



Auldcathie Planning Application boundary on aerial photo.

Auldcathie District Park - why we are here today

The development proposed through the forthcoming planning application is for the restoration of the former Auldcathie landfill site to create a District Park with car parking, access arrangements and associated uses for the benefit of the expanding Winchburgh settlement and wider population.

The proposed restoration and remediation of the former landfill is a requirement of the wider strategic expansion of Winchburgh that was granted planning permission in principle by West Lothian Council in 2012 and which has seen the first phase of 550 new homes a new town centre, neighbourhood park, new roads and landscaping developed in the intervening period. In addition, substantial funding has already been provided for the extension and upgrading of Winchburgh Holy Family Primary School, and Linlithgow Secondary School, as the first steps towards extensive new education facilities being delivered in the Winchburgh CDA from the outset of Phase 2.

The emerging Local Development Plan identifies the site for leisure use following the need for appropriate remediation. Remediation and restoration of such former degraded land is supported in general by national, strategic and local land use planning legislation and plans.

Detailed planning permission was issued in 2014 by West Lothian Council for the restoration and remediation of the former landfill area but that was limited only to the delivery of informal open space and landscaping as the finished article for the site.

The proposals that are now being consulted upon will create a District Park for Winchburgh on a larger area with a wide range of formal and informal open space opportunities for visitors including cycle tracks, fitness trails, play facilities, community growing areas, informal sports pitches as well as soft landscaping and biodiversity areas. This is considered to be a much more comprehensive and efficient use of the former landscape site to the advantage and benefit of the local community and visitors to Winchburgh alike.

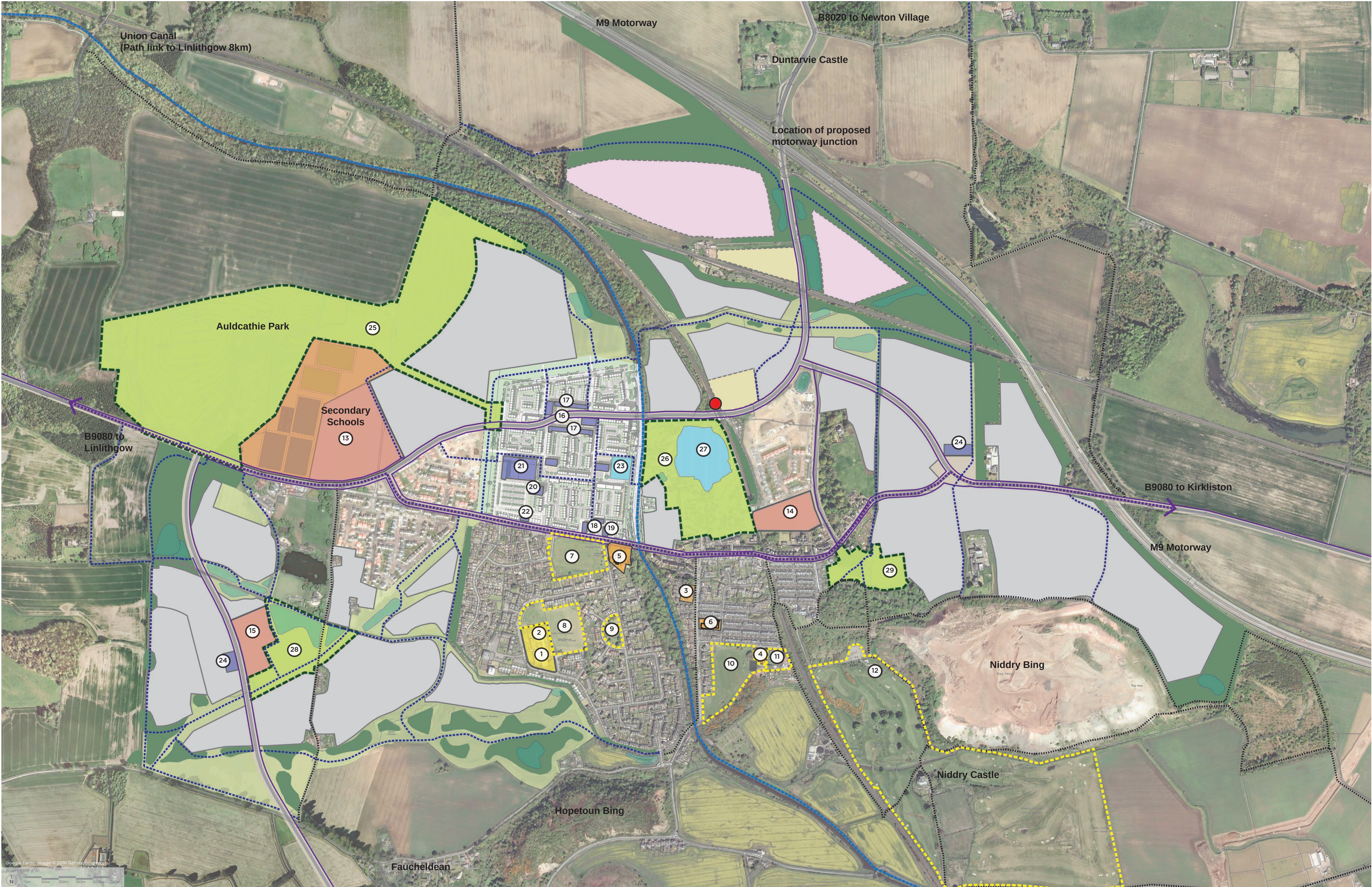
The design and layout of the proposed development has been the subject of significant local consultation with Winchburgh residents, school pupils and local community groups already and the proposals on display here are the culmination of significant input into the process prior to the submission of a detailed planning application to West Lothian Council later this year.



Aerial view of the site area.



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Winchburgh Masterplan, community plan.

Winchburgh Masterplan

Land was allocated at Winchburgh for 3,450 homes in January 2009 when the last West Lothian Local Plan was adopted in 2009. This required that a Masterplan be prepared for the settlement extension at Winchburgh. However, work on the Masterplan and supporting documents for the resultant planning permission commenced much earlier circa 2003/4. The Masterplan presents a clear vision, a flexible development framework and clear design guidance – essential tools to turn the opportunity into reality.

In time the Masterplan will delivery c.3,450 houses, a mixed use centre, primary and secondary schools, formal and informal public open space, a new motorway junction and a rail station to serve the expanded village. The Winchburgh Masterplan is being delivered by Winchburgh Developments Ltd.

Development completed to date

To date almost 550 of the proposed 3,450 homes have been completed by a number of different housebuilders. There has also been significant investment in upgrade and new infrastructure such as drainage, water and electricity.

The first phase of the new mixed use centre has also commenced with the commercial development, including a Sainsbury's store, and a public space opening in 2018.

Wheatley Group and West Lothian Housing Partnership have also commenced the first social rent units which will be delivered by West Lothian Council.



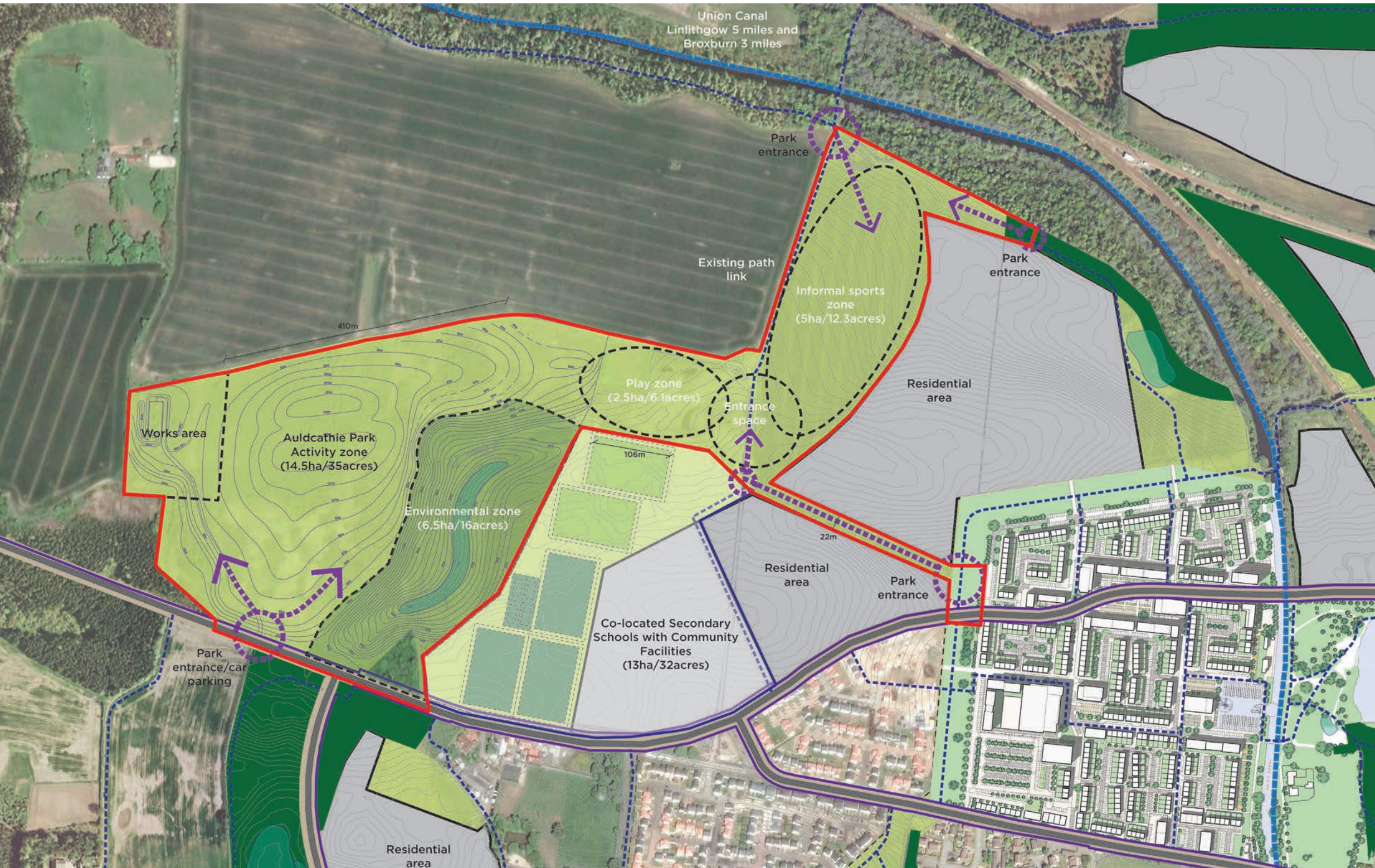
Aerial view of new housing in Winchburgh.

Auldcathie District Park

The Winchburgh Master Plan proposed that the north eastern section of the site, adjacent to Auldcathie Landfill, should become Auldcathie District Park. This area will form the largest recreational and sporting venue within the settlement. The proposals for Auldcathie Park are to create a sporting "hub" for the community, providing facilities in this area linked to those required by the co-located secondary schools. These elements together form a "community campus" offering the highest quality and widest possible range of facilities for both secondary schools, the local community and the wider area. A variety of paths through the park will connect into the existing routes and new residential areas, providing a greatly enhanced network of routes, through and beyond the park.

As a result of further technical work and discussion with West Lothian Council it has been proposed that the park area is increased to fully incorporate the remediated Auldcathie Landfill site. The proposals shown here today illustrate and explain how the landfill site will be remediated to form part of the District Park. Through incorporating the remediated landfill site within the park, the area of public open space available will have increased from approximately 17ha in the Masterplan to around 31.8ha as shown on the proposals today. These areas do not include the adjacent land for the schools campus.

The plan below, illustrates the proposed Auldcathie District Park area incorporating the remediated landfill site within the park boundary. The plan identifies the proposed zones within the park, entrance points and the context, including the schools site to the south.



Auldcathie Park, landscape areas.

Community Resource Plan

- Residential development areas
- Proposed employment areas
- Proposed rail station
- Proposed park and ride
- Strategic areas of public open space
- Strategic areas of landscape/woodland
- Existing schools
1.

Winchburgh Primary School
2.

Holy Family RC Primary School
- Existing community facilities
3.

Winchburgh Medical Centre
4.

Winchburgh Community Centre
5.

Winchburgh Parish Church and hall
6.

St Philomena RC Church and hall
- Existing public parks and facilities
7.

Millgate Park
8.

Schools Play area
9.

Play area
10.

Craigton Park (play, football pitch and 5 aside)
11.

Winchburgh Bowling Club
12.

Niddry Castle Golf Course
- Proposed schools
13.

Co-located Secondary Schools with Community Facilities
14.

New RC Primary School
15.

New Primary School
- Proposed community facilities
16.

Proposed centre space
17.

Proposed centre shops
18.

Proposed civic space
19.

Sainsbury's and other retail units
20.

Proposed partnership centre
21.

Proposed supermarket
22.

Proposed childrens nursery
23.

Proposed marina/canal basin
24.

Proposed location for local shops
- Proposed public parks and facilities
25.

Auldcathie Park
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Daisy Park
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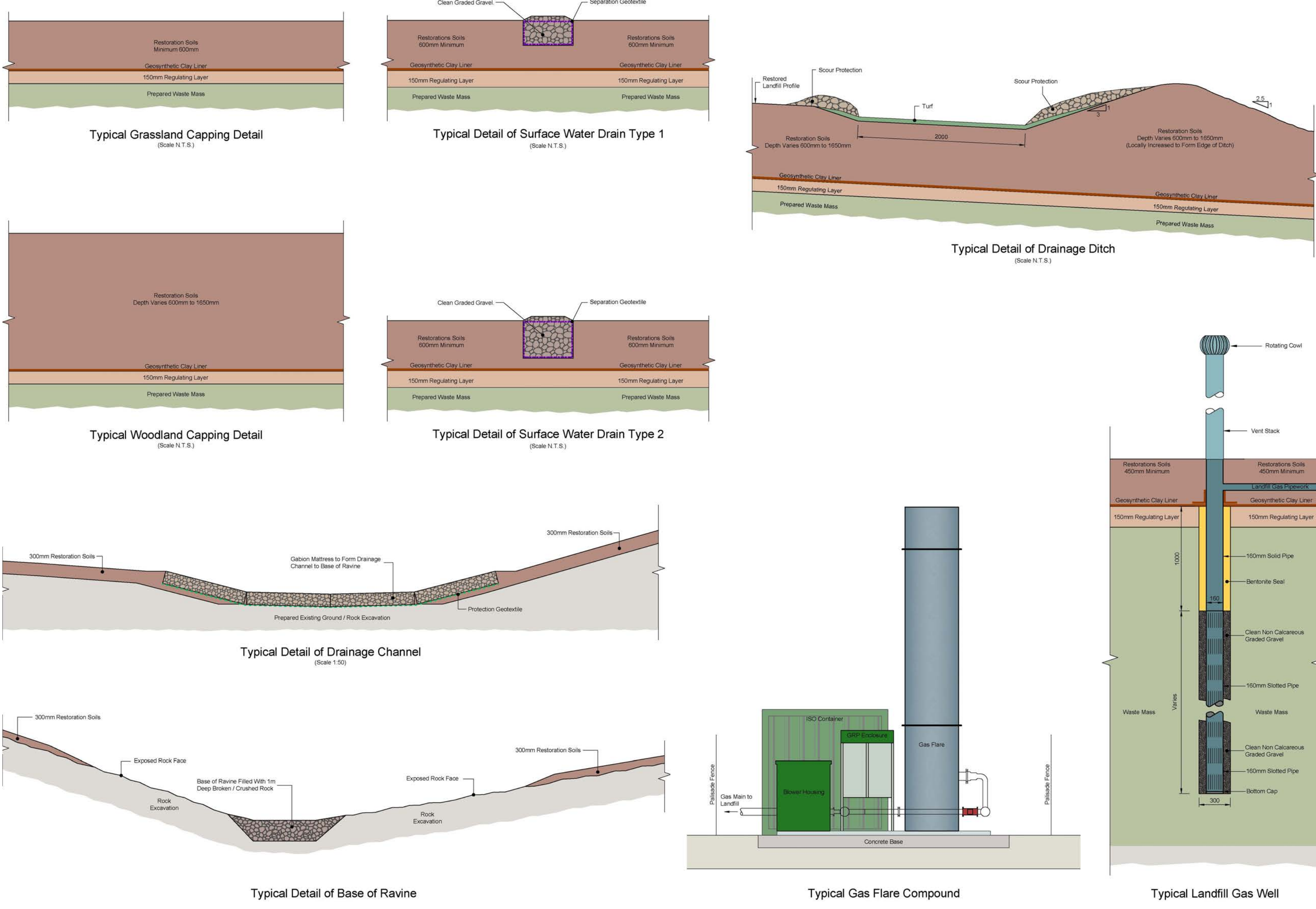
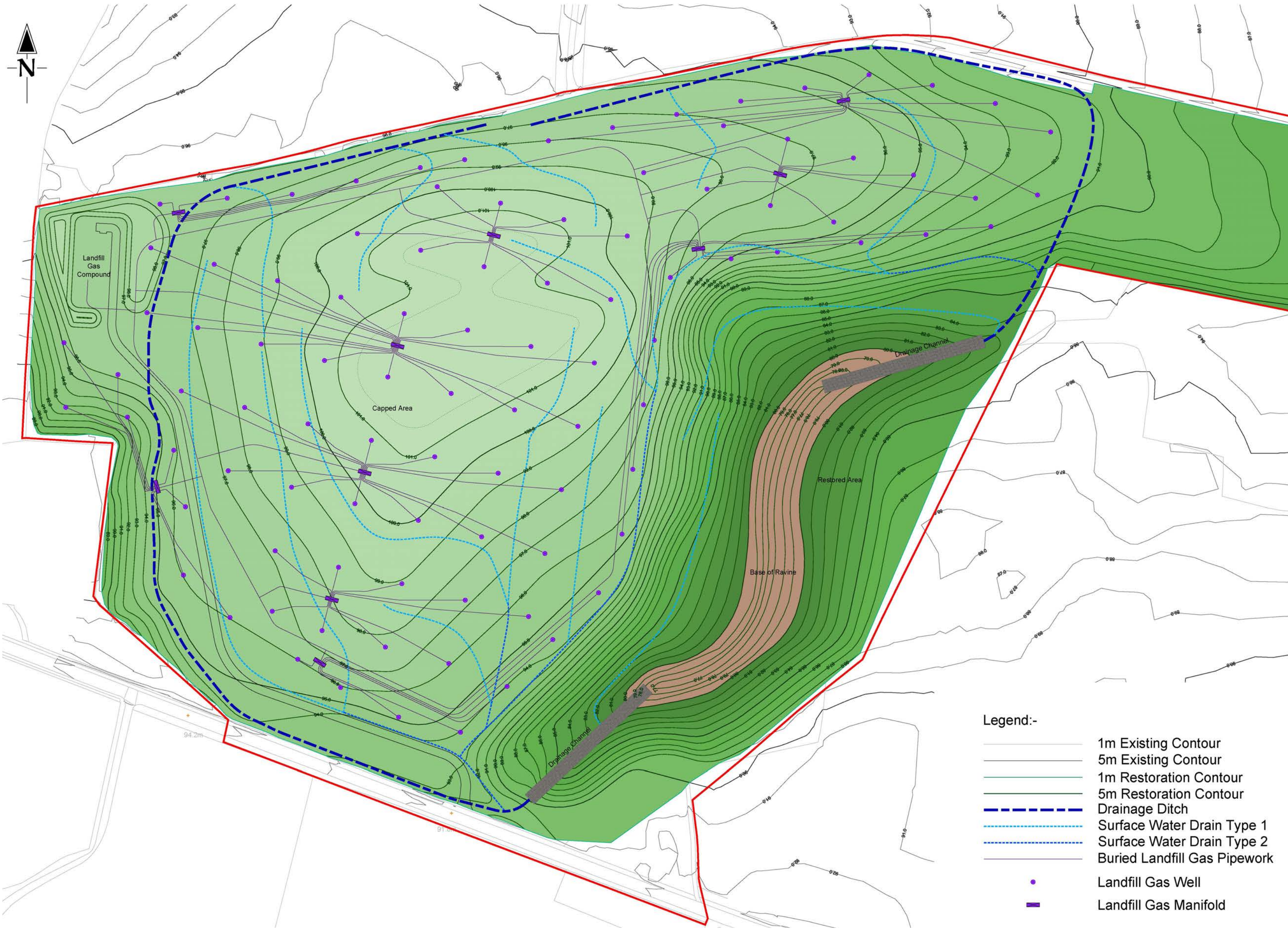
Clay Pit Pond
28.

Southern Neighbourhood Park
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Hawthill Neighbourhood Park
- Path Network
- Union Canal Towpath (Core Path)
- National Cycle Route 1
- Existing path network
- Proposed routes adjacent to main roads
- Proposed path network



Site location plan



Auldcathie landfill site - what is there?

The former landfill site known as Auldcathie, near Winchburgh, received a variety of wastes between 1986 and 2002, including construction waste and commercial / industrial materials.

The landfill was operated under a Waste Management Licence provided by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), the operator has since gone into liquidation and the responsibility for management, closure and restoration of the site was subsequently made a planning requirement of the Winchburgh development Area (CDA) by West Lothian Council.

The site is also underlain by old disused oil shale mine workings. A ground investigation is underway which includes the drilling of boreholes to assess these and whether voids are still present in the ground.



Aerial view of Auldcathie



Aerial view of Auldcathie

What is planned?

The objective of the restoration works is to ensure the site is safe and suitably managed with respect to both environmental and health / safety requirements. The works will achieve this by undertaking the following works:

- Re-profiling the existing waste mass – to achieve a stable profile that ensures appropriate drainage.
- Installation of an engineered capping system (geosynthetic clay liner, or similar) – to prevent uncontrolled landfill gas escape and minimise future leachate generation to protect all receptors (i.e., human health, groundwater, surface water, atmosphere, ecology, livestock, domestic animals, buildings)
- Placement of clean restoration subsoils and topsoil – to provide protection to the capping system and to support plant growth.
- Installation of surface water drainage systems including ditches and drains – to control surface water runoff, prevent ponding and limit future infiltration into the waste mass.
- Installation of a gas management scheme – to control landfill gas beneath the cap and dealing with it either in the form of a direct flare, biofilter or possible controlled venting dependent on the current rate of landfill gas production.
- Landscaping Works – formal landscaping works will be integrated as part of the District Park.



Remediation works



Remediation works

How will it look and will it be safe?

The restoration works will be subject to Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) monitoring in accordance with engineering best practice to ensure correct implementation of the restoration design. This process provides confidence that the restoration of the landfill will be safe and pollutant linkages to the environment have been broken.

The waste mass will be re-profiled to a more natural landform for aesthetics and to assist in the management of surface water across the site. The final landscaping of the site, including grass seeding and tree planting, will be integrated with the wider District Park with the only evidence of the sites former use being either a gas compound, vent stacks or similar.



Greenoakhill tree planting and vent stacks



Examples of vent stacks

Importance of consultation – the community shaping their own park

Community and stakeholder consultation has played a significant role in both the development and implementation of the Masterplan proposals. Local people and stakeholders have been involved at all stages in the design and development process at Winchburgh.

WDL believe that the content and quality of the Masterplan has benefited enormously from local people's views and comments along with stakeholder and Council inputs and review.

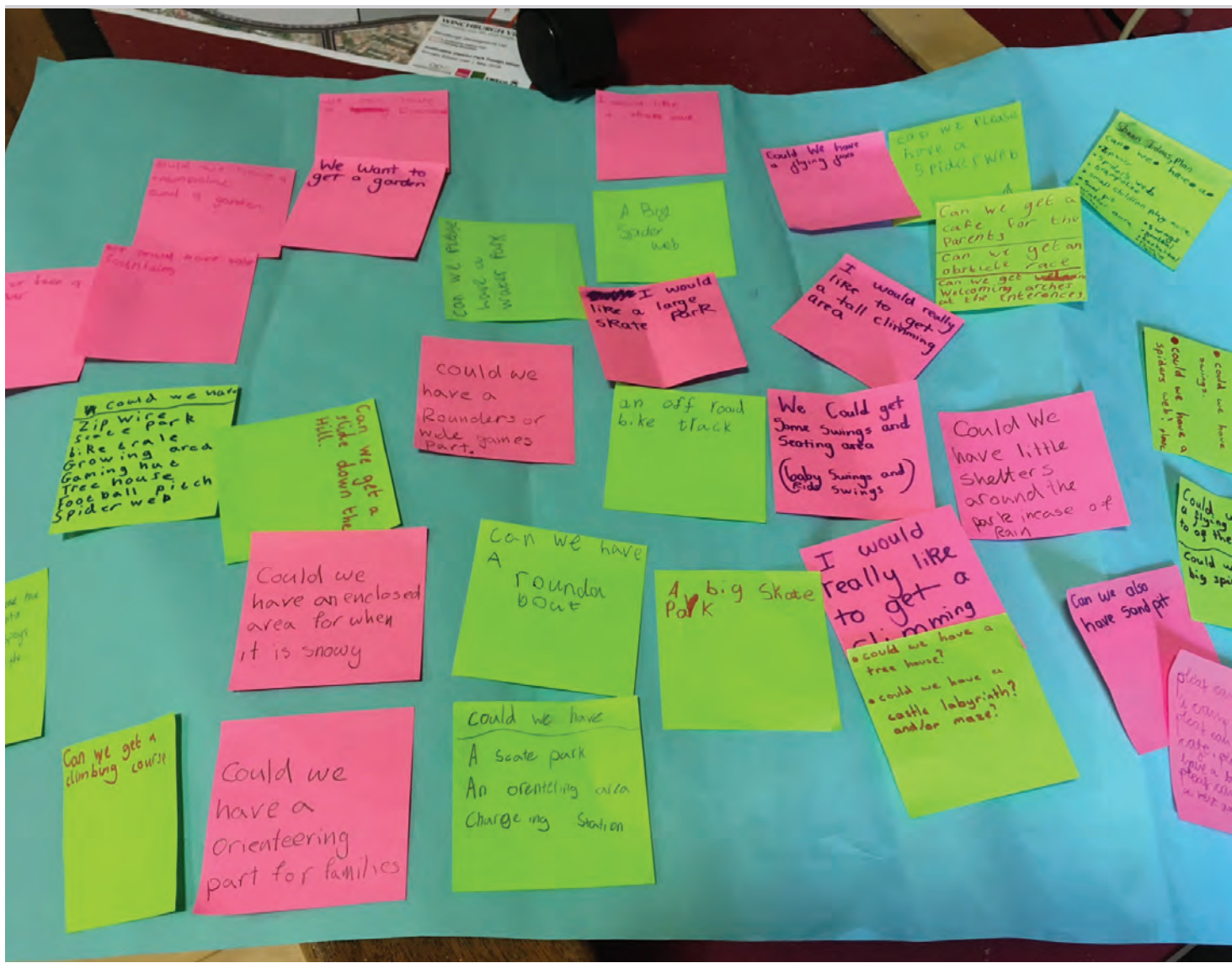
Through the Masterplan process Auldcathie District Park has evolved to now include the Auldcathie Landfill site, increasing the park area from 17ha to 31.8ha. As a result of this change in location and area WDL has started a consultation process to ensure the community are kept up to date with the proposals and to get input and feedback from the community and key stakeholders on the design of the park.

It was very important we asked the community what they wanted to see in their park. This is significant area and has the opportunity to provide a variety of open space activities to suit all ages.

PMR set out a process to engage with members of the community through group sessions or drop in sessions and also through community members directly contacting PMR through Facebook or email. We thank all those people who have come forward as these views and ideas have shaped what you see today on these boards. We hope that the journey of engagement over the last few months has brought about a dynamic and responsive new park for the growing community and provides for all age groups and levels of ability.

‘We love that Winchburgh has the feel of a rural village and that’s something we are hoping can remain as the village develops.’

‘We are surrounded by plenty of green space and enjoy being able to walk 5 mins from the house to the open space’



Comments from school children



Involving school children

How and who we consulted

The village facebook page and Community Council Facebook was a great source of promotion and enabled people to give their views as individuals and to ask questions of PMR about the proposals. Through this we have variety of comments about what people would like to see and some consistent themes came forward and we were able to be honest openly about elements we could perhaps not deliver in the park but explain that such facilities would be in the school, ie the swimming pool or indoor sports facilities. This channel of communication also allowed for people to email individually to PMR giving their views and comments - many people took this route and provided some very positive comments which have been taken on board as we have designed the park. Hearing how the community use the exiting paths around Auldcathie and how they wish to see these enhanced along with the depth of heritage has helped us think about how we designed areas and will continue to do so.

Meetings with village informal groups and organisations. We were very grateful to the different local groups who allowed PMR to meet with them and hear their views of what they would wish to see in the park, these included:

- Joining the Seniors Thursday Group where PMR gave a presentation to over 35 members of the group and listened to many of the older generation about the village and the wider community parks and what they would like to see as the village grows.
- Attending the Friday coffee morning at Winchburgh church to meet regular community attendees.
- Meeting mums at the Mums and toddlers at the Winchburgh Church regular session.
- Listening to over 25 Cubs and scouts and their leaders at their Friday night sessions to gain views on teen activities and what anew park means to them.
- Meeting the Dance School Owner to hear what community resources were needed for girls as the village grows and how the park could support this.
- Meeting the Bowling Club Committee.
- The Winchburgh Albion football mum's and dad's during training sessions and also assisting as the club which was newly formed as they were concerns over lack of grass pitches in the village for the club to grow.
- We brought community members together to discuss particular interests - this lead to supporting the newly formed Winchburgh Growing Group start their community Growing ahead of the park development.
- Regular monthly visits to the Community Council gaining input and answering questions on how the consultation was developing. Feeding back what the community were asking for.
- Meeting members of the Winchburgh Community Development Trust and attending their open day.
- Meeting with the Community Centre Management Committee to gain views on the Park but also the wider community resources in the village.
- Supporting the Gala Day committee

Primary school - over a four week period PMR worked with the primary schools to gain amazing design for the park for over 300 pupils - many shown on the PowerPoint loop today. During this time a P5 class took on the challenge of creating a logo for the newly formed Winchburgh Growers.

Statutory stakeholders

- Three local councillors fully engaged with the consultations throughout the period giving their own views and very much also relaying views they had heard in the community.
- West Lothian Council Open Space Team to ensure we were complying with their strategic aims for a district park
- West Lothian Council Sports Team
- Chief executive West Lothian Leisure, the organisation who will manage the new adjacent community sport facilities at the new schools.
- Scottish cycling/Mountain Biking Scotland
- SportsScotland
- Sustrans to gain their support for the connections across the village to the park enabling safe off road routes where possible or designated paths were being provided to enable Winchburgh to become an exemplar cycle friendly village.

- **Drop In sessions** - over a two-day period in June WDL hosted a Friday and Saturday drop in session which saw over 40 community members to come and discuss their own views and discuss ideas they may have for the new park. This was a very successful two days drop in.



Involving school children



Design ideas for the park

‘This is very welcome news. Thank you I’m sure many of us locals will have some ideas for you to consider’



Design ideas for the park

The consultation journey - How and who we engaged

It was important to gain views from a wide as possible variety of community members and we tried to ensure we were accessible through all forms of possible dialogue.

The community Plan

PMR used a revised version of the masterplan which focussed on community spaces and how they will evolve as the village grows. The wider village plan (shown) and the park plans (shown) helped enormously with discussing where the park was and how it would link to the village through walkways and cycle ways throughout the village. It will be a major feature in the west end of the village and sit adjacent to the new schools so potentially will have a significant role to play in younger and older community lives and therefore needed to respond to a variety of ways different generations within the community will use it. Also through the whole village plan people could see the other parks which are also to be developed as part of the masterplan and how this district park sat in the wider context was important to many members of the community .

To help with gaining community thoughts the plans were distributed via Facebook and placed on boards which were left on display at the Winchburgh Church, at the Primary School main entrance as well as taken to all meetings for groups to discuss. Smaller hard copies were also provided for groups who had limited access to electronic devises or social media.



Design ideas for the park



Design ideas for the park

‘Must be a country park feel we’ve lost enough of the village to redevelopment’



Involving school children

What did we hear the community wanted in the park?

The use of the community plans helped us look at the park in zones and how different people could use these zones, this helped to understand the scale and space that was going to be available to the community. The size of the park area has nearly doubled since the community last saw the masterplan and now gives increased scope for diversity, natural and planned open spaces with a variety of activities which can all be accommodated.

What you said to us:

Over the period over 70 people either commented on Facebook or emailed directly giving ideas and comments of what they would like to see, and not see. What was extremely encouraging was the amount of responses saying 'great news' and 'how fantastic' this was happening. Also, from a lot of the Facebook interaction we were able to reply straight way if there was question asked about element of the park development.

During the face to face meetings is was great to meet some of the people who had written on Facebook too.

Reference parks the community gave us:

- Helix
- Jupiter Artand
- Beecraigs
- Lochore meadows
- Bankton Park
- Canada wood bar and kitchen in Falkirk
- Hyde Park - therapeutic gardens
- Dalkeith country park
- Crieff Hydroadventure park



Beecraigs Country Park



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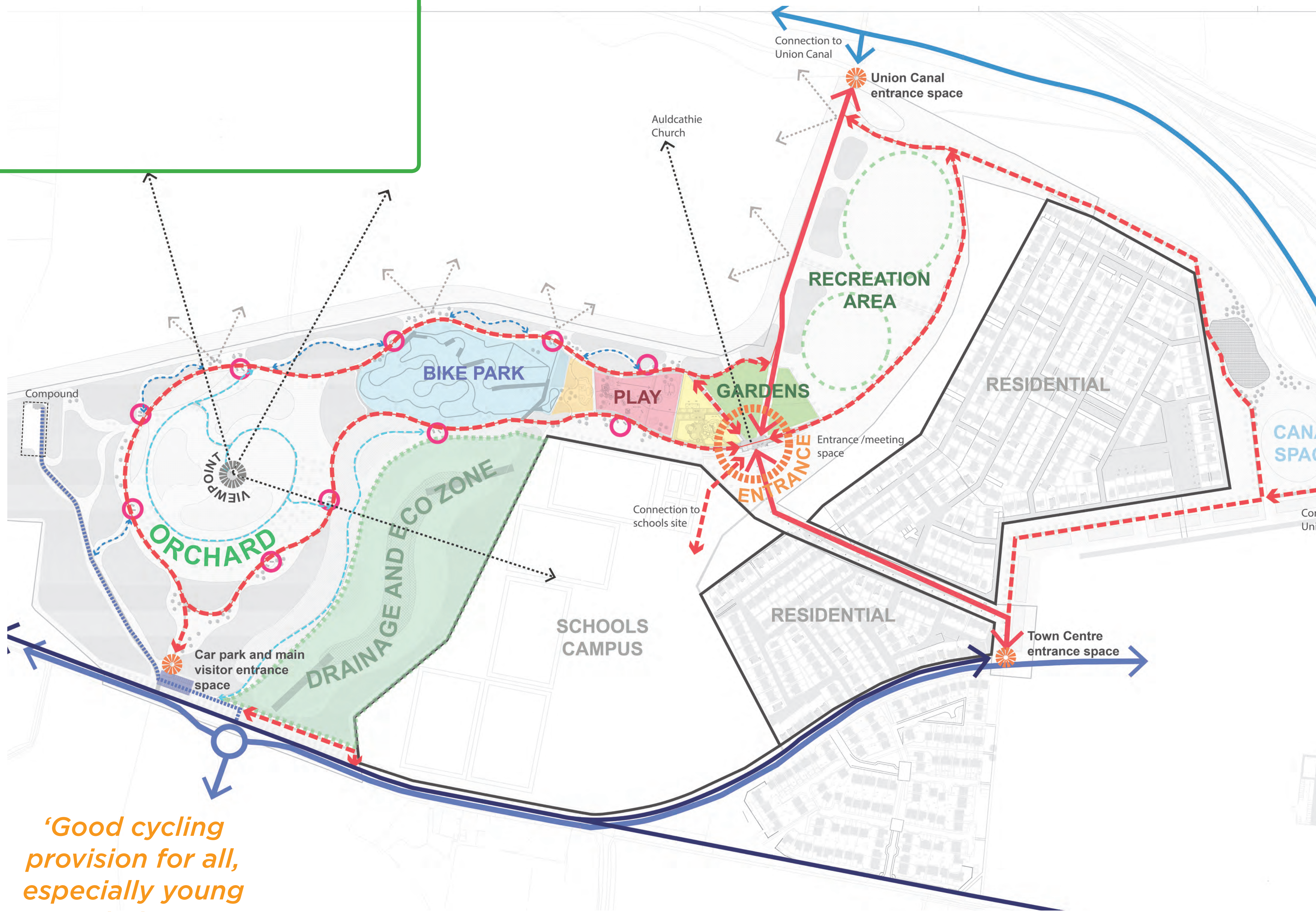
'Something like Beecraigs would be amazing Penny. Kids love it when we visit there. Great family day out for a picnic and fun.'



The Helix, Falkirk



Woodland Park, Forth Valley Larbert



'Good cycling provision for all, especially young kids'

From the drop in, meetings and sessions with groups some themes started to appear about what people want to see in the new park:

- Open spaces to enjoy and play informal games and sports
- Path networks for walking, running and biking with marked distances
- Very inclusive park for all - elderly and those in wheelchairs or push chairs - 'park for all' approach
- Lighting throughout using solar energy to light the pathway
- Plug points for phone charges associated with lighting to encourage young people to use the park
- Play equipment for all ages - encourage teen play
- Cafe and toilets, somewhere to meet people and watch children play, have coffee in the outdoors
- Growing areas for the village
- Gym equipment throughout the park - fitness trails
- Dog walking and dog park areas
- Bike trails
- Golf practice areas
- Grass pitches for informal pay
- Orchards across the hill areas - reflecting Mary Miller's ambitions and the new Winchburgh Growers to bring heritage trees to the park
- Opportunities for young people to be involved as the process evolved
- Links to canal and running paths
- View point from the top of the hill
- Seating areas
- Wildlife areas
- Lower bike learning areas
- Signage at entrance points
- Use of existing brick in the design
- Quality throughout
- Seating /bins/dog bin and dog bag
- Trees and informal landscape areas



Beecraigs Country Park

'An area similar to the Helix in Falkirk that could be used by families, with dedicated cycle/run/ walk routes'

'Mountain bike/BMX track- there is an appropriate undulating area nearby (I think off plan) 'that would not need much manual intervention. Could this be in scope?'



Example of a community orchard

Summary of park proposals

- Three entrance spaces included signage and information boards
- Entrance space including seating areas
- Building providing public toilets and cafe space
- Space for community gardens
- Space for an enclosed dog park
- An equipped adventure play area with equipment for toddlers, inclusive play equipment and junior play
- A bike park
- Graded and drained grass areas for formal and informal sports
- Seating areas with litter bins/dog bins
- A car park
- A path connection to the Union Canal
- A circular path network The paths will be lit in the area surrounding the play area
- A exercise trail following the circular path
- Informal paths within the
- Areas of woodland
- A community orchard
- Areas of wildflower meadow

Associated with the schools:

- Two drained, graded, full sized, grass pitches,
- Three full sized synthetic pitches, both fenced and floodlit (pitch dimensions - 65 x 110 metres, with 5 metre run-off on all sides); and
- Four all weather tennis courts.

Auldcathie Park - Key

1. Informal playing fields - areas of mown amenity grass

2. Entrance - with access to Union Canal tow path

3. Woodland edge with 3m access track on western edge

4. Dog park - 0.5m high hedge with metal post and wire fence with gated access

5. Primary entrance point - area of hard standing with gabions, terracing and seating with views through to Auldcathie Church ruins

6. Community garden with timber growing beds and an area for seating with timber picnic benches and herbaceous planting

7. Toddler Play Area with sensory planting and earthworks to the edge to create an informal boundary

8. Area identified as a possible location for the cafe. Location to be confirmed once all site investigation works have been carried out.

9. School entrance, space for parents and children to gather, with seating, tree planting and herbaceous planting.

10. Adventure play for older children with large pieces of play equipment integrated within changes in topography. Pieces of inclusive play equipment located along an accessible path.
11. Area identified as a possible location for 'feature play piece'

12. Area identified as a possible location for a Bike park

13. Environmental zone - drainage basin with marginal planting and wildflower meadow for habitat creation

14. Auldcathie Park; a high point with views back towards Auldcathie Church and the wider landscape, with wildflower meadow grasses, fruiting and flowering trees with seating areas

15. Informal woodland walks flanked by woodland planting with seasonal interest such as spring bulbs

16. Woodland clearings with views to the wider landscape, seating and specimen parkland trees

17. Compound with screening woodland

18. Entrance point with car parking

19. Entrance point with wayfinding

20. Primary path with trim trail located at intermittent locations

21. Existing pond to be retained



Auldcathie Park entrances: Park entrances with small sections of clay paver, wayfinding signage and information boards.



Trim trail exercise equipment: Located along the primary pedestrian route at regular intervals will be a range of timber exercise equipment.



'Personally, I would be keen to see varied walks and cycle routes developed, but also some quiet (but safe) areas where people can just sit and relax'

Union Canal Tow Path

Existing Union canal tow path and cycle route. Proposed routes to connect at key points

Multi-User path

Secondary 2m wide multi-use tarmac path for pedestrians and cyclists with trim trail located at intermittent locations

Woodland walks

1m wide whin dust woodland walks through woodland planting with seasonal interest such as bluebells

Primary Multi-User path

Primary access route to be retained for vehicle access: 3m wide tarmac path

Meadow walks

1m wide whin dust paths through areas of meadow, with informal mown paths and parkland specimen trees and shrub planting

Path network and entrances

Within the park there will be an extensive path network, ensuring the park is easy to move around and accessible. There will be three main entrance points to the park, the town centre, off the B9080 to the west and from the Union Canal to the north. At each of the entrance points there will be clear signage and information boards. A further path connection will provide access to the schools campus. Within the park a tarmac path will provide a traffic free 2.5km loop connecting all key points of the park with a network of minor paths providing a range of alternative routes.

Healthy lifestyles

Another area consultees wanted to see was accessible areas to walk which were safe and varied. The community view Winchburgh as having a rural character and wish this to continue as the village grows. The community see Auldcathie Park providing this major landscape to enjoy and use in variety of ways. Dog walkers to runners and cyclists, mums with prams and people with wheelchairs need to be able to access the areas. We will provide good tarmac walkways around the whole park as well as more 'off road' paths which will wind across the site. A 2.5km path will have fitness equipment located intermittently, this will help those wanting to do a little extra on their run. Dog bins and lit paths and stopping points with benches will also be located throughout the park to ensure year round accessibility.

For those more adventurous the consultees asked for a bike trail, knowing formal sport will be catered for in the school campus they felt the park can be there for more 'adventure lifestyles' and also be a great asset to the school having such outdoor spaces to enjoy for added curriculum use. The cycle network within Auldcathie will connect to existing cycling facilities in Linlithgow and Broxburn, using the Union Canal tow path to link them.

The Hill and Ecological Zone

The western part of the park will have a distinct country park character, including large woodland areas, areas of wildflower meadow and a community orchard, focusing on habitat creation and biodiversity. This part of the park will be less formal than the area to the east but will remain accessible via a network of signed paths and include a car park with access off the B9080. The landform defined by the remediation works will form a small hill with paths around and a viewing area at the top. The community orchard and bike park will be located on the sides of the hill surrounded by woodland areas.

Adventure Play - Primary school design process

PMR lead a 4 week exercise to involve the Winchburgh Primary School Pupils and the Holy Family RC Pupils in the design of the park. From an initial presentation at assembly to the joint schools the class teachers set the pupils on a mission – TO DESIGN THE NEW PARK ... And they certainly did.

During the process Ian Logan, from the landscape team and Penny visited every class ‘in action’ and saw how they were getting on with their new park projects.

Each class had chosen their own way to bring the park to life. Some had drawn individually, others collaborated their ideas into one or two designs, some made part of the play park they wanted to see, and other groups made power points and brainstormed ideas to write and present to us.

- By the fourth week the two schools came together and presented their idea to us. Some key themes came from the pupils which can be seen in their design and models;
- Flying foxes and zipwires
 - Monkey bars or high rope climbing equipment
 - Logs and climbing bars
 - Slides
 - A large major climbing frame reflecting the village such as a castle
 - Water play (like the helix featured a lot)
 - Witches hat climbing/ moving frame
 - Climbing frames
 - Tunnels
 - Swinging baskets
 - Grass areas for picnics
 - Places to sit under and chill with friends



Wildflower meadows with mown paths



Community Orchard



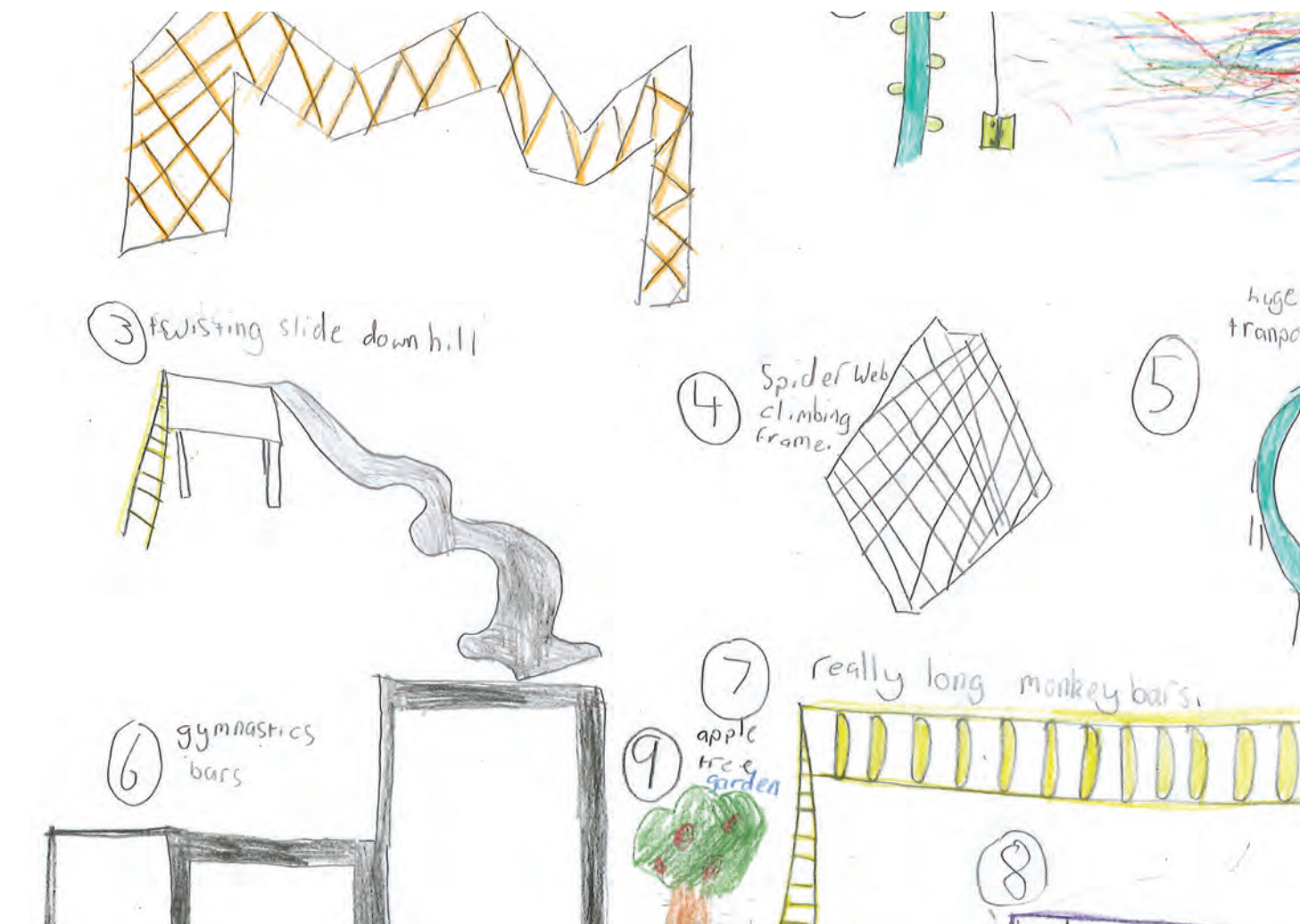
Woodland walks with seasonal planting



1. Woodland clearing with seating - views to wider landscape
2. Wildflower meadow grass and seasonal planting
3. Trim trail located intermittently along primary path
4. Works compound with access road
5. High point with seating and views to Auldcathie Church
6. Woodland planting with woodland rides
7. Fruiting and flowering trees for seasonal interest
8. Specimen parkland trees
9. Park entrance and car park
10. Swale basin with gravel base and inlet and outlets and boundary fence
11. Wildflower grasses with marginal planting mixes
12. Tree planting such as Willows and River Birch
13. Large scale challenging play equipment set amongst changes in topography and natural play
14. Large scale play equipment such as the Witches Hat and Flying Fox
15. Area identified as a possible location for 'feature play piece'
16. Woodland adventure play. Timber climbing structures set among trees
17. Bike Park
18. Inclusive Play equipment located along an accessible path



Primary School park designs



Primary School park designs



School children building the Flying Fox



School presentation



Large timber play pieces set amongst trees incorporated within the change in topography



Timber tree top adventure play and tree houses



Flying Fox



Trim trail equipment



Newcastleton bike park with surrounding woodland



Example of a bike track

‘Adding in more trees and plants to the area will encourage wildlife back and make it feel a lot more natural. The village has lost some larger old trees along the main road where the new town centre is being developed.’



Timber climbing equipment

Growing in our Park – supporting the community

A key area which came about from the consultation was the response people gave to wanting space to grow food. Two community members came forward and discussed what they would want to see in the park long term in respect of enabling the community to have formal areas to grow food and even cook on site.

These discussions led to the possibility of this project starting immediately as all it required were planters and bringing people together in the village to help bring food into the community which everyone could share. Inspirational community members Vivian and John worked with PMR and WDL to identify how this could happen.

The volunteers rallied others, collected timber and soil and other resources were arranged by WDL suppliers. The group then set about making the planters. Initially this was for 12 planters and has since grown to 20 with another 20 in the pipeline to extend across the village.

It has become a major success story, brought about by incredible people who care about Winchburgh and sharing knowledge, enabling people to share freshly grown food. From the Tally-Ho car park, housing areas, the church and the primary school the planters are popping up throughout the village. In the park, the community garden will become a major growing area, planted and developed by the Winchburgh CGG to continue their amazing work. Use of heritage fruit trees will see an orchard come to life in the Park, this was a wish form the late Mary Miller and the Growers.

The Primary school helped by having a class design a logo and an amazing design has now become a feature across the village on every planter.



Pick Your Own



Community Growing Group Logo



Community Growing Group



‘ cafe, with toilet facilities (example Helix in Falkirk) lots of parents and young kids home during the day with nowhere to exercise and meet up.’

‘better access to the canal with signage welcoming Winchburgh as a destination.’



Wildflower terracing



Example of signage fixed to gabions



Seating areas integrated in to the entrances

‘School kids could also use this for a “mile a day”

‘ Events spaces for the village’



Natural play



Toddler Play

1. Existing pond to be retained
2. Connection to the Union Canal
3. Woodland blocks to mitigate against strong winds
4. Informal pitches
5. Formal lawn with avenue trees and views to Auld Cathie Church
6. Dog park with a hedge boundary
7. Community growing area with timber planters and a seating area to the centre with herbaceous and shrub planting
8. Primary entrance with terracing, gabions, wildflower and wayfinding
9. Area identified for the cafe building Location to be confirmed once all Site Investigation works have been carried out.
10. Entrance to school, with seating, tree planting, herbaceous planting and hard standing for parents and children to gather
11. Entrance to park with street trees
12. Toddler play area with challenging interactive play equipment and natural play - partially enclosed by mounding
13. Sensory play with musical orbs, colourful ground plane and scented / textured planting



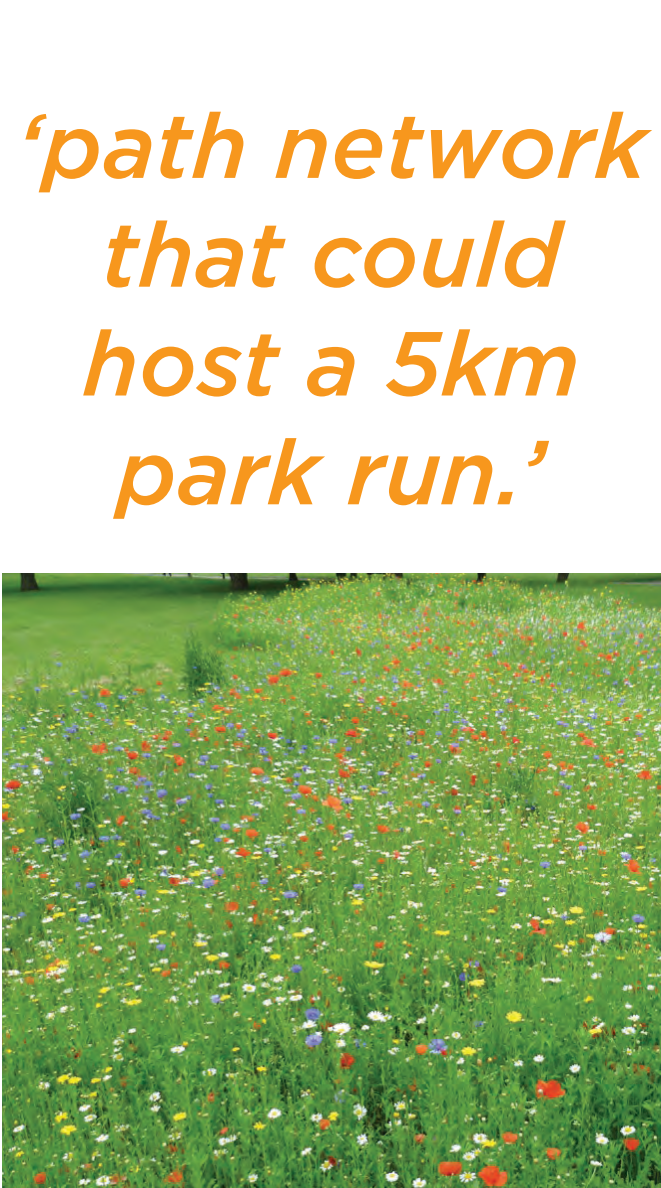
Informal sports pitches



Multi-user paths



Avenue trees to line paths



Meadow planting

‘path network that could host a 5km park run.’

The café

The café and toilet provision responds to the community requests and West Lothian Council criteria for a District Park, supporting the local community and visitors to the park. The placing of the cafe at the Park entrance allows parents and youngsters to have a base to meet friends during the day, after school or weekends. The café is purposefully close to the location for the community garden, toddler play and seating areas to provide a community base within the park environment. The toilet provision provides for male, female, disabled users and will have full baby changing facilities. The toilets are designed to be accessed separately to the café to enable access at all times, making it efficient for the cafe to respond to demand for its future opening times.

Details of how the café could be operated is to be discussed with local community organisations and café providers to ascertain the most sustainable solution for the community. The exact location of the cafe is subject to the final Site Investigation works.



Visual of the proposed cafe



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Auldcathie Park - its evolution and your park to be proud of...

The community are proud of the history and heritage of Winchburgh and feel that the Auldcathie landfill area, like it or loathe it, has been a part of the village for many years. The Auldcathie Church and setting of the canal are being respected and reflected within the new park, with views from the proposed café and seating areas across to Auldcathie Church. The use of the Winchburgh brick is proposed, where possible, for marking pathways and entrance features to the park.

The community wanted to know how they could be involved as the park develops. Involvement can be in the form of, assisting with the design and layout of the play park by the primary school pupils to getting hands dirty planting out the new community growing areas.

The Community Development Trust have intimated that they would like to discuss possible involvement in any enterprise opportunities, such as the café or any other initiatives which may arise.

The park is not static, it will evolve over the next few years, therefore, we are setting a framework based on your comments received today.

It is a park for the community. WDL will leave their legacy but the community must feel they have the park they were involved in developing and bringing to life.

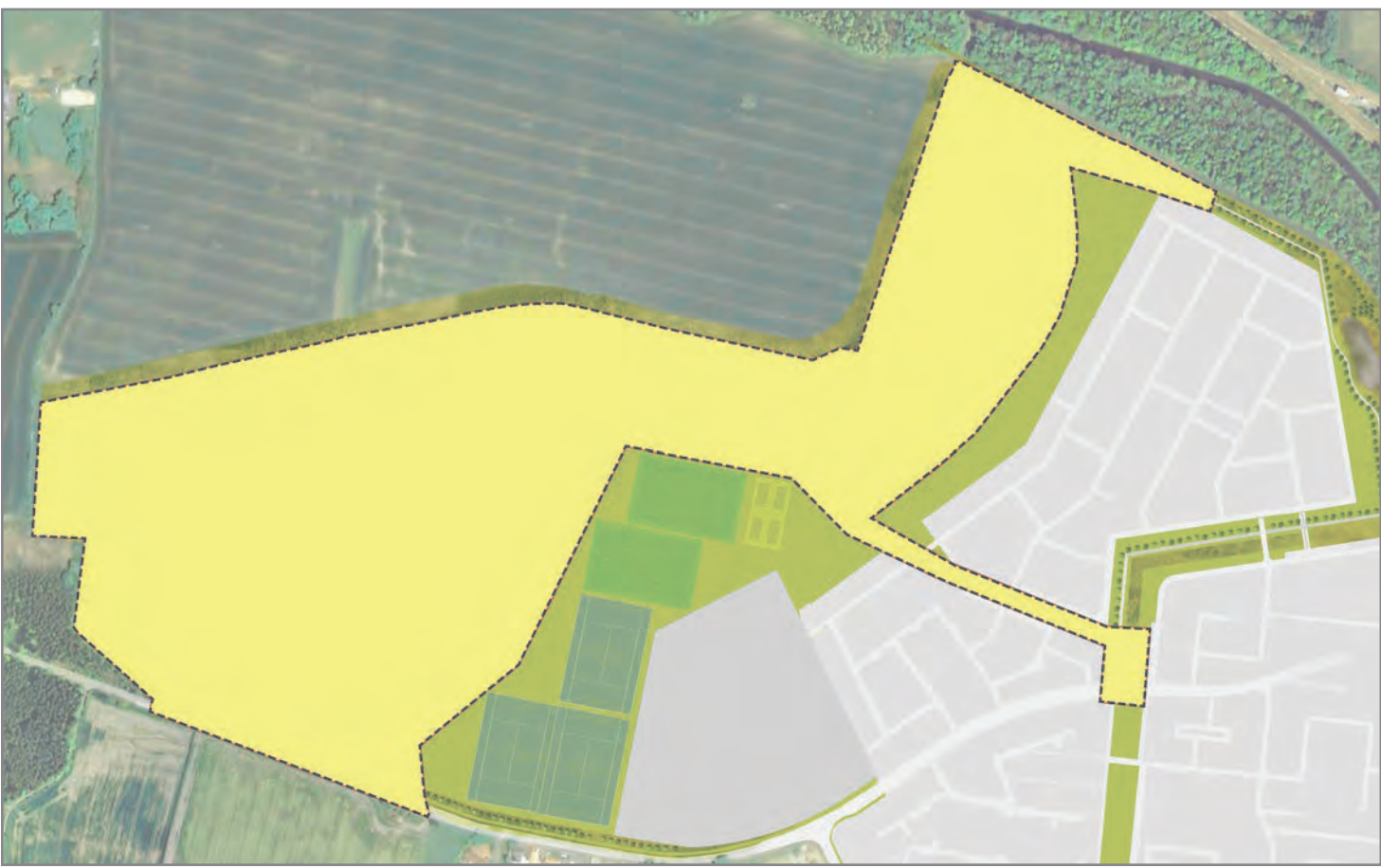
We hope in the coming months and years WDL can continue to work with the community on the park. This could include, Community Growers, to plan the growing areas and the orchard, the Primary Schools to finalise the play equipment, the Development Trust or other enterprise schemes for the café building and other organisations for areas such as the bike trails. Ongoing involvement will ensure the right park for Winchburgh is delivered.



Bike trails



Community growing



Phase 0 - Remediation strategy

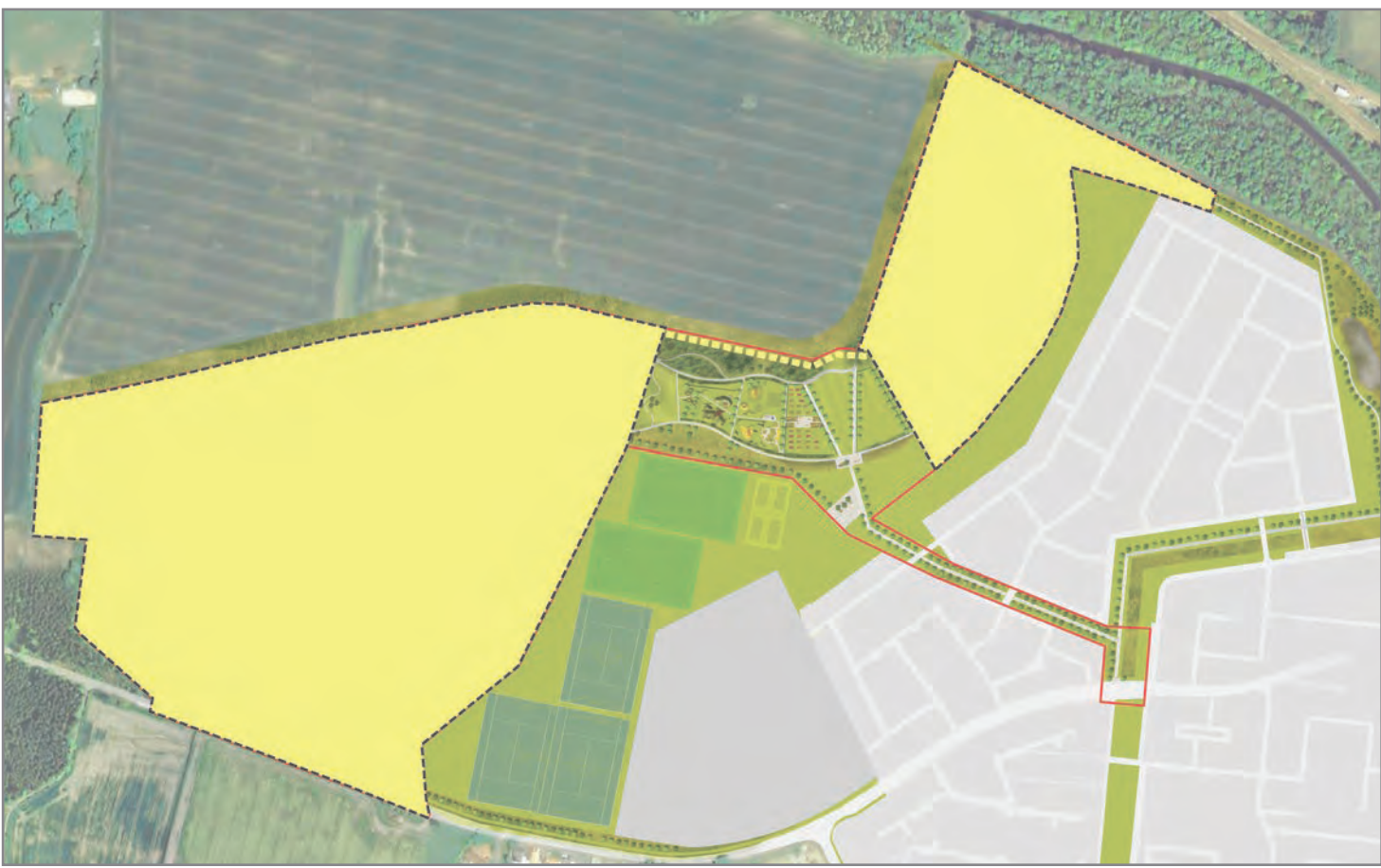
The first phase of the park will focus on the initial remediation of the landfill site and will incorporate all the required engineering works, such as, capping uncovered landfill and installation of gas management.



Informal spaces



Meeting spaces



Phase 1 - Landscape works and remediation work

Following the completion of the initial engineering works, the Phase 1 landscape works will commence. On completion of the Phase 1 works the central area of the park should be open to the public, this will include, the play area, community grow space and dog park. Throughout this phase engineering works will continue within other areas of the park.



Large timber play



Natural play and meadows



Phase 2 - Landscape works

Following completion of Phase 1 and the remediation works, the landscape works for the remaining areas of the park will commence. During this stage the works will be carried out in several sub-phases.

How will the park be phased

The park proposals will not happen all at once. The park is planned to be developed over a number of years, starting with the remediation strategy for the landfill site and other engineering works. Following the completion of phase 2 it is envisaged that the park will continue to evolve as Winchburgh continues to grow and the needs of the community change.

Anticipated timeline

Public Consultation
Sept/Oct 2018

Planning Approved
Spring 2019

Phase 1 of the park landscape
works commence
Spring 2020

Phase 1 of the park open
to public
Spring/Summer 2021

Phase 2 of the park open to
public
Final completion of the park is
subject to final engineering works

Planning Application
submitted
Nov 2018

Remediation works
commence
Spring 2019

Phase 2 sub-phase
commence
Areas and timing subject to
engineering works

What do you think?

We welcome your comments on what you have looked at today and would be grateful if you could fill in the survey and let us know what you like, don't like or would like to see changed. Alternatively, if you wish to think a little bit more about the proposals then return the survey to us by post, or within an email. The contact details are on the survey.

What happens next?

Following this exhibition and subject to the outcome of the consultation exercise WDL will take account of all comments made and consider these in the context of the emerging proposals. At the point of submitting a planning application to West Lothian Council, WDL will set out the extent of issues raised through the public consultation exercise and confirm how these have been assessed, as appropriate, within the application proposals.

Comments received as part of this public consultation process do not constitute representations to the planning authority once a planning application is made. Any such representation requires to be made directly to West Lothian Council, as planning authority, at the appropriate time.

What we believe our park will bring to Winchburgh -

- Playing spaces
 - Healthy spaces
 - Meeting spaces
 - Adventures spaces
 - Active spaces
 - Linked spaces
 - Informal spaces
 - Viewing spaces
 - Growing spaces
 - Teaching space
 - Bio diverse spaces
 - Orchard spaces
 - Events spaces
- Walking and running spaces
 - Sustainable spaces
 - All ages spaces
 - Accessible space
 - Sporting spaces
 - Inclusive spaces
 - Dog spaces
 - Chillin' spaces
 - Quality spaces
 - Keep fit spaces
 - Green energy spaces

But most of all - evolving spaces to reflect the growing community .