

Dear Resident,

Thank you for your interest in the Council's proposed **Climate Ready Bishopbriggs!** Project.

This information sheet is to provide you with a summary of why the Council has proposed a variety of works, and to ask for your help to shape the plan to provide improvements to your local area.

The Council, in partnership with East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action, is taking positive steps to improve Etive and Woodhill Parks to address some issues that have been identified, namely:

1. **Surface Water Management** – As part of our actions under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 we are undertaking surface water management studies for the Bishopbriggs area. One of the possible options for managing surface water is to use above Sustainable Urban Drainage (SUDS) ground features i.e. swales, basins and daylighting existing culverted watercourses in this area. The park provides us with the opportunity to use this open space to provide additional capacity to store water in times of extreme rainfall events which was experienced in the June 2018. This will result in minimising flood risk in area from all sources including the sewer network in the long term, taking away the pressure on the existing drainage systems. In addition the project will look to incorporate roadside swales, or depressions to capture any water run-off from sloped park areas flowing onto the road causing overland flows.
2. **Provision of an allotment** – in response to a lack of space for food growing. The allotment will allow plot holders to grow their own food and lead more sustainable lives in a secure, calm and attractive setting.
3. **Biodiversity rich areas** – as a Council we took on board the request from residents to have more wildflower meadows and to promote Pollinator Trails, plus planting of ornamental street trees along with fruit tree/community orchard and native planting for biodiversity.
4. **Improved path network** – to help improve links from Auchinairn and the Town Centre and across the site.
5. **Improved recreation** – through proposed upgrades to the existing local play areas at Etive and also at Auchinairn (the back of O'Neill Avenue). There is also a possibility of creating a fenced pump/bike track near to the existing play park using the materials from any drainage improvements.
6. Addressing the issue of speeding cars along Menteith Avenue, by introducing **speed calming measures**.
7. Provide more definition to the park through attractive **stone boundary features, attractive entrances, signage and artwork**.

8. Encourage local residents and schoolchildren to take an interest in the park, through **community planting days, environmental education, sporting activities and training days.** The Council and EDVA would work with local community groups and schools and support them, with the aim of identifying and carrying out long term community events in partnership with key groups such as Bishopbriggs Community Council, Woodhill Residents Group and many others.

To this end, the Council has produced a series of plans that will provide a basic illustration of proposed works. Three plans have been provided –

1. The first – showing a sketch plan of the areas that could be used to retain water in extreme weather events either temporarily or after a storm event, or if required after flood modelling studies a more permanent area of water/stream. There are two main areas that could be used for holding water – north and south of Menteith Avenue.
2. The second plan shows the proposed design of the allotment site. This area would be enclosed with secure fencing, have large (250m<sup>2</sup>) plot sizes, and access paths plus community areas.
3. The third plan shows a wider view of the park, incorporating the first two plans but also showing the opportunities for planting.

It should be noted that we have not yet indicated the area where the play park improvements would take place and the Council would be keen to hear residents' views on what recreational improvements they would like to see and where. Opportunities include, and not limited to, improvement of the equipment already within the play area, a pump/bmx track and adult fitness.

More specifically, the outputs of the proposed project are the following:

The proposal will deliver the following specifically:

- i) Creation of areas of wildflower meadow, nectar corridors, open water and wetland habitat, hedgerow creation and management and signature tree planting, (Wildflower meadow, 19450m<sup>2</sup>; Pot Grown Planting, 19450m<sup>2</sup>, Wild Harvest, 500m<sup>2</sup>; Edible Hedge, 230m<sup>2</sup>, Orchard, 4000m<sup>2</sup> and Bulb Planting, 4000m<sup>2</sup>).
- ii) Interpretation of biodiversity and green infrastructure features proposed for the site (14 boundary markers, 2 stone interpretation monoliths)
- iii) Increasing storage capacity for surface water management by creating swales, wetland and basin features within open spaces. Divert road drainage from Menteith Avenue to

roadside swale currently draining to a piped system (Main swale/wetland 8,250m<sup>2</sup> and second basin 1,475m<sup>2</sup>, total approx. 9,725m<sup>2</sup>)

- iv) Improved path network for cycling, walking and recreation.
- v) Providing enhanced areas for personal exercise through natural play, dog agility/park provision and adult fitness (2 dog parks, 5 fitness units, upgraded play areas, bmx/pump track).
- vi) Creation of one large allotment site for local food production including an orchard and fruit tree trails (14 full plots, community areas and inclusive raised beds plus community place.
- vii) Creation of at least two park focussed groups – 1 Friends of Group and 1 Allotment Association.
- viii) Improved boundary features and upgraded entrances to main paths.
- ix) Community and school events with the Countryside Rangers including wildflower/tree planting and the use of the space for forest school activity.
- x) Brushing of the existing blaes pitch and improvements to the grass surface of the pitch in Auchinairn to provide a better surface for playing.

We would be grateful if you could look at the plans provided, either at our Community drop-in event at Auchinairn Early Learning Centre on the 29<sup>th</sup> April, or alternatively by accessing the plans online. A form has also been provided to gain your views on the project, and whether there are any aspects that could be improved or additional elements considered.

It should be noted that prior to any planning application that will be lodged, the Council will carry out site investigation works to determine ground conditions and carry out a full drainage modelling of the area to determine the final details of the flood mitigation works. The Council has also sought external grant funding from ERDF Green Infrastructure Fund, which is administered by Scottish Natural Heritage. The results of our funding application will be determined in June 2019.

Once again, we thank you for taking time to look at these proposals and we would very much appreciate your views and support.