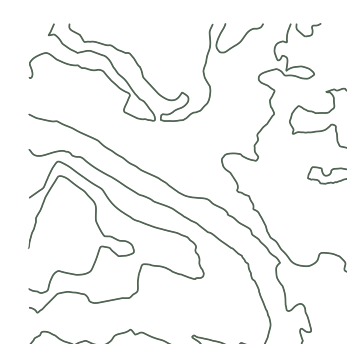


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| 1. Entrance improvements | 12. Proposed Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) (18m x 38m) | 22. Segregated cycle lane |
| 2. Proposed play area | 13. Existing BMX track | 23. Un-mown reinforced grass area with mown paths (to be mown during TT event) |
| 3. Proposed garden with existing band stand retained | 14. Proposed community garden | 24. Proposed motorhome aire / TT camping and pits area |
| 4. Existing pavilion retained | 15. Proposed callisthenics area | 25. Existing car park / TT team pits area |
| 5. Existing bowling green retained | 16. Proposed bouldering sculptures and table tennis area with seating terrace cut into slope | 26. Proposed skate park (moveable) |
| 6. Existing splash park retained | 17. Proposed wildflower meadows with tree planting, mown paths and picnic tables | 27. Proposed entrance plaza to TT Grandstand |
| 7. Existing maze retained | 18. Proposed pond with seating / viewing deck | 28. Existing car park / TT departure and pits area |
| 8. Existing toddler play area retained | 19. Existing naturalistic area / dog walking area retained | 29. Proposed reinforced grass to playing field |
| 9. Proposed padel courts | 20. Drainage swale to dog walking area with bridge crossings | 30. Existing playing field retained |
| 10. Proposed wildlife garden / viewing terrace to top of existing reservoir | 21. Perimeter path / circular route around park with seating | 31. Un-mown grass & wildflower meadows with mown paths |
| 11. Proposed pump track and seating terrace cut into slope | | 32. Proposed BBQ / Picnic area |

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Proposed Masterplan - Phase 2



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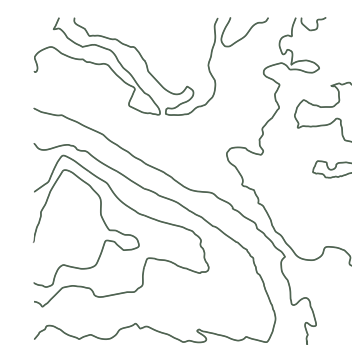


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| 10. Proposed sand play zone | 22. Drainage swale to dog walking area with bridge crossings | 33. Un-mown grass & wildflower meadows with mown paths |
| 11. Proposed padel courts | 23. Perimeter path / circular route around park with seating | 34. Proposed BBQ / Picnic area |
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Legibility & Identity



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Initial consultation feedback;

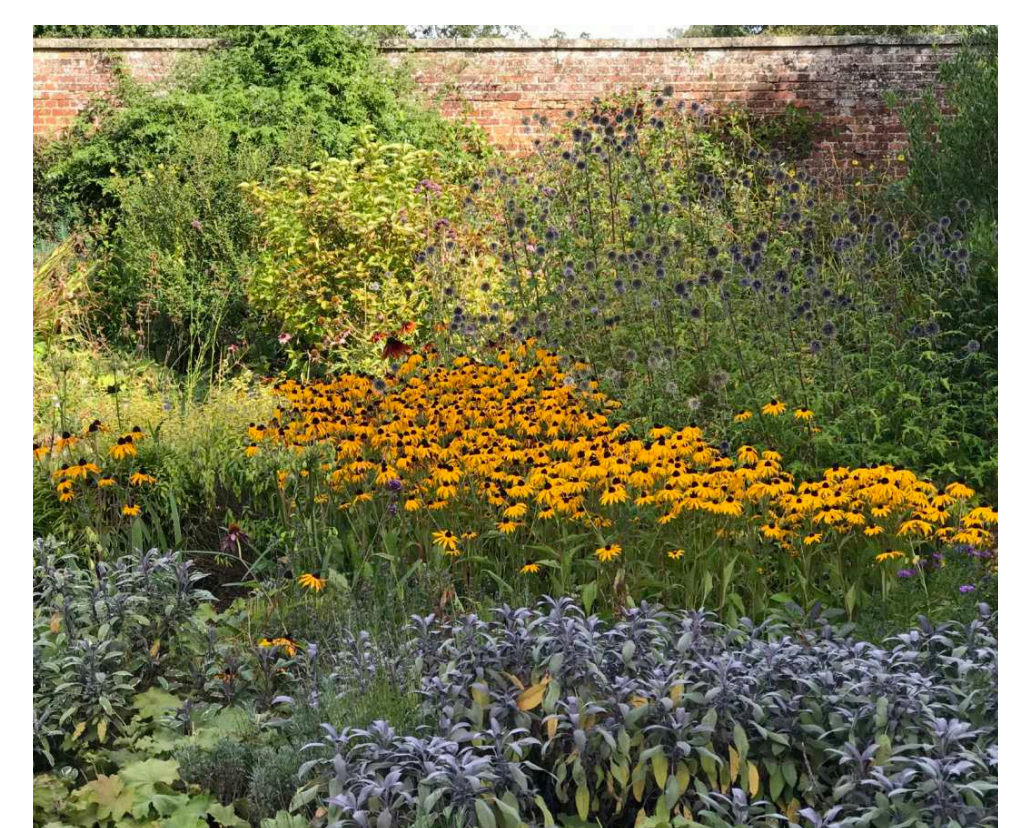
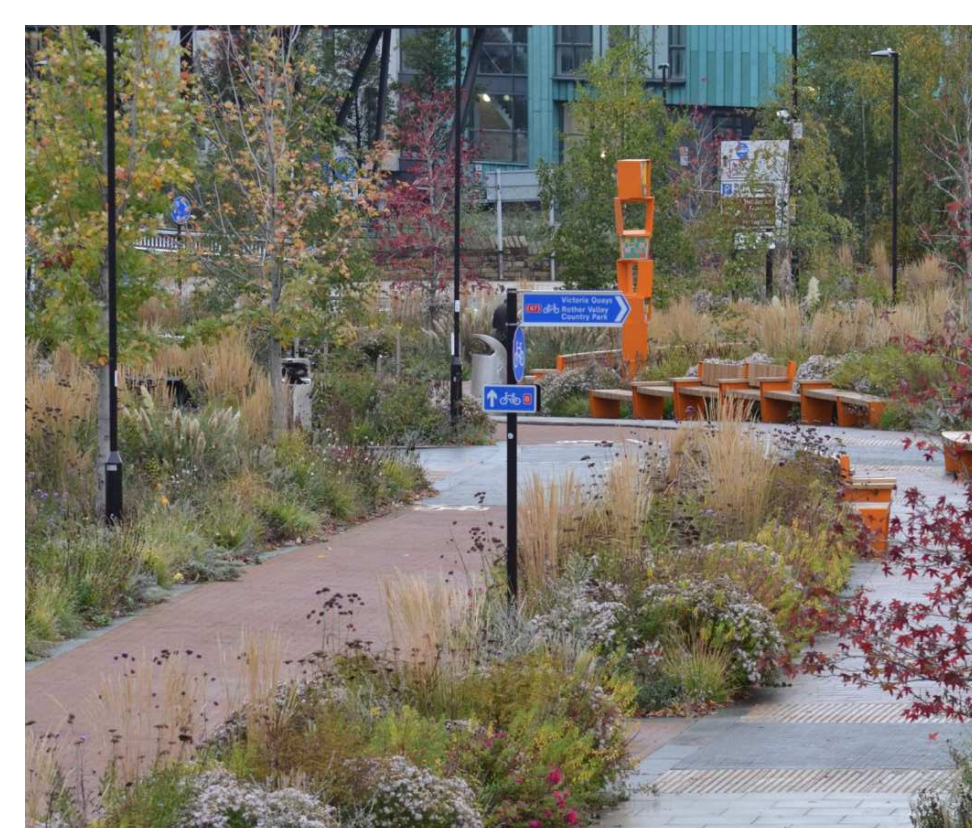
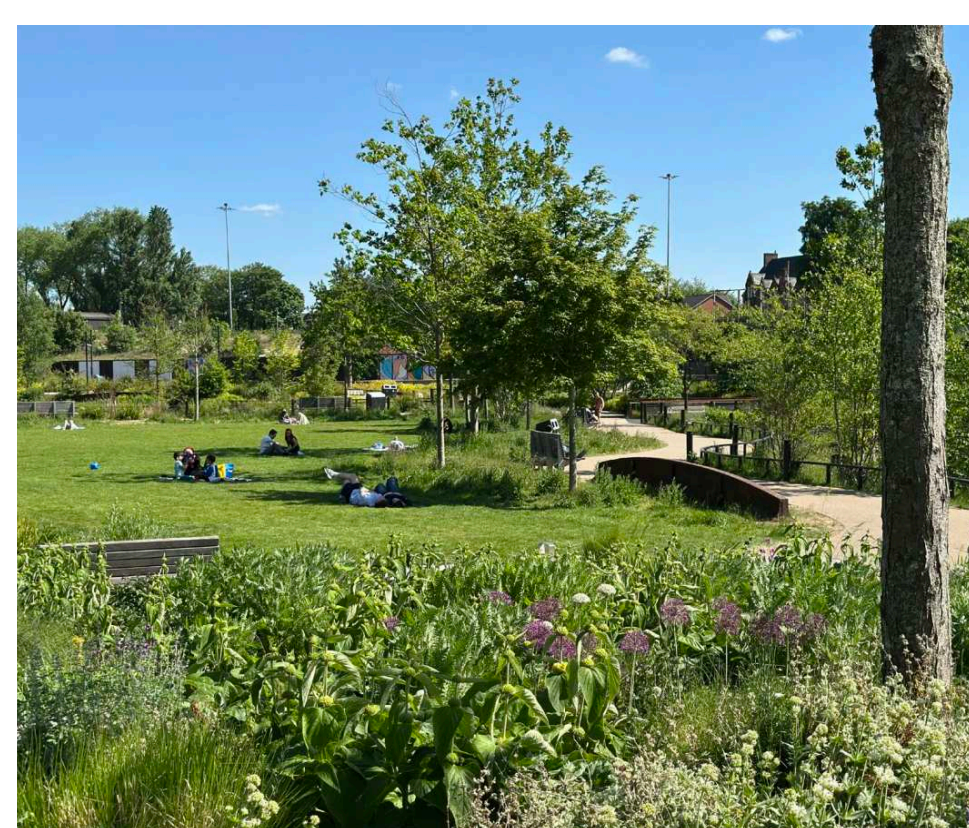
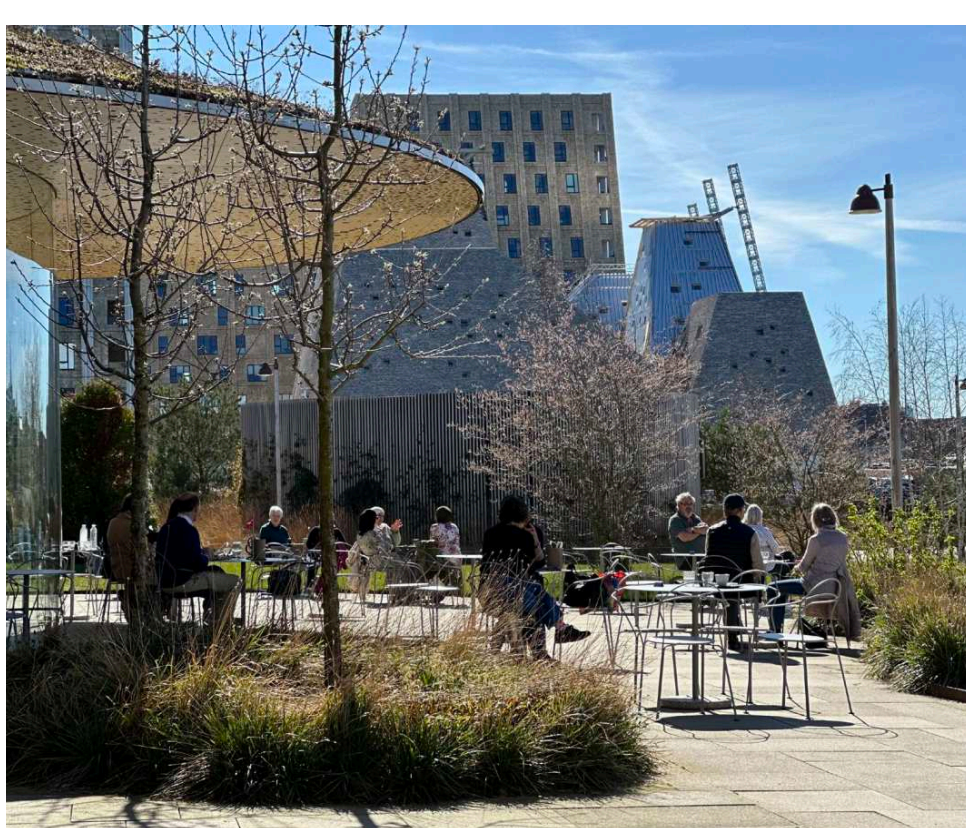
Key findings from the initial public response are summarised as follows;

- **78%** of respondents live within a **15 minute walk / cycle**
- **59%** of respondents visit either **daily or weekly**
- **45%** of respondents arrive at the park **by car**
- **49%** of respondents **walk** to the park
- **4%** of respondents use **public transport or cycle** to the park
- **88%** find it easy to navigate around the park
- **57%** of respondents welcomed public art or landmarks to strengthen the parks identity
- **40%** would recommend the park to visitors, **40%** wouldn't.



Design response

- Provide secure **cycle parking** and provide dedicated **cycle routes** through park and wider shared paths.
- Improvements to **wayfinding** (both in, and around the park) including **distance markers** may make the park feel more accessible by foot/bike
- **Restricting vehicle access** within the park to encourage use of alternative means of transport.
- Prioritise investment in facilities that would **improve daily use**, (not just event use) including seating, footpaths, community facilities.
- Creation of a '**central hub**' in Phase 2 to provide a facility that can be used by the local community daily - everyday functions such as cafe / toilets / clubs and classes / maintenance team space.
- Introduce **strong, anchor landmark** to the park (pavilion / grandstand / artwork)
- Work with local artists, the local community to incorporate **art installations** within the park
- Clearly **defined arrival** into the park and use of consistent design language throughout the park to create identity



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Access & safety

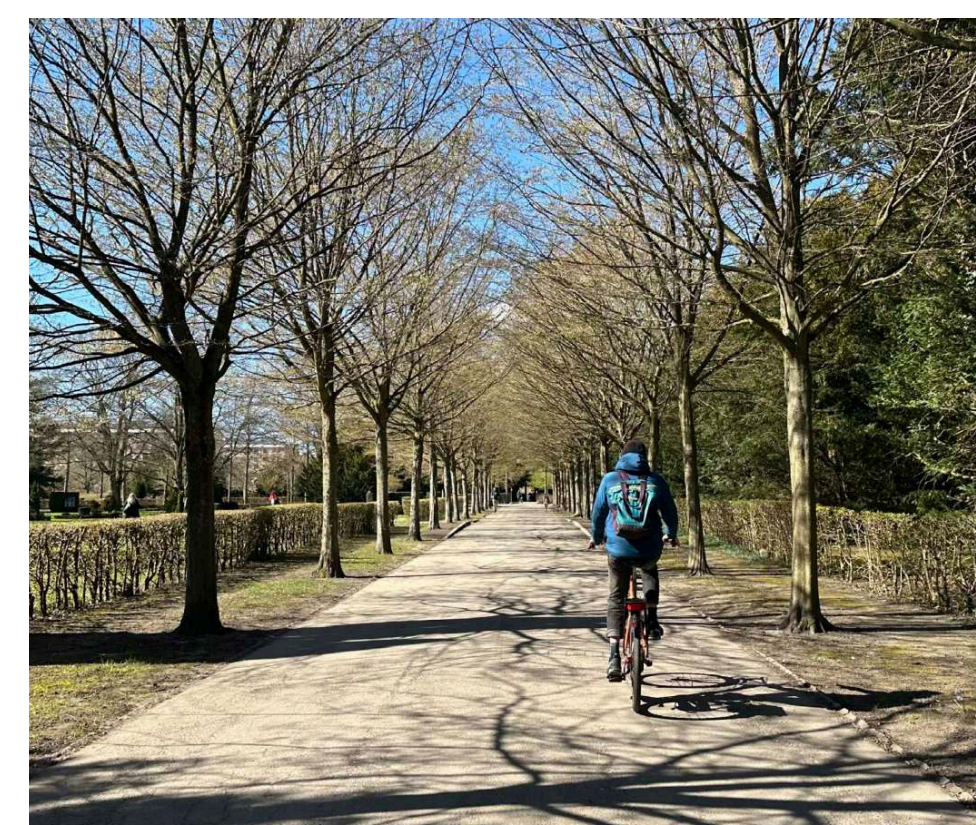
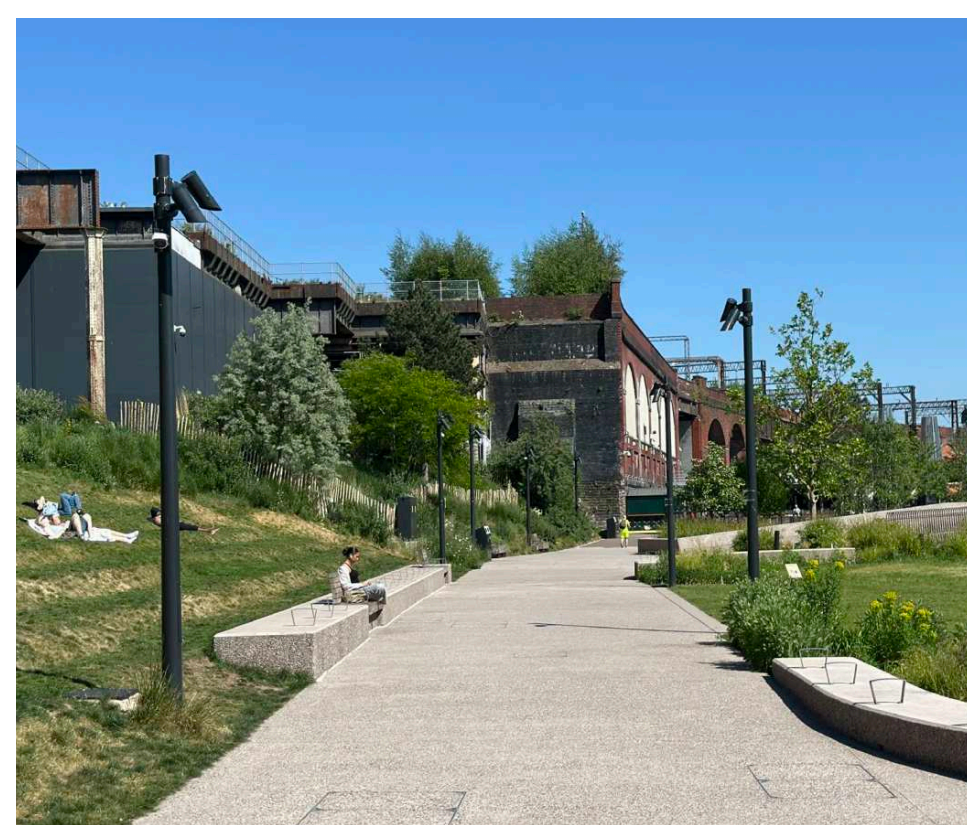
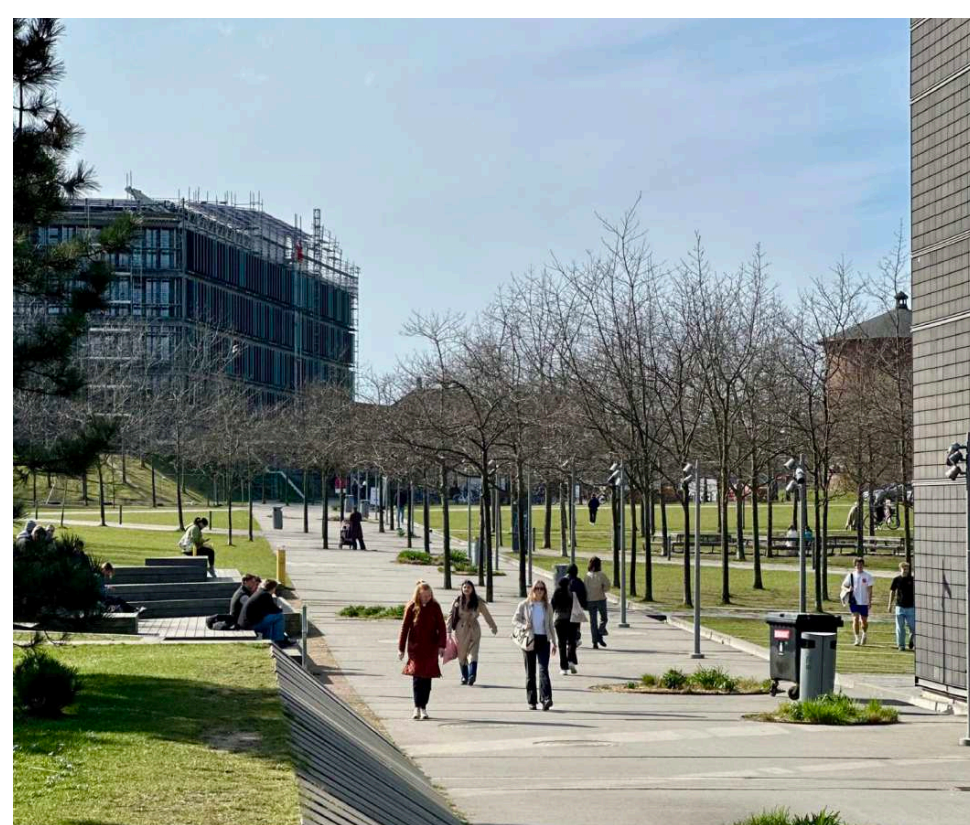
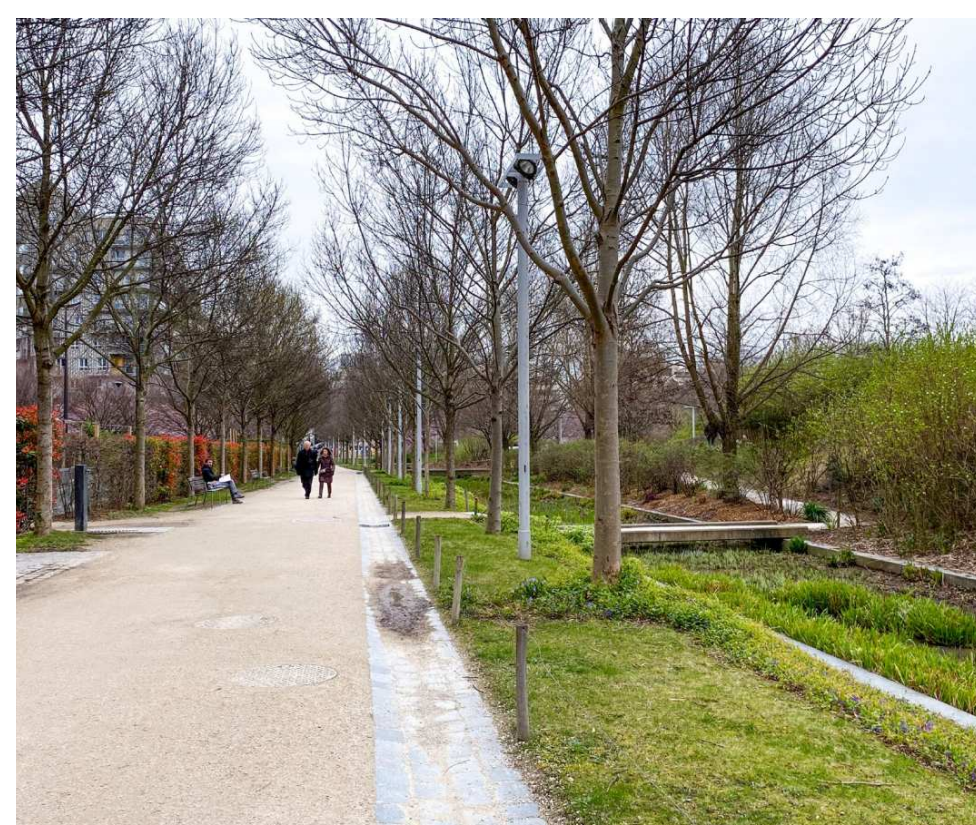
Initial consultation feedback;

Key findings from the initial public response are summarised as follows;

- **79%** of respondents would support path improvements for walking, running and cycling
- **82%** feel safe using the park
- **67%** said improved lighting would make them more likely to visit the park in the evening
- **66%** would support reduced vehicle access / introducing traffic calming measures in the park to improve safety

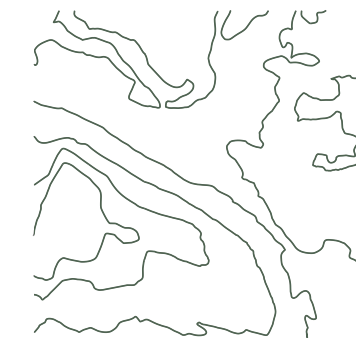
Design response

- Create **clear, wide primary pedestrian and cycle paths** around the park.
- Establish a **hierarchy of routes** (primary, secondary, tertiary) to accommodate fast/slow movement
- Introduce **lighting** along key routes
- Rationalise **vehicle movement** - all vehicular access via Dukes Avenue to **improve pedestrian flow and safety** for children and pets.



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Park Facilities



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Initial consultation feedback;

Key findings from the initial public response are summarised as follows;

- **67%** of respondents would like more seating
- **61%** of respondents would like improved play facilities
- **42%** of respondents would like improved footpaths
- **40%** of respondents would like an improved community / visitor facility
- **39%** of respondents would like a new skate park
- **19%** of respondents would like community allotments
- **63%** of respondents don't currently use the park's existing sports facilities
- **50%** of respondents said improved sports facilities would encourage them to visit more often



Design response

- Provide a **variety of seating** including;
 - at convenient rest points for elderly and those with limited mobility
 - places for social interaction
 - places for quiet contemplation
 - overlooking key views
 - near play areas for parents
 - at entrances / meeting points
- Incorporate a **unique play offer**, creating a destination / landmark associated with the park
- New landmark **central community / visitor facility** (Phase 2)
- Engage with local skate group to develop proposals for **new skate park**
- Provision of **community garden**
- Wide variety of **informal sports facilities** for all weathers and times of year

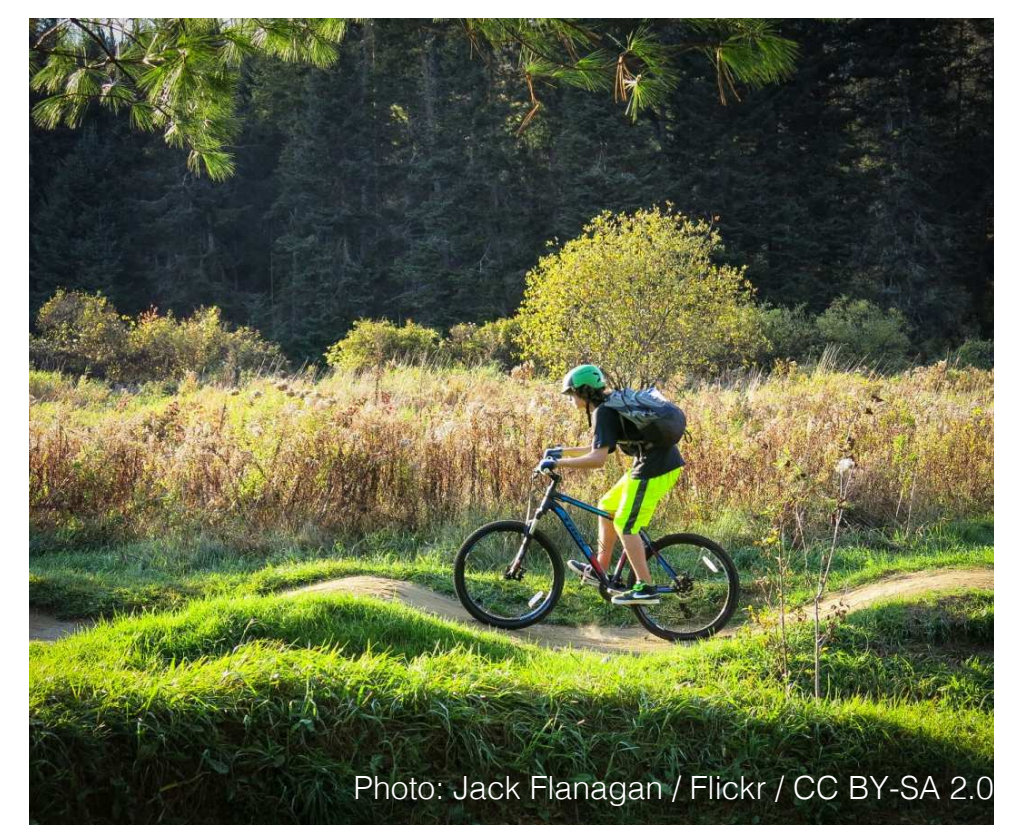
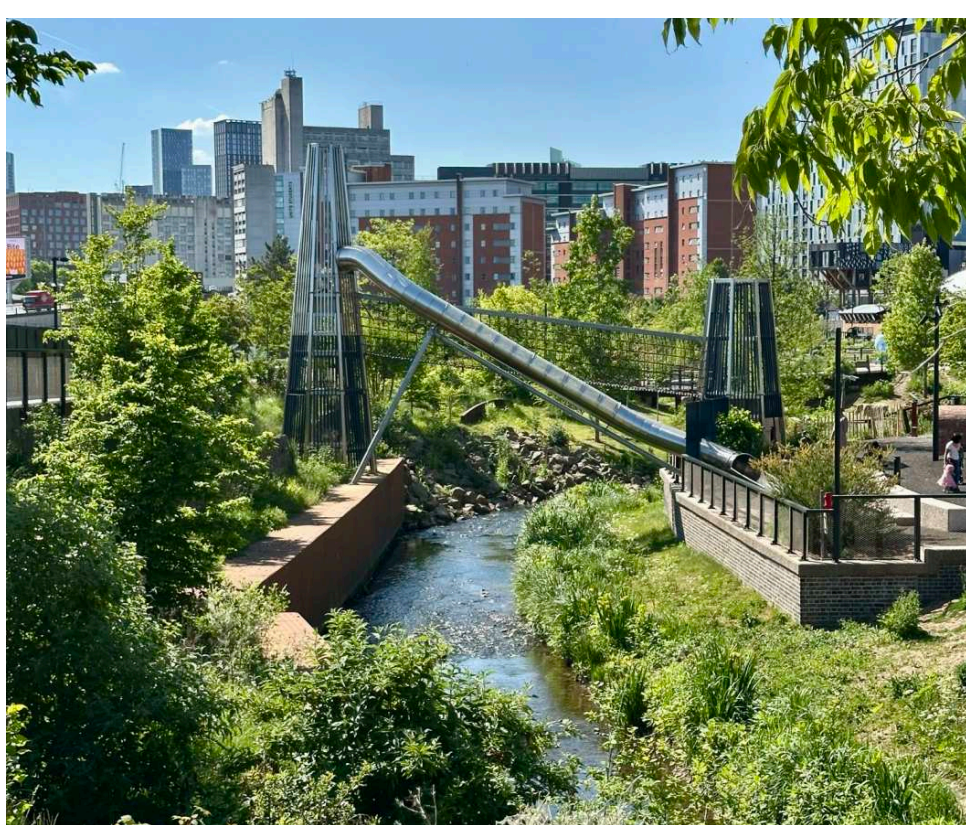
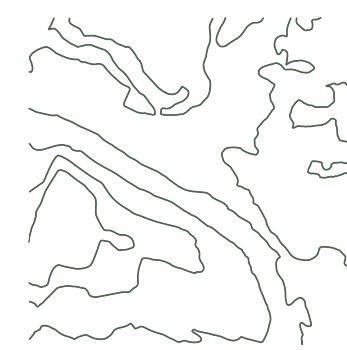


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Environmental



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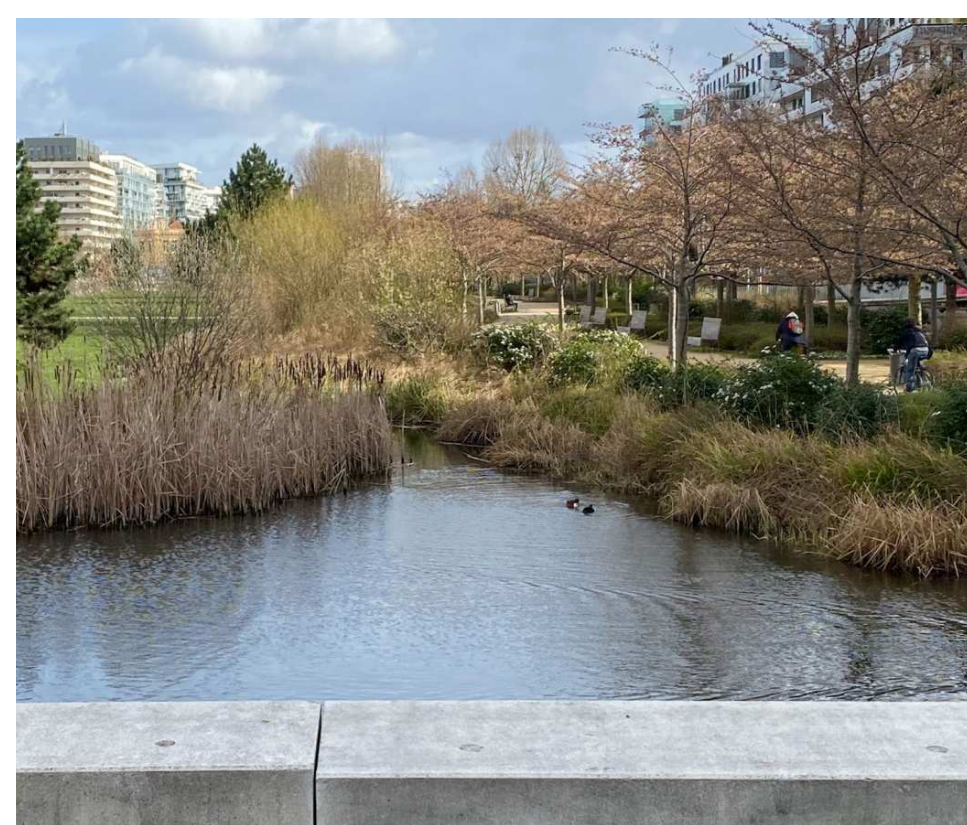
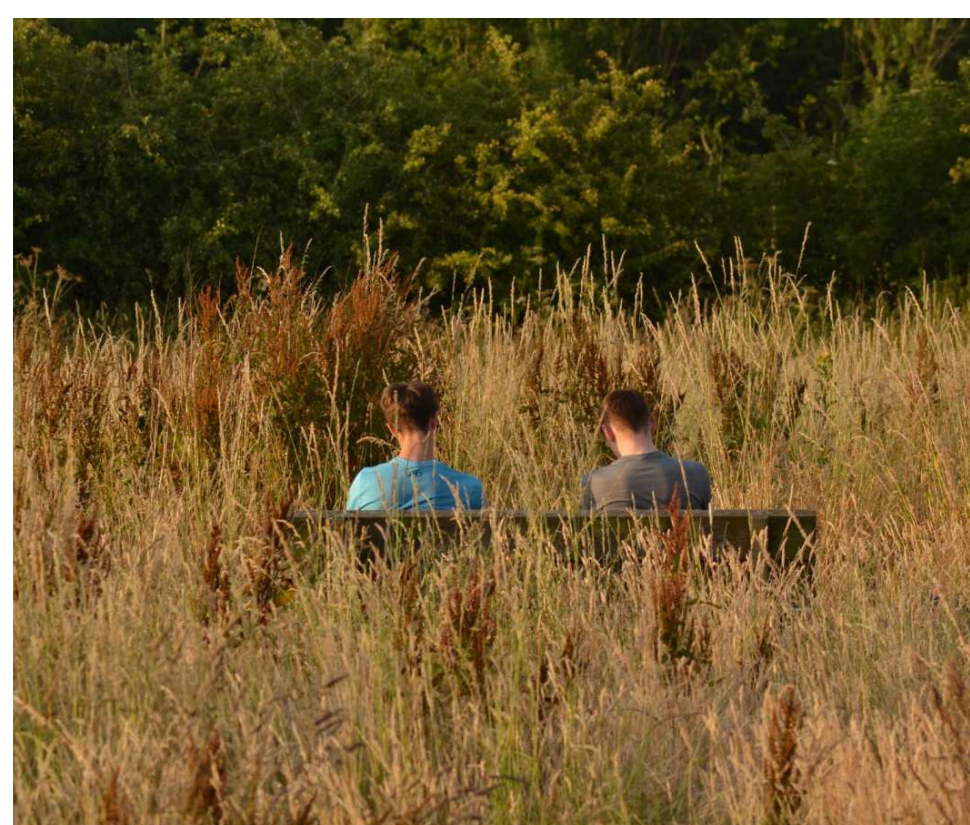
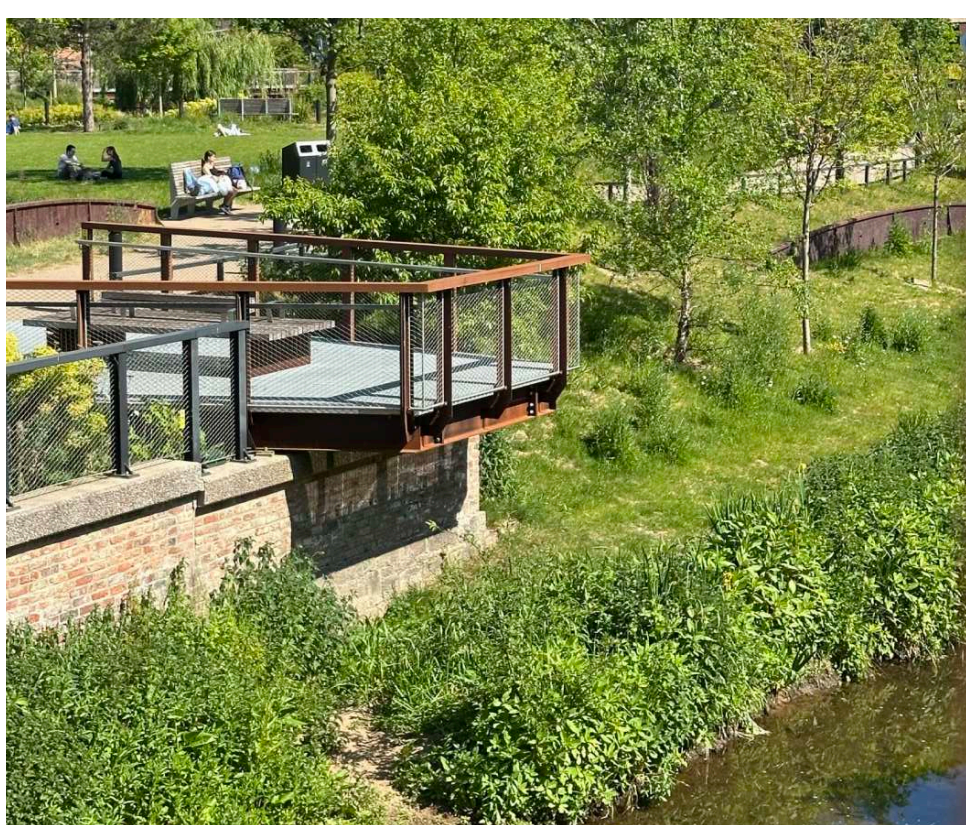
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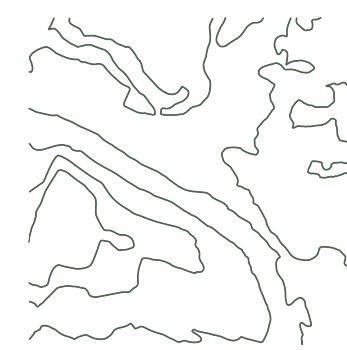
- **84%** of respondents would support wildflower meadows
- **82%** of respondents would support new tree planting
- **42%** of respondents would support rewilding areas / reduced mowing / longer grass areas
- **25%** of respondents would be interested in supporting maintenance by volunteering

Design response

- Prioritise **tree planting and wildflower meadows**
- Creation of a **urban nature reserve** on reservoir top with boardwalks, viewpoints, seating and accessible perimeter route
- Introduction of **water bodies for wildlife** and year round interest - to improve drainage on lower dog walking area
- Harness community support for tree planting - **community tree planting days**
- Reduced mowing areas to be in clearly defined zones, framed by **mown edges to give managed appearance**
- Introduce **interpretation** to 'rewilding' zones to communicate intentions.



8 Nobles Park Masterplan Events



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Initial consultation feedback;

Key findings from the initial public response are summarised as follows;

- **57%** of respondents welcomed public art or landmarks to strengthen the parks identity
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Design response

- Creation of a new **year round civic space** adjacent to TT grandstand
- Establishing a **high quality public realm** space to support an improved **visitor experience** during TT event
- Celebrating the home of the TT and its contribution to the **cultural identity** of the park
- Addition of large **specimen trees** within the plaza to add **grandeur, and provide shade** during TT week and throughout the summer
- Incorporating **interpretation** that celebrates the mountain course and the wider landscape of the Isle of Man, including **artwork, creative paving detailing and planting.**
- Addition of large format **south-facing seating** overlooking the park for use year round by community and during event mode
- Creation of a destination to **attract visitors and tourists** to the park throughout the year

