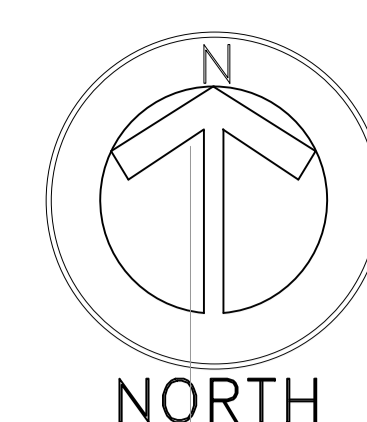


Waterside Valley, Westfield Masterplan - Improvements and general management regimes



SCALE 0 20 40 60 80 100m

Paths & Access

See also detailed notes in Legend



Entrances

Entrances have been designated under three categories:

- Primary Entrances**
 - Official entrances mostly protected by PROW, and with potential to be made fully accessible to all
 - Entrances marked by simple welcoming open gateway feature - either simple substantial posts, archway or an art based installation
 - Consistent design language to be applied to each entrance
 - Route Westfield Parish Council branding, possibly combined with Radstock Town Council to link with HaydonBath. Where required, include fencing or removable bollards to prevent unauthorised vehicle access
 - Interpretation & information board to be installed just inside entrance. To include notice of prohibited activities
- Secondary Entrances**
 - Official entrances mostly protected by PROW, but with little potential to be made fully accessible to all
 - Entrances marked as above but with slightly simpler, smaller scale features and simpler interpretation information
- Tertiary Entrances**
 - Informal / unofficial entrances, not protected by any known right of way, but well used for many years
 - Entrances to be marked with a simple low key marker post / bollard with site name and WPC branding

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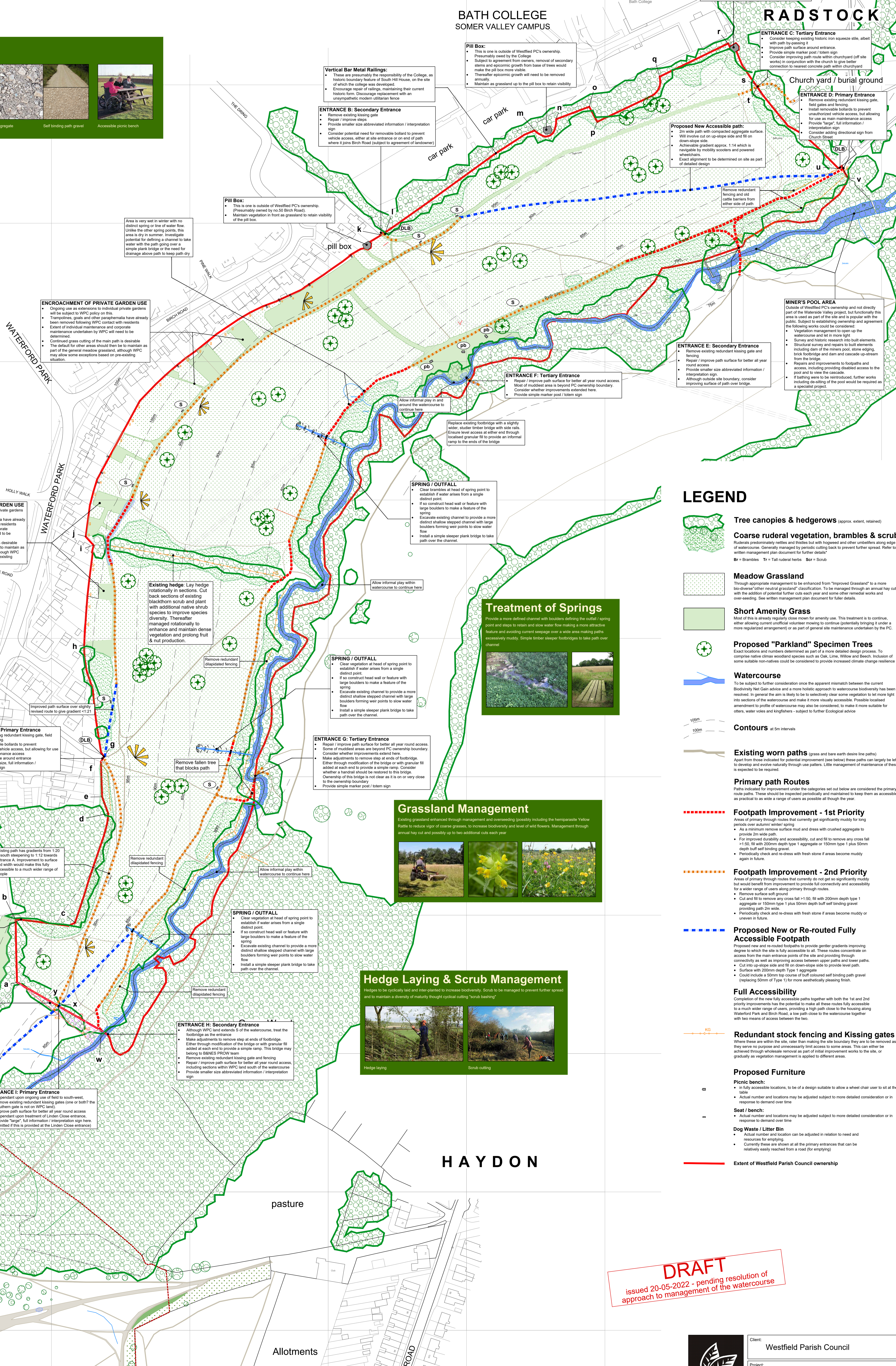
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LEGEND

- Tree canopies & hedgerows** (approx. extent, retained)
- Coarse ruderal vegetation, brambles & scrub**
Ruderal vegetation, brambles and scrub, but not necessarily of high value. This area is used as part of the Waterside Valley project, but functionally this area is used as part of the site and is popular with the public. Subject to the establishment of the following works could be considered:
• Remove existing stock fencing and kissing gates
• Structural survey and repairs to built elements
• Repairs and improvements to footpaths and access, including providing disabled access to the pool and to view the lake.
• If bathing area will be reintroduced, further works including the pool would be required as a specialist project.
- Meadow Grassland**
Through appropriate management to be enhanced from "Improved Grassland" to a more bio-diverse "Other natural grassland" classification. To be managed through an annual hay cut with the addition of potential further cuts each year and other remedial works and over-seeding. See written management plan document for full details.
- Short Amenity Grass**
Most of this is already regularly close mown for amenity use. This treatment to continue, either allowing current uncut infill to continue (potentially bringing in under a more regularized arrangement) or as part of general maintenance undertaken by the PC.
- Proposed "Parkland" Specimen Trees**
Exact locations and numbers determined as part of a more detailed design process. To complete native climate woodland species such as Oak, Lime, Willow and Beech, inclusion of some suitable non-natives could be considered to provide increased climate change resilience.
- Watercourse**
To be subject to further consideration once the apparent mismatch between the current Biodiversity Net Gain advice and a more holistic approach to watercourse biodiversity has been resolved. The aim is to generate the ability to selectively clear some vegetation to allow more light into sections of the watercourse and make it more visually accessible. Possible localised amendment to profile of watercourse may also be considered, to make it more suitable for other, water-vases and kingfishers - subject to further Ecological advice.
- Contours** at 5m intervals
- Existing worn paths** (grass and bare earth desire line paths)
Apart from those indicated for potential improvement, site below paths can largely be left to develop and mature naturally through use. Little management of maintenance of these is expected to be required.
- Primary path Routes**
Paths identified for improvement under the categories set out below are considered the primary route paths. These should be periodically inspected and maintained to keep them as accessible as practical to a wide range of users as possible at all times.
- Footpath Improvement - 1st Priority**
Areas of primary through routes that currently get significantly muddy for long periods after autumn weather spring.
• As a minimum remove surface mud and dress with crushed aggregate to provide 2m wide path.
• Fix improved durability and accessibility, cut and fill to remove any cross fall > 1:50, fill with 200mm depth type 1 aggregate or 100mm type 1 plus 50mm depth buff self binding gravel.
• Periodically check and re-dress with fresh stone if areas become muddy again in future.
- Footpath Improvement - 2nd Priority**
Areas of primary through routes that would benefit from improvement to provide full connectivity and accessibility for wider range of users along primary through routes.
• Remove surface soft ground.
• Cut and fill to remove any cross fall > 1:50, fill with 200mm depth type 1 aggregate or 150mm type 1 plus 50mm depth buff self binding gravel.
• Periodically check and re-dress with fresh stone if areas become muddy or uneven in future.
- Proposed New or Re-routed Fully Accessible Footpath**
Proposed new and re-routed footpaths to provide gentler gradients improving access to which the site is fully accessible to all. These routes concentrate on access from the main entrance of the site and providing through connectivity as well as improving access between upper paths and lower paths.
• Cut into up-slope side and fill on down-slope side to provide level path.
• Surface with 200mm depth Type 1 aggregate.
• Could include a 50mm top course of buff coloured self binding path gravel (replacing 50mm of Type 1) for more aesthetically pleasing finish.
- Full Accessibility**
Completion of the new fully accessible paths together with both the 1st and 2nd priority improvements has the potential to make all the routes fully accessible to a much wider range of users, providing a high path close to the housing along Waterford Park and Birch Road, a path close to the watercourse together with two means of access between the two.
- Redundant stock fencing and kissing gates**
Where these are within the site, rather than making the site boundary they are to be removed as they serve no purpose and unnecessarily limit access to some areas. This can either be achieved through wholesale removal as part of initial improvement works to the site, or gradually as vegetation management is applied to different areas.
- Proposed Furniture**
 - Picnic bench:**
 - In fully accessible locations, to be of a design suitable to allow a wheelchair user to sit at the table.
 - Actual number and locations may be adjusted subject to more detailed consideration or in response to demand over time.
 - Seat / hand:**
 - Actual number and locations may be adjusted subject to more detailed consideration or in response to demand over time.
 - Dog Waste / Litter Bin**
 - Actual number and location can be adjusted in relation to need and resources for emptying.
 - Currently these are shown at the primary entrances that can be relatively easily reached from a road (for emptying).
- Extent of Westfield Parish Council ownership**

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