



## Frequently Asked Questions – Newbold Comyn

Below are a list of questions and answers on the feasibility and masterplanning project for Newbold Comyn. These have been developed to provide further information on the project and to explain the purpose of the consultation and how to provide feedback.

## 1. Why is the Council proposing to make changes at Newbold Comyn?

The Council are exploring options for new facilities at Newbold Comyn that are designed to provide greater opportunities for local people to engage in sport and physical activity. Providing spaces that help encourage people to be physically active in order to contribute to wider health outcomes is a key strategic objective of the Council.

Survey Timeline Open 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 Close 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Following the closure of the golf course in December 2017, the Council undertook a public consultation to gather feedback on how local people currently use Newbold Comyn, what they like best about the site and any concerns regarding its future.

In 2018, The Sport, Leisure and Culture Consultancy (SLC) worked with Warwick District Council to identify some initial options for new facilities at Newbold Comyn, which were designed to meet local need, encourage residents to be more physically active and ensure a financially sustainable future for the site.

The next phase of work is to undertake a more detailed feasibility study to explore these facility options further through consultation with current users, stakeholders and residents. The consultation will inform the development of a draft masterplan for Newbold Comyn, for consideration by the Council.

# 2. How can I give feedback on the facility options?

An online questionnaire has been set up to enable residents to provide feedback which is available at <u>https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/UJBUvw</u>.

If you have any questions about the survey, please send them to info@slc.uk.com.

We will also be running public drop-in sessions on Friday 27th September, 11am – 7pm, at Newbold Comyn Leisure Centre and on Tuesday 29th October, 11am – 6pm, at the Royal Pump Rooms library. The aim of these sessions is to give local people an opportunity to provide feedback, ask questions and make suggestions on additional or alternative facility options.

### 3. When does the public consultation close?

The online survey closes at midnight on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

### 4. What will happen following the public consultation?

SLC will collate the results of the public consultation and use the feedback to inform the development of a draft masterplan for the site. This will then be presented to the Council's Executive Committee for consideration. If approved by the Council, the draft masterplan will then be subject to a further stage of public consultation in early 2020.





## 5. How will any new facilities at Newbold Comyn be paid for?

This has not yet been determined by the Council. Cost estimates of the proposed new facilities together with the projected running costs will be developed as part of the feasibility study. However, the development of a full business case, including funding sources, would be undertaken as part of a future stage of work, subject to the masterplan being approved by the Council.

## 6. If approved, when will any of the proposed developments be completed?

This has not yet been determined and will be subject to the development of a full business case, which will need to be considered and approved by the Council, following completion of the feasibility study. A planning application will need to be made if the Council decides to progress with the plans.

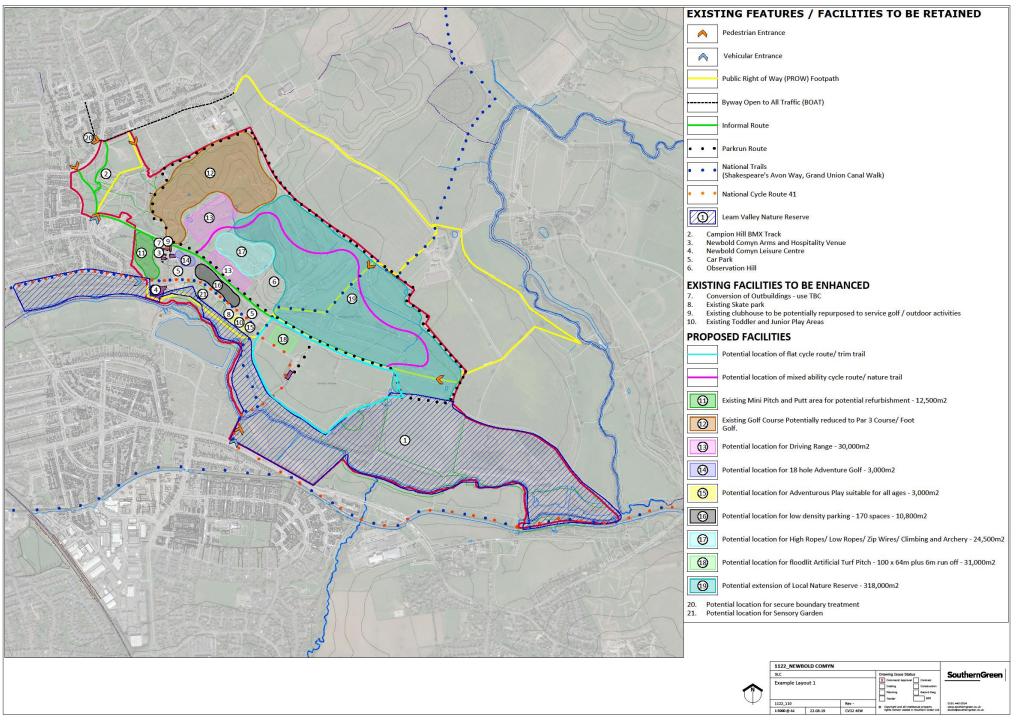
## 7. How will the project consider the ecological interest of the site?

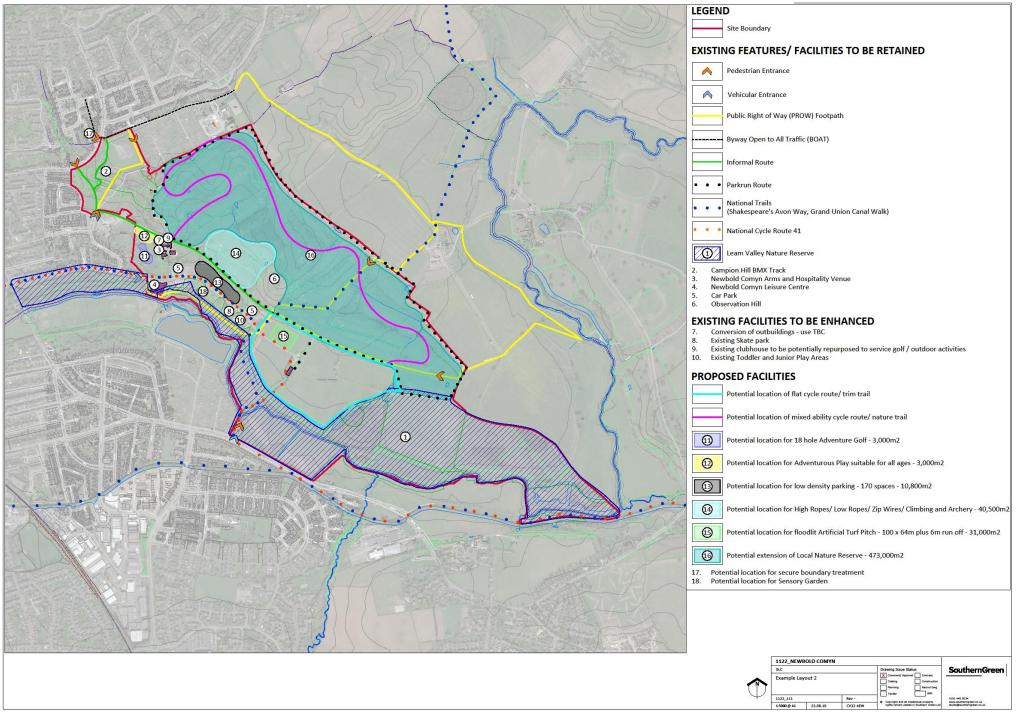
The Council is mindful of the ecological interest of the site, particularly in relation to the Leam Valley Nature Reserve. A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal has been undertaken by specialist ecologists, Ramm Sanderson, to identify any initial ecological constraints and opportunities and to advise on requirements for additional, more detailed surveys to support any future development.

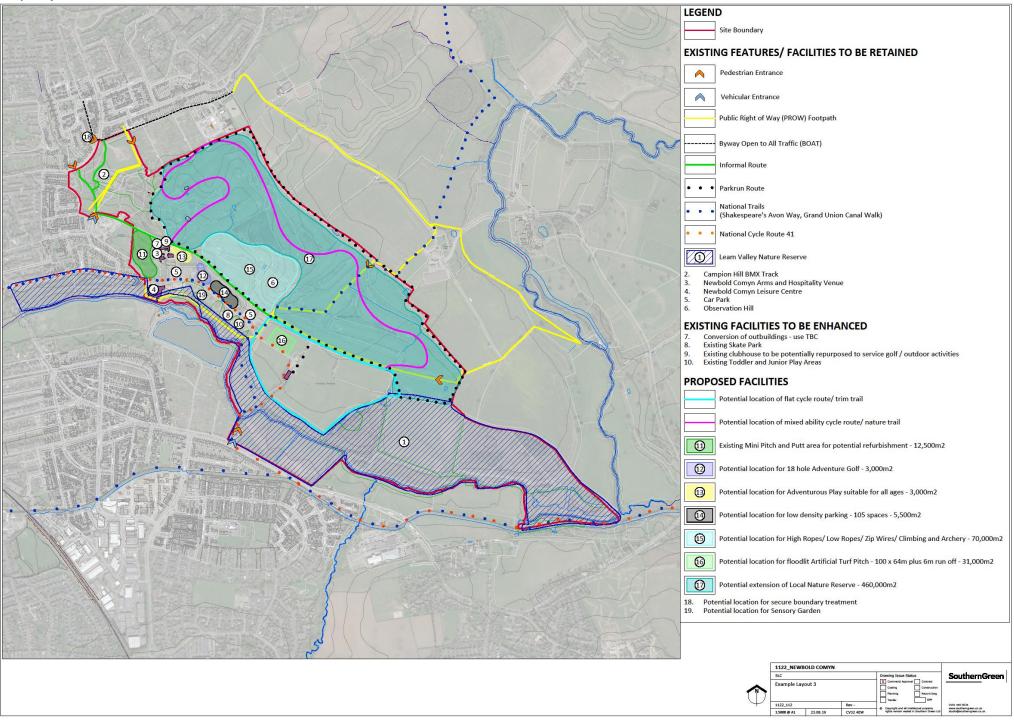
## 8. How will you decide where to put facilities on the site?

The location of potential facility options has not yet been determined and will be informed by the suitability of different areas of the site for particular facilities, planning and ecological constraints and opportunities, operational considerations and feedback from the consultation with residents, users and stakeholders.

Through their initial work, SLC developed the following Example Layout drawings to show the approximate spatial requirements of the identified facility options and how these *might* be located on the site. These drawings are illustrative only and are designed to provide consultees with a sense of the size and scale of the facility options. <u>The mix and locations of the facility options are not final and consultees will have the opportunity to shape this further through the consultation.</u>











# **Identified Facility Options**

A brief description of some of the facility options, identified through the initial work, is provided below together with supporting images. This is designed to aid consultees' understanding of the different options.

# What is Adventure Golf?

Adventure Golf, also known as crazy golf or mini golf, is a leisure activity suited for all ages and abilities. Adventure Golf involves a putter and a ball and the aim of the game is to hit the ball from a teeoff point into a hole, in as few shots as possible. Courses include a variety of interesting and challenging obstacles for players to putt through, over, under and around and are often interactive.



### What is Foot-golf?

Foot-golf is an outdoor game in which players kick their ball towards and into a hole, in as few kicks as possible. The game applies the same concept as normal golf but with footballs.

# What is an "outdoor activity centre"?

An outdoor activity centre could be a combination of activities such as: zip wires, high / low ropes courses, dry tobogganing, climbing, archery, cycle trails, woodland crafts etc.







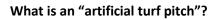
### What is a "trim trail"?

It is a trail of fitness equipment placed around a site. Individuals move from one piece of equipment to the next. At each piece of equipment, you carry out some type of movement/exercise, using the equipment provided.









Artificial turf is a surface of synthetic fibres made to look like natural grass. Popular for football and rugby training, artificial turf stands up to heavy use and requires no irrigation or trimming. The artificial turf pitches for this draft masterplan are proposed to be floodlit to allow use in the evening during the winter season.

### What is an Adventure Play area?

Adventurous play areas are a specific type of playground, primarily aimed at older children, which provide a range of more challenging play equipment.

### What is a "sensory garden"?

A sensory garden is designed in a way that allows visitors to enjoy a wide variety of sensory experiences through colour, texture and sound. They are particularly popular with people with sensory impairments.

# What is a "community garden"?

A community garden is a piece of land gardened collectively by the local community. It can offer people a place to relax and a way to engage with nature, meet others and get active outdoors.

### What are "woodland crafts"?

Woodland craft activities are aimed at younger children, making things with their hands, using the natural environment. The emphasis is on learning more about nature and respecting the environment.











