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VISION AND AIMS

HOUSING



Choice and Quality: Provide a greater choice of high quality homes for all ages and enable a range of tenure preferences

Future-proof: Future proof homes so that they are sustainable and reduce repairs, maintenance and running costs

Community: Enhance community cohesion through thoughtful, inclusive and functional designs and adaptations

Neighbourhoods: Encourage settled and sustainable neighbourhoods

Character: Ensure that new housing designs and adaptations compliment and enhance the character of the parkland estate

Environment: Invest in green design and technology to improve the energy efficiency of homes and contribute to the Council's climate change commitments

SHARED + GREEN SPACES



Community: Engage the community and work with local groups to care for and enhance green and open spaces.

Sustainability: Deliver improvements which are low maintenance, sustainable and value for money.

Quality: Enhance and increase the provision of good quality public gardens and open space.

Gardens: Provide additional garden space on housing land where this is adjacent to existing homes.

Character: Preserve and enhance local character, heritage and biodiversity.

Food Growing: Support community food growing schemes.

Recreation: Enhance and increase provision of formal sports and play facilities.

Footpaths: Improve and connect footpaths in woodlands and naturalistic green spaces for leisure, exercise and the enjoyment of nature.

Underused Spaces: Build new homes on underused space between and next to existing homes where limited infill could enhance green spaces.

A harmonious relationship: Promote a harmonious relationship between the built and green and environments and maximize benefits for the natural world.

SERVICES + FACILITIES



Health and Wellbeing: Targeted improvements that will promote health and wellbeing amongst Gleadless Valley residents.

Local Centres: Grow modern, vibrant local centres that will attract visitors and sustain facilities

Facilities: Support good quality, mixed use facilities that are inclusive and reflect local aspirations

Young People: Invest in services and facilities that will provide more things for young people to do in their local area

Community: A focus on community development through supporting community groups and services to build capacity and grow resource.

Partnership: Facilitate positive partnership working with community groups and ambassadors to deliver more joined up services and holistic facilities.

Neighbourhoods: Promote balanced provision throughout the Gleadless Valley neighbourhoods by refreshing how existing facilities are run as well as providing new.

EMPLOYMENT + SKILLS



Skills: Bring people together with the right skills and experience to improve the employment and skills

Aspiration: Raise aspirations of the residents of Gleadless Valley

Wider Initiatives: Bring employment and skills opportunities to local people by linking up with city-wide, regional, and national initiatives

Employment: Provide more employment opportunities on the Valley

Enterprise: Promote and assist the enterprise and self employment offer for local people

Equality: Reduce deprivation indicators amongst Gleadless Valley residents

VISION AND AIMS

Sheffield City Council's vision for Gleadless Valley is for it to continue to be a great place to live, grow up and grow older, with fantastic green spaces and good quality housing. It will have a strong sense of community spirit and allow its residents to thrive.

The goals of the plan are to:

- Put residents at the heart of this masterplan
- Preserve and enhance the local character, heritage and wildlife
- Promote better use and care of the valleys green and open spaces
- Deliver services and facilities that meet the needs of the valley and improve play and recreation provision
- Work with the community to improve the health and well being of GV residents
- Grow skills and employment opportunities for all
- Increase the choice, mix and quality of homes
- Improve routes throughout the valley linking public transport, services, homes and green spaces
- Support climate change resilience through delivery of the masterplan projects

Main Proposals

- A. Newfield Green and Plowright
- B. Middlehay View / Close and Leighton Road
- C. Spotswood
- D. Sands Close
- E. Spring Close View and Mount
- F. Blackstock Road and Ironside Road
- G. Gaunt Road
- H. Morland Road and Leighton Drive
- I. Hemsworth School Site

KEY

Housing

-  Going ahead
-  Firm proposal
-  Replacement homes
-  Refurbishment
-  Remodelling
-  Remodelling*
The changes to the flats in this part of the estate are not planned to happen until later in the regeneration programme. The Council will continue to engage with local residents and determine nearer the time how many units will be affected.

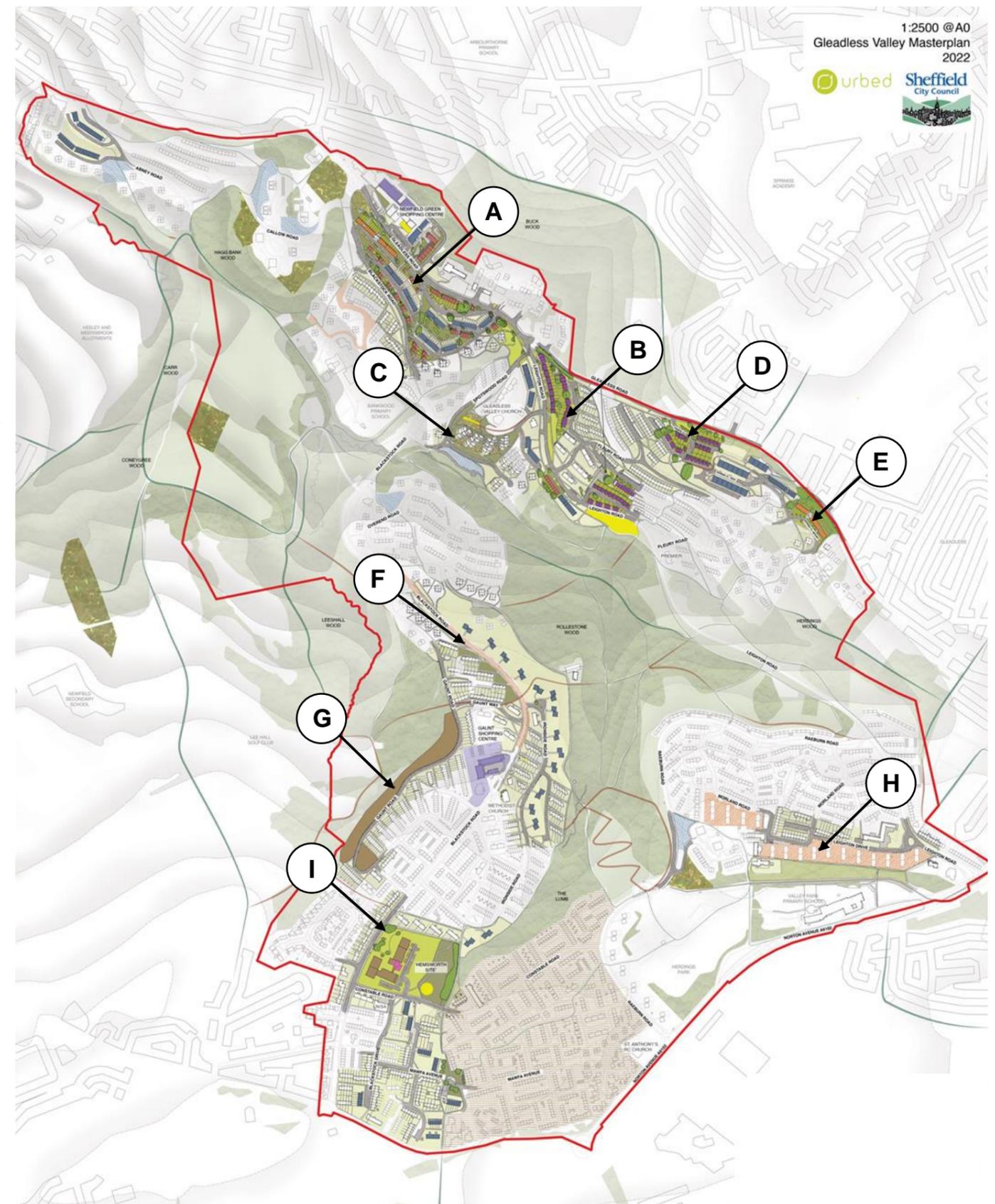
-  Possible new build sites for further exploration

Other

-  Shopping improvements
-  New/improved parking & traffic calming measures
-  New/improved parking & driveways
-  Meadows / orchards / wetland flower planting / tree planting
-  Improvements to shared and green spaces
-  Woodland (*Management plan being developed*)
-  Play space
-  Cafe / Community space (Hemsworth site)

Footpaths

-  Existing path
-  Existing Public Right of Way
-  Potential new connection



HOUSING STRATEGY

Our Housing Strategy aims to make the most of existing stock to preserve the Valley's character, with improvements to existing homes that enhance security, communal areas and visual appearance.

The masterplan will ensure that more of the types of homes people want and need are available, through remodelling and small-scale demolition and replacement of selected maisonettes and flats.

Limited new build housing on underused land between and next to the Valley's existing homes will also provide more suitable and desirable homes.



RETAIN



REFURBISH



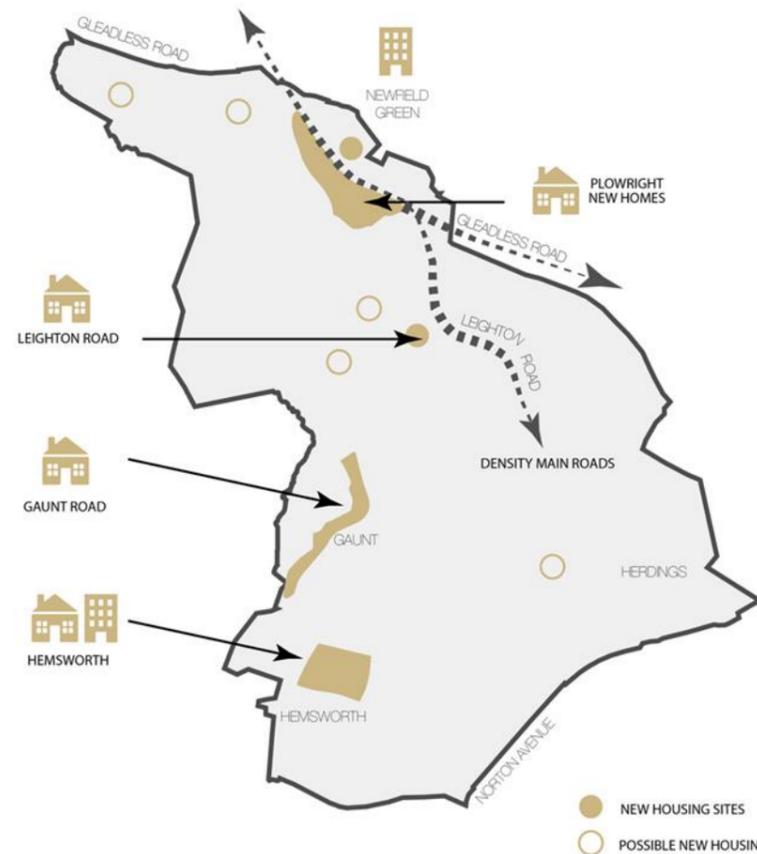
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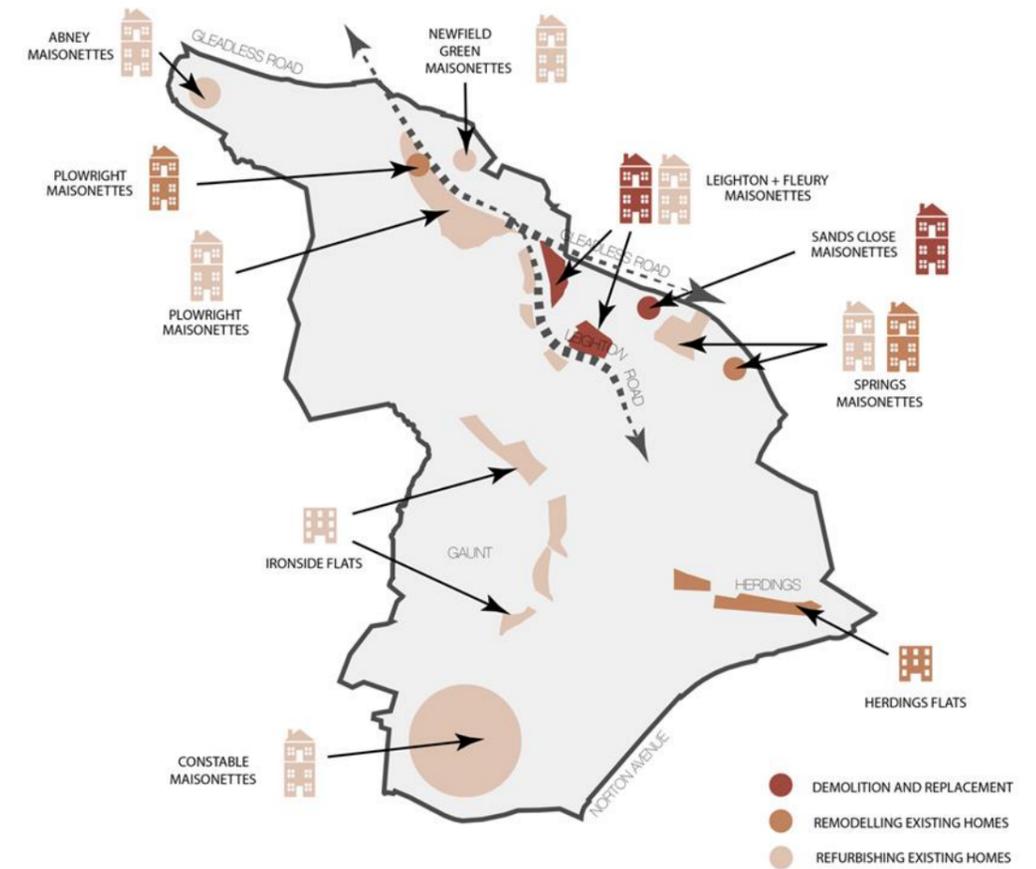
REPLACE



NEW BUILD



BUILDING NEW HOMES ON UNDERUSED LAND IN BETWEEN AND NEXT TO EXISTING HOMES



MIXED REGENERATION STRATEGY, FOLLOWING A REFURBISH, REMODEL, REPLACEMENT APPROACH

HOUSING: SUSTAINABILITY

The Council have committed to taking steps to reduce carbon emissions in Sheffield and to help achieve its zero-carbon target by 2030. One of the key ways of achieving this is by investing in fabric first measures to improve housing quality, and create more sustainable homes.

Improving the fabric of existing homes will help to minimise heat loss within the home, reducing energy bills and associated emissions. Gleadless Valley has previously benefitted from decent homes investment and heating and insulation programmes. This means that most homes in Gleadless Valley are already at EPC level C or level D. To help the Council meet our targets, maisonettes in Gleadless Valley that are not replaced or remodelled will benefit from an external refurbishment programme.

Through a procurement framework, the Council will ensure local suppliers (consultants and contractors) are used where possible for all new build and retrofitted homes. The Council will promote the use of local materials as part of the push towards the 2030 net zero aspirations.

New build homes in Gleadless Valley will deliver high thermal performance and high levels of air tightness through a 'fabric first' approach. This will reduce carbon emissions and minimise energy bills for residents, addressing fuel poverty as well as supporting better health outcomes.

The Council will seek external investment from the Government to help deliver elements of these homes (examples may include lower energy heating systems or renewable energy technologies) to the Building Regulation's Future Buildings Standard in advance of this requirement coming in to force in 2025. To encourage sustainable travel options and future proofing new homes, the Council is developing a city-wide Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy and Policy. Whilst the policy is being developed to enable the move to zero emission vehicles, the Council have to date been installing underground trunking to enable future electrical connections. All new builds and remodelled housing going forward will be designed to comply with the new building regulations requirements for electrical vehicle charge points.

Improving pedestrian routes and cycle links into and across Gleadless Valley will make it easier for people to use alternative, active travel choices and will help to decrease carbon emissions in Gleadless Valley and the city as a whole.

All drawings are indicative only – plans to be resolved in future detailed studies



Electric Vehicle Charging points



Energy efficient new build homes on Weakland Estate, Hackenthorpe

Active Travel in Kelham Island (road closed to motor vehicles)



The masterplan supports the provision of new affordable rented homes on many sites across the valley. There are some sites that have already been allocated for new housing within the Council's Stock Increase Programme. These include Gaunt Road, where blocks of flats have previously been removed, and older persons housing on the old Hemsworth School site.

The masterplan will see additional sites brought forward for development as shown on this page. Sites at Plowright, Newfield Green and Leighton Road will progress from the pre-application stage and see approximately 74 quality homes delivered. Site surveys and feasibility studies will be carried out on additional SCC owned sites to confirm suitability and capacity.

Building homes on some underused green areas of land will help reduce antisocial behaviour and littering, by making public spaces more overlooked (neighbourhood watch) and increasing the sense of ownership of these areas. New build housing will:

Increase choice and access to the types of homes that are wanted and needed

- More family homes will be provided, with parking and private gardens. The design of new homes will be centred around modern family living and follow secure by design principles.

Be situated sensitively on underused space

- Sites for new homes will be limited and chosen so as not to spoil the Valley's green and open character. New housing will be laid out to preserve existing views.
- Green spaces around homes will be improved, including the provision of additional outdoor play facilities.

Be attractive and of sustainable design

- Investment in green design and technology will futureproof new homes.
- Providing more homes in the area will encourage a thriving community, contributing to a vibrant local economy.
- The design of new homes will be a modern take on the existing architecture, with a preference for low maintenance housing and materials. Views across the valley will be protected and architectural interest added through variations in the roof lines and the ways in which block heights step down along the natural landscape and hills

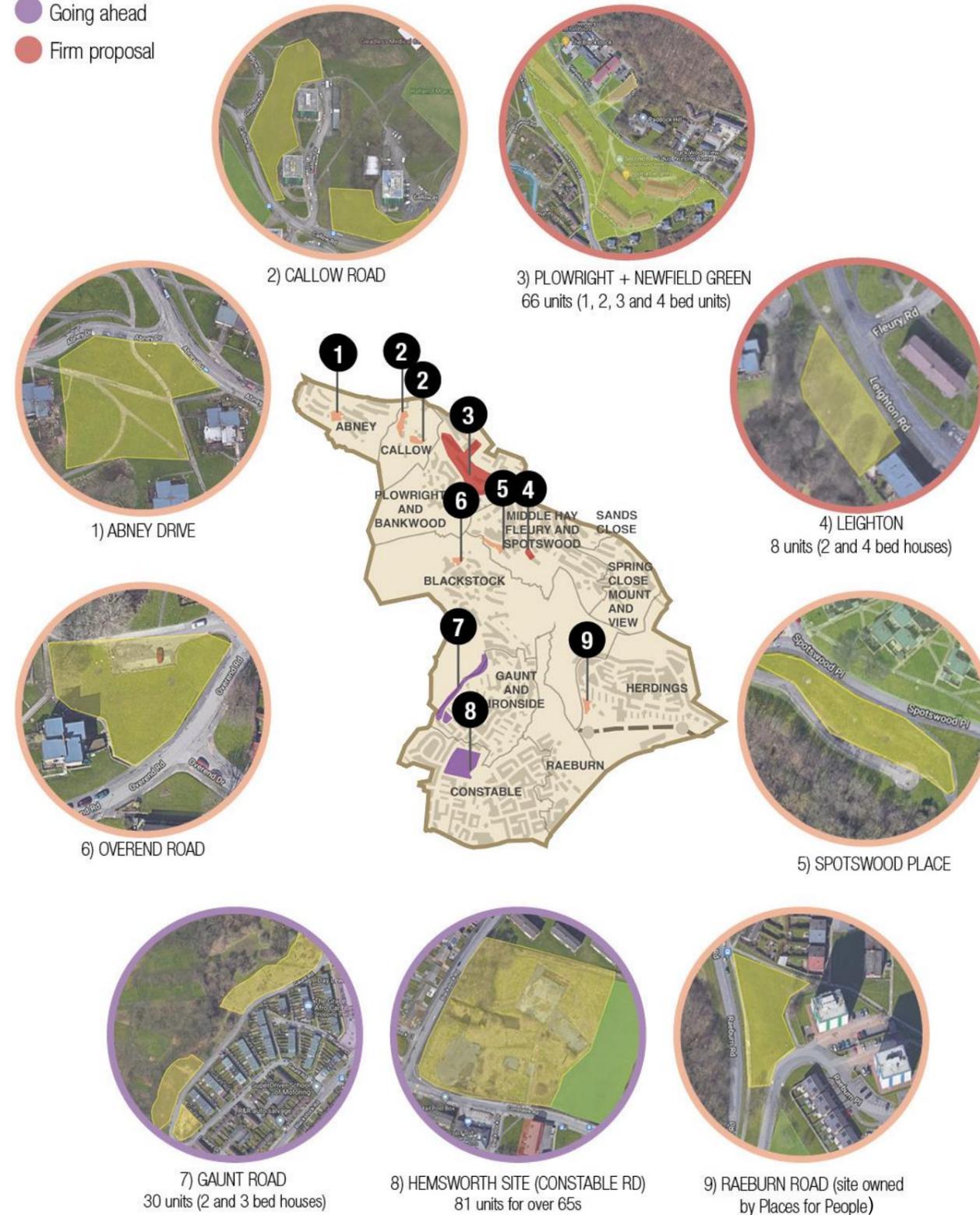
NEW BUILD HOUSING SITES

 Possible new build sites

All the 'possible new build sites' have been deemed acceptable in principle by Forward Area Planning for residential development. High level studies suggest that the possible new build sites combined could enable the development of approximately 35 additional homes throughout the Valley. Detailed site surveys are needed to confirm suitability and capacity.

 Going ahead

 Firm proposal



Examples

*Marmalade Lane, Cambridge
Interaction between houses and
shared outside spaces*



*Scotia Drive, Sheffield
Well defined private gardens
and driveways*



*Derwenthorpe
Mixed materials + interaction
between houses and nature*



Plowright New Build Housing

Plowright is the gateway to the valley and is located next to the Newfield Green Shopping Centre. Increasing the density, range and quality of homes and improving connectivity to the local center is key to the regeneration of this part of the valley.

The plans for Plowright and Newfield Green include:

1. Various new-build housing (including houses and apartments) and associated car parking, roadways, and shared space.
2. Shared space and landscape enhancements at Newfield Green, along Gleadless Road.
3. New landscaping and community gardens.

The scheme at Plowright will deliver approximately 66 new high-spec homes, with private gardens and parking.

Plowright new build housing



Artist impression of new housing



Plowright new homes

= Approx. 66 units

- 1 bed apartments
- 2 bed apartments
- 2 bed houses
- 3 bed houses
- 4 bed houses

Existing Photo



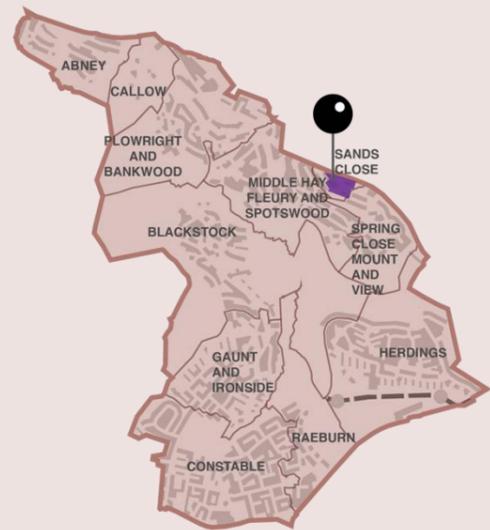
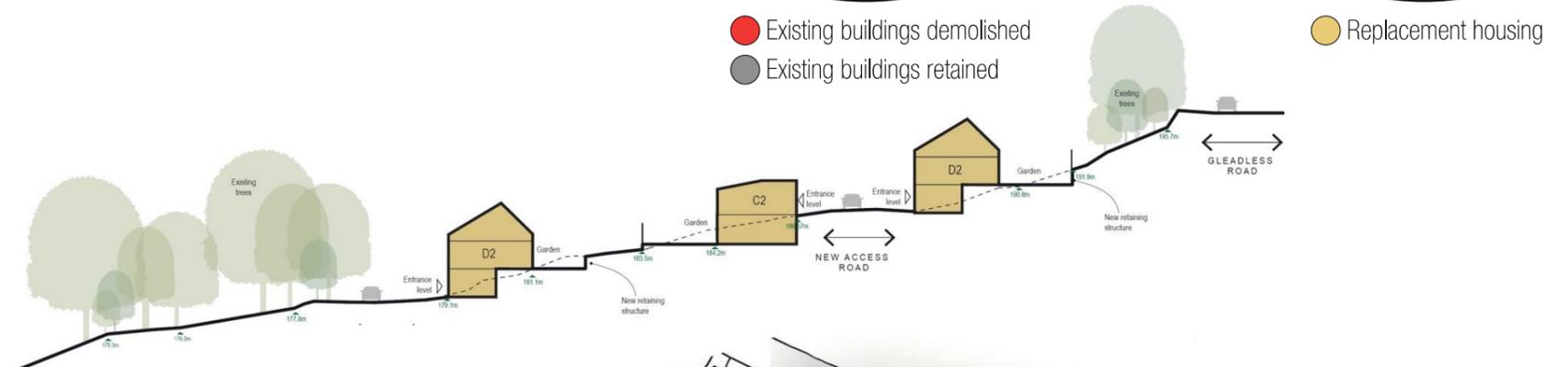
Public consultation indicated dissatisfaction with certain house types: in particular, there are too many maisonettes in the Valley for the number of people that want them and they don't work well for modern living. Additionally, the multiple flights of stairs in maisonette blocks make getting into the properties difficult and in some cases, attract anti-social behaviour.

A small number of maisonettes at Sands Close, Middle Hay Close/View and Leighton Road will be demolished and replaced with a mix of high quality family houses and a small number of apartments. Improving the quality of homes will encourage residents to stay longer in Gleadless Valley. The plans to provide more housing choice for people are shown on this page and the next.

Sands Close replacement homes

The Sands Close site is made up of 4 maisonette blocks accessed off Gleadless Road. The blocks are isolated from the rest of the valley due to the road and path layout and do not work well with the steep sloping of the site. In terms of their size, they do not sit as well alongside the terraced housing on Sands Close. As a result, these blocks are some of the least popular maisonettes on the estate.

44 three-bedroom maisonettes will be replaced with approximately 27 terraced, semi-detached and detached houses, likely to have a mix of two and four-bedrooms



Sands Close New Homes

= approx. 27 houses

- 2 bed houses
- 4 bed houses

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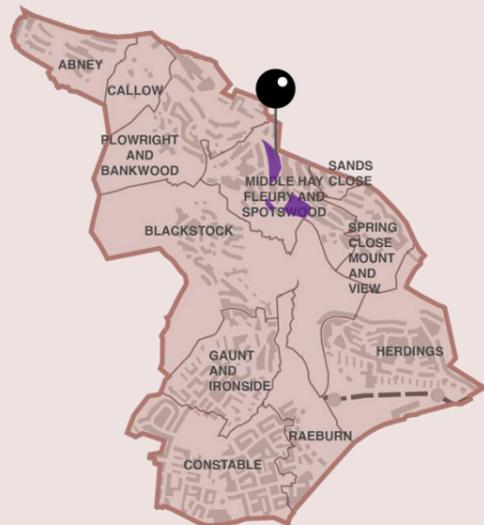
Middle Hay Close/View And Leighton Road Housing Replacement

This area consists of three distinct sites: 3 maisonette blocks between Middle Hay View and 3 blocks between Middle Hay Close and Leighton Road.

While most maisonette blocks in Gleadless Valley follow the line of the valley's natural slopes, the blocks on this site are designed to cut across the slope, reaching 4 – 5 stories in places. With no lift access from Leighton Road, this makes them particularly difficult to access. Further issues faced by residents are that the garages under the maisonettes are not associated with a particular property and present a blank frontage at street level. The open stairwells and bridges have been linked to antisocial behaviour and are challenging to make secure given the multiple access points. As a result of this, people do not feel safe within this area.

75 maisonettes will be demolished at Middle Hay and Leighton Road and will be replaced by approximately 61 houses and apartments. An additional 8 homes will also be delivered across Leighton Road between the existing maisonettes.

Standard repairs and maintenance will continue as usual.

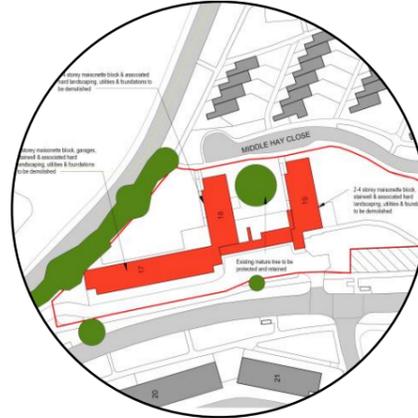


Middle Hay New Homes

= Approx. 69 units

- 2 bed apartments
- 3 bed apartments
- 2 bed houses
- 3 bed houses
- 4 bed houses

Middle Hay Close/ Leighton Road



EXISTING SITE PLAN

- Existing buildings demolished
- Existing buildings retained



EXISTING SITE PHOTO



EXISTING SITE PHOTO



EXISTING SITE PLAN

- Existing buildings demolished
- Existing buildings retained



Gleadless Valley's housing has had limited external repair or replacement work since its construction 60 years ago. Some residents stated that the maisonettes and low-rise blocks of one bed flats have a poor appearance and don't work well for modern lifestyles. Some of the maisonettes and one bed flats will be converted into 3- and 4-bedroom town houses to provide more good quality family homes with gardens. This is called remodelling.

Plowright Remodelling

40 maisonettes will be covered by the Plowright remodelling works. The upper maisonettes will have improvements to items such as door entry systems etc. The twenty 2-bed lower maisonettes will be enlarged to 3 bed townhouses by expanding and converting existing garage spaces below, providing a kitchen diner and an additional shower room. They will also have their own entrance, private garden, and parking space. The building exterior will also be improved with re-roofing and replacement doors and windows where needed.

Works to the communal areas will include:

- Installation of door entry systems for improved security
- Improvements to walkways and new stair core
- Provision of new bin store areas
- Sound insulation between properties.
- New allocated parking spaces



Plowright Remodelling

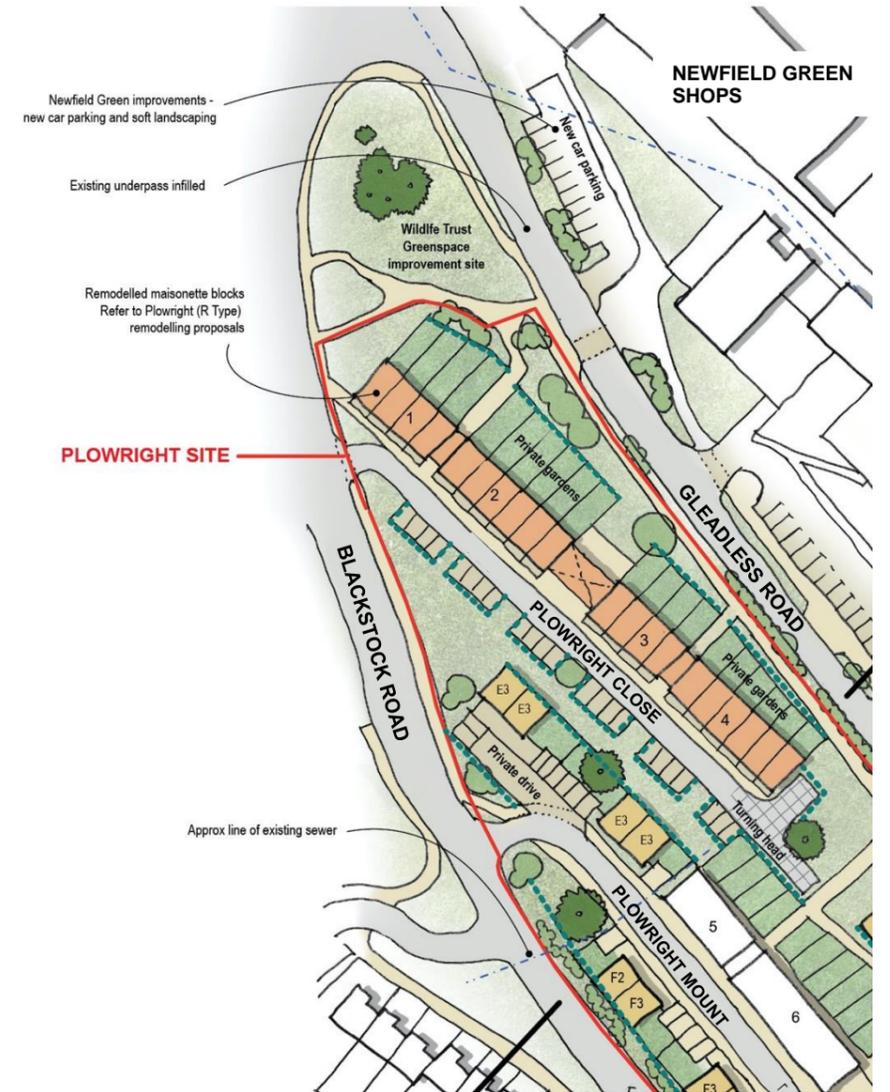


Existing Photo

Indicative elevations



Indicative plans



Herdings (Morland Road and Leighton Drive) Remodelling

Some of the 1 bed flats at Herdings will be remodelled into 4 bed town houses with private gardens. There is high demand for 4-bed properties in the area, and the one-bed flats have some reports of issues with anti-social behaviour. Streets and parking will be introduced between the remodelled blocks, in order to better distinguish fronts and backs of blocks, and define public and private boundaries.

The changes to the flats in this part of the estate are not planned to happen until later in the regeneration programme. The Council will continue to engage with local residents and determine nearer the time how many units will be affected. Standard repairs and maintenance will continue as usual.

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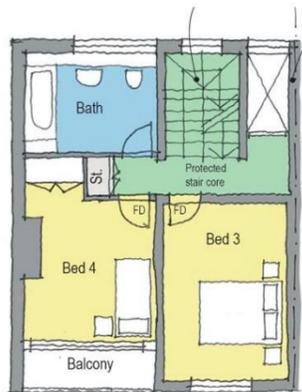
Artist impression

MORLAND RD/ LEIGHTON DRIVE

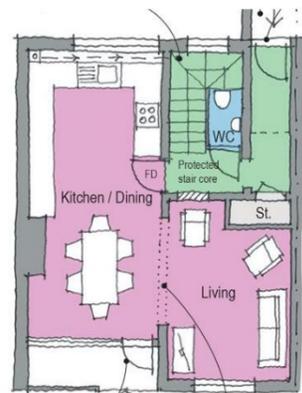
Indicative plans



Remodelled Townhouse Second Floor (1:100)



Remodelled Townhouse First Floor (1:100)



Alternative main entrance (for back-to-front blocks) Wall removed

Remodelled Townhouse Ground Floor (1:100)

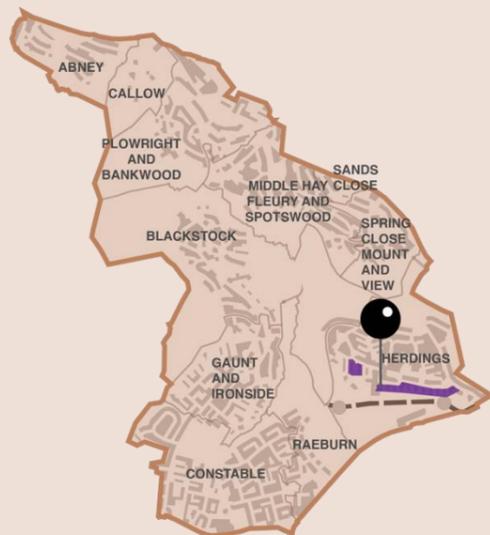
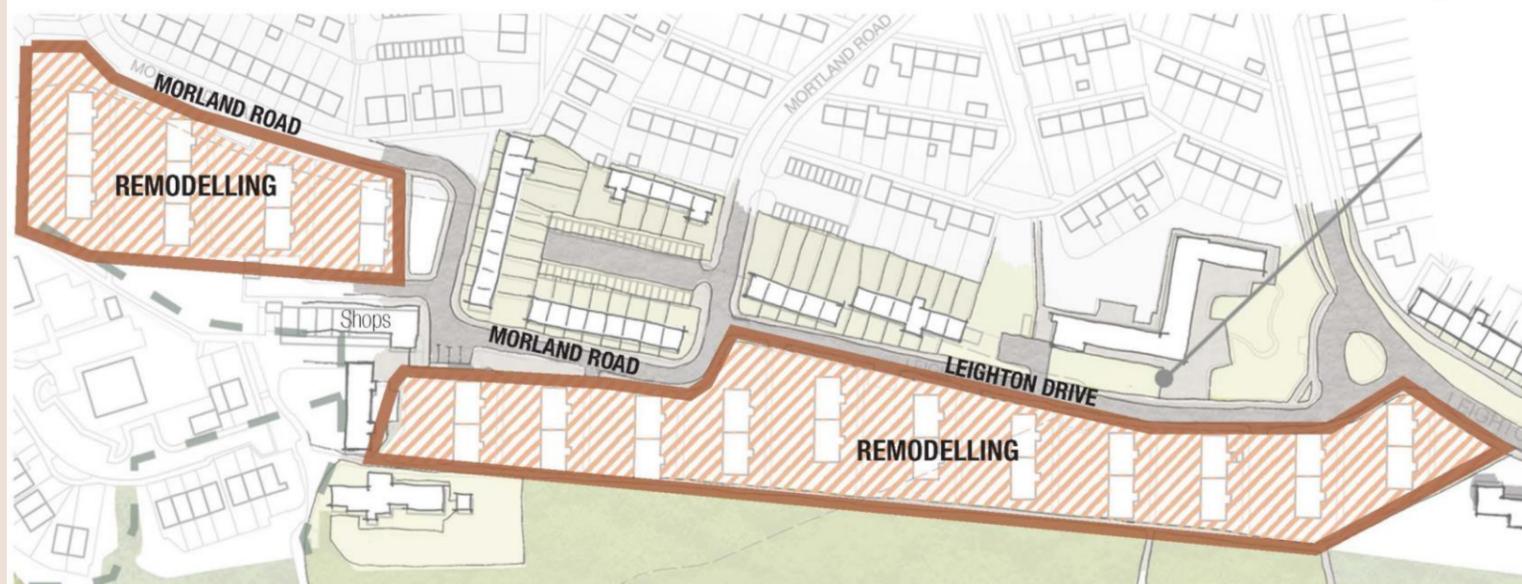


Key

- 1800mm timber fencing
- 900mm brick wall with 900mm metal railing over
- 900mm metal railing

Refer to Appendix A (outline specification) for details of proposed materials.

- Proposed remodelled blocks (EXACT BLOCKS FOR REMODELLING TO BE DETERMINED)
- Retained existing blocks



Maisonettes that are not replaced or remodelled will benefit from an external refurbishment programme. Standard repairs and internal improvements will continue as usual, while refurbishments will focus on communal areas and external parts of the blocks.

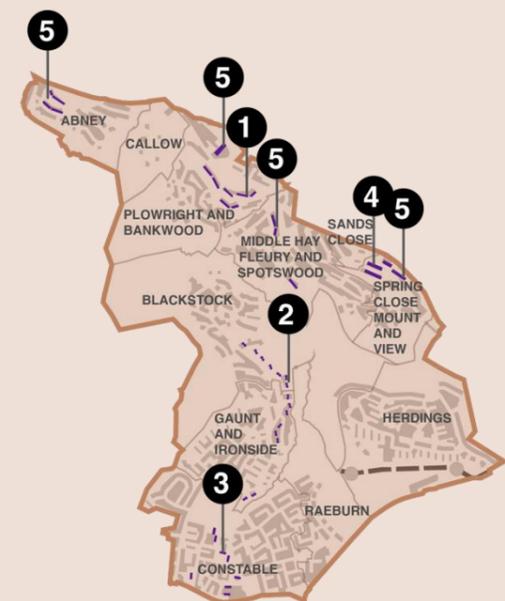
Refurbishment plans for each of the 5 block types (see map below) will generally include improvements to security, lighting, access and external finishes. Some blocks will also be fitted with insulated cladding and have roof works carried out to improve the building performance in terms of warmth and energy usage. Windows, balustrades and external communal areas will be repaired or replaced where required.

1) Plowright refurbishment

Door entry system for each property, upgrades to communal areas such as the access stairs and walkways, and fitting insulated external cladding. Bin chutes sealed and new bin stores provided for the blocks.

2) Ironside/ Blackstock

External rendering, door entry systems, improved lighting on mini tower blocks



Potential alterations:

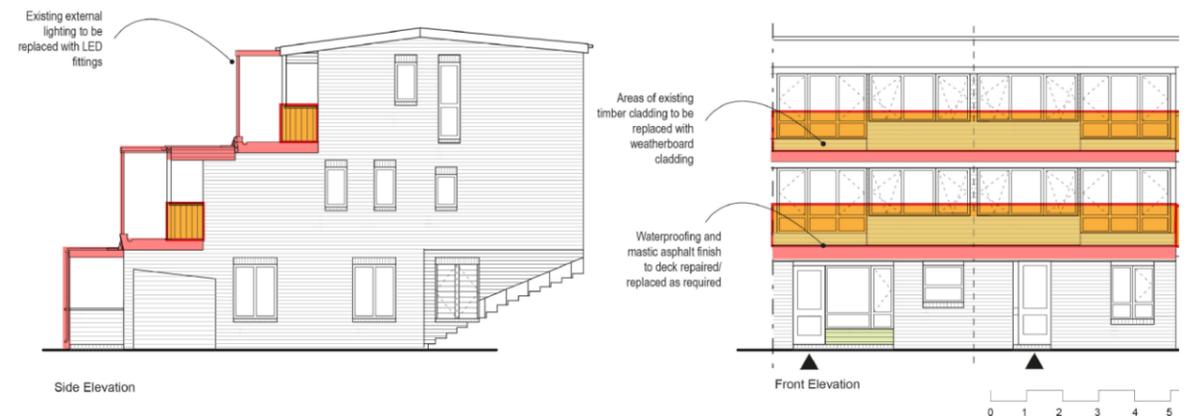
- Replacement insulated tile cladding
- Replacement curtain walling with automatic opening vents.
- New secure access doors
- Replacement insulated roofing
- Replacement metal balustrade and repairs to concrete deck surface / finish.
- Replacement windows / doors (TBC)
- External works - repairs/ upgrades to surface treatments
- Extended brick-built bin store with new doors and secure access



3) Constable/ Mawfa Maisonette Refurb

Potential alterations:

- Rainwater goods and flat roof drainage / finish overhauled.
- Replacement metal balustrade and repairs to concrete deck surface / finish.
- Replacement weatherboard cladding



4) Spring Close View 'Ranch Flats'

Potential alterations:

- Replacement insulated tile cladding
- Replacement curtain walling with automatic opening vents
- Lobby extension formed of new lightweight frame and curtain walling with secure access doors
- Replacement metal balustrade
- Replacement windows / doors (TBC)
- External works upgrades
- New brick-built bin store with secure access
- Replacement garage doors



5) OTHER REFURB

Spotswood / Leighton, Abney, Newfield Green and Springs Close View

Gleadless Valley is characterised by its abundance of green open spaces and extensive woodlands which run across the valley. Whilst being one of the valley's greatest assets, its green and natural spaces also create a number of challenges for Gleadless Valley, both in terms of how it is used and managed.

Our shared and green space strategy for Gleadless Valley aims to protect and enhance its green spaces and woodlands, whilst addressing the areas of underused green space.

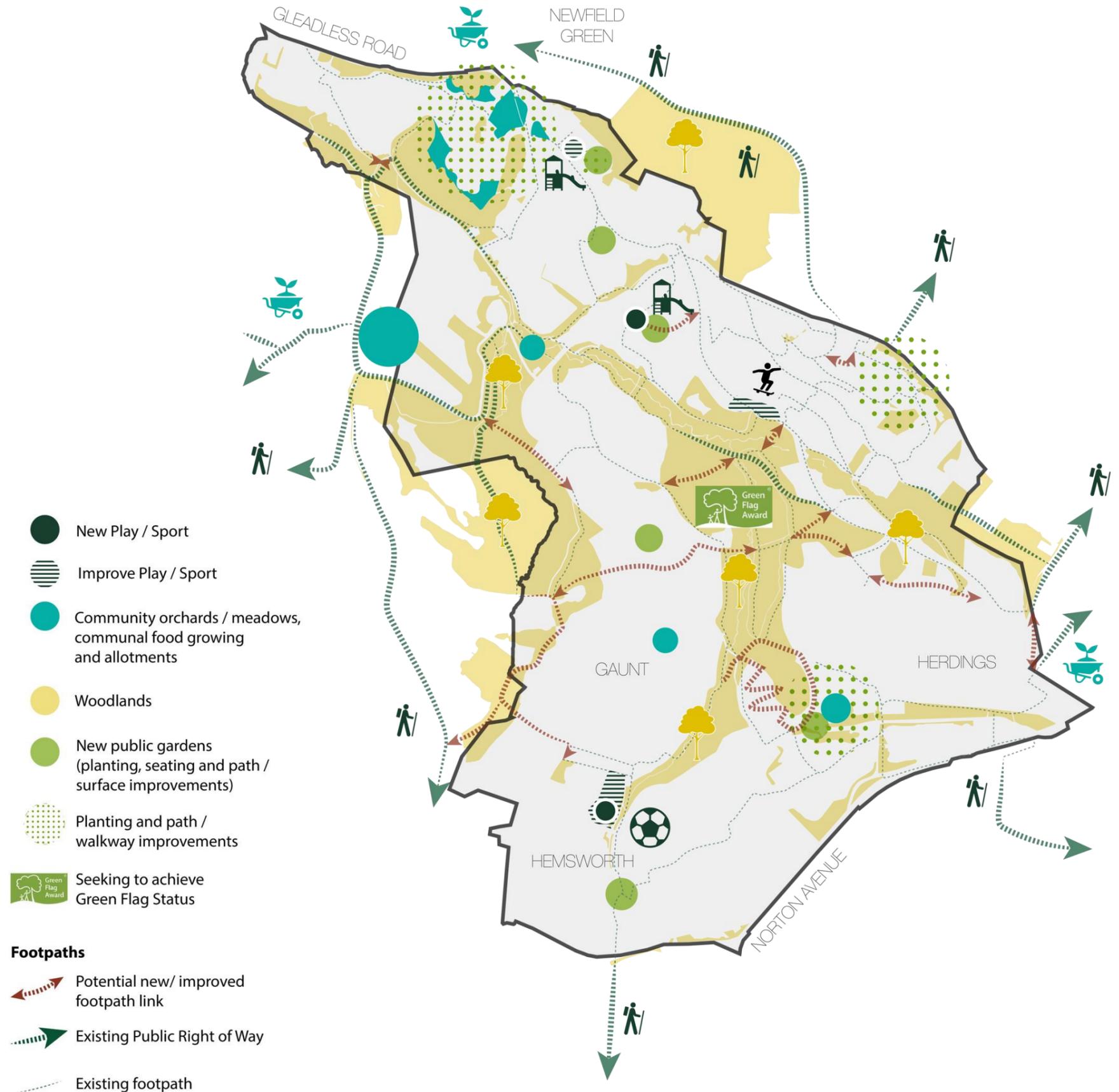
The strategy aims to increase the health and well-being benefits for the valley's residents through engaging them in the care of the green spaces, supporting community food growing schemes, increasing the provision of formal sports and play facilities and improving accessibility to and through its green spaces and woodlands.

To help achieve this vision we have developed a number of key aims:

Aims:

1. Engage the community and work with local groups to care for and enhance green and open spaces.
2. Deliver improvements which are low maintenance, sustainable and value for money
3. Enhance and increase the provision of good quality public gardens and open space, and provide additional garden space on housing land where this is adjacent to existing homes.
4. Preserve and enhance local character, heritage and biodiversity and promote a harmonious relationship between the built and green environments and maximise benefits for the natural world
5. Enhance and increase provision of formal sports and play facilities. And; improve and connect footpaths in woodlands and naturalistic green spaces for leisure, exercise and the enjoyment of nature.
6. Build new homes on underused space between and next to existing homes where limited infill could enhance green spaces and natural environments.

This section of the document outlines the approach to shared and green spaces within the Masterplan, and example projects.



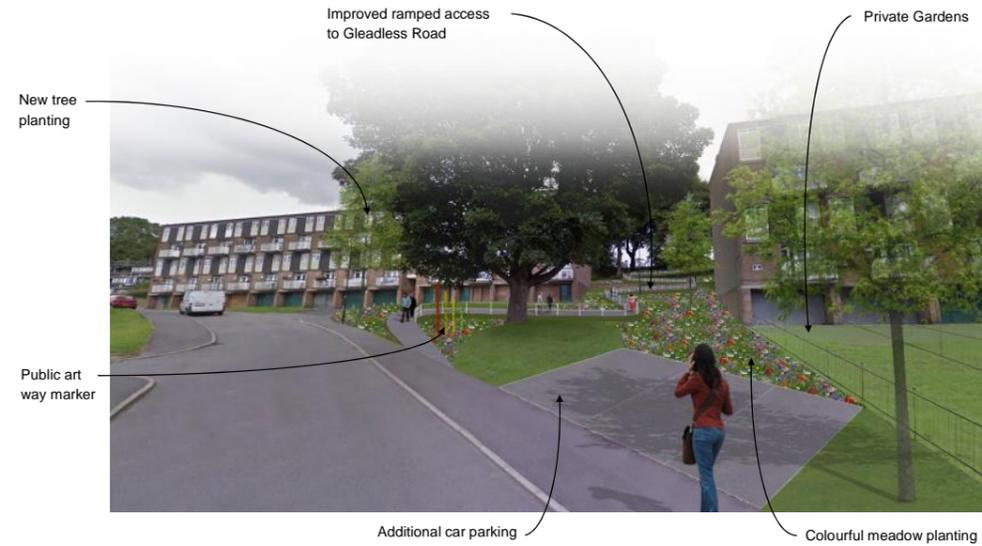
Clearer routes through the valley

- Key footpaths through the estate will be improved and less easy to use footpaths will be removed (in line with statutory legal processes for any footpath closure)
- Footpaths will be more clearly marked and sign-posted, to make it easier for people to get around the Valley and to and from estates nearby
- Where the land levels allow, routes will be made more accessible for all ages and abilities.
- Use of artwork and open space features will support wayfinding
- Partnership working with local groups and key stakeholders will help secure funding to improve paths and trails through woodland and naturalistic green spaces.

Project: Springs shared public space

- New ramped access route from Spring Close View to Gleadless Road
- Tree planting and meadow and bulb planting.
- Swale to intercept surface water will be installed to the rear of the adjacent houses
- New access route will include for a retaining wall with a 'green' planted face.

PROJECT: SPRING CLOSE VIEW/ MOUNT SHARED PUBLIC SPACE

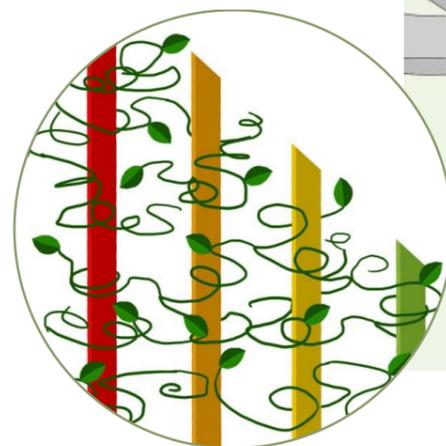


Existing Photo

Grass swale to improve drainage



Colourful meadow planting



High quality artist made markers to give character + wayfinding



Underused open spaces

- Some underused open space will be developed to provide new homes and community facilities.
- Development will be limited and sensitively designed to encourage a harmonious relationship between built and natural environments.
- Any open space lost to provide additional facilities will be compensated by making improvements to other open and public spaces in the Valley.
- New development will deliver biodiversity net gain, leaving the natural environment in a better state than before. This will include creating new habitats and planting trees.
- Development will be sensitive to tree root protection zones, ancient woodlands and key habitats.
- New development will introduce Sustainable Urban Drainage where appropriate and cost effective.

Communal and private gardens

- Local people will shape the future of spaces around their homes through consultation and community led design.
- Some spaces around homes will be made into shared gardens so that people who live near them are encouraged to use them more and look after them.
- Gardens will provide a sense of security.

Example: Plowright / Newfield Green

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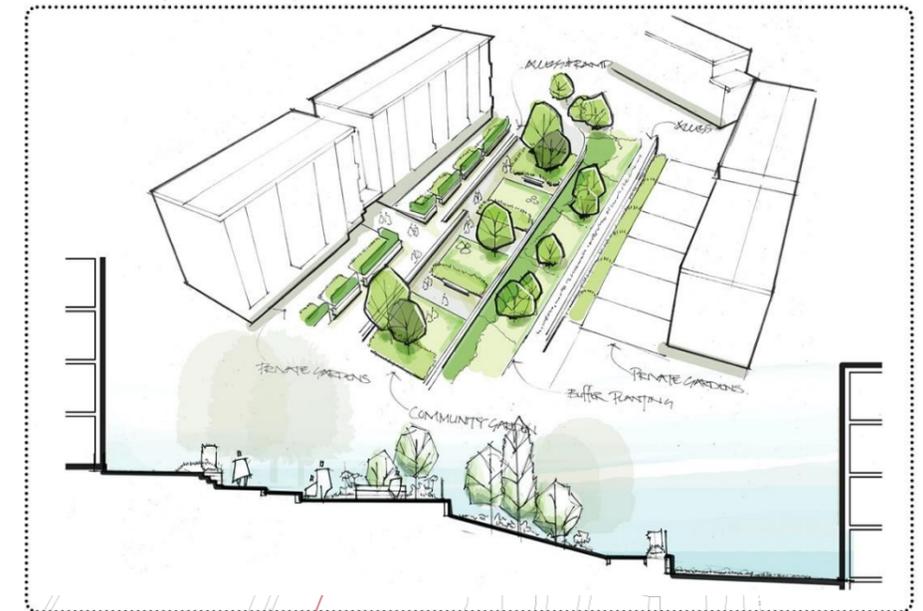
MATERIALS

- Self Binding Gravel
- Coloured Asphalt Type 1
- Coloured Asphalt Type 2
- Standard Asphalt
- Teglia Block Paving
- Dutch Clay Paving
- Private Gardens
- Lawn
- Low Maintenance Planting
- Existing Tree
- Proposed Semi-Mature Tree

STREET FURNITURE

- FSC Approved Gabion Timber Bench
- Woodscape FSC Approved Hardwood Timber Bench
- Gabion Walling 500mm Wide
- Concrete Steps with Galvanised Steel Handrails
- 1.8m High Hit and Miss Timber Fencing
- 1m High Mid Steel Fencing
- Bus Stop (existing)

- Measures to slow vehicles
- Improved crossing points
- Wider pavements and landscaping
- Visual and physical connections improved across Gleadless Road and Leighton Road.
- Communal terrace gardens created along key routes
- Underpass filled in
- New parking



Terraced community gardens which follow the topography



Green corridors between spaces



SHARED AND GREEN SPACES: SHARED PUBLIC SPACE

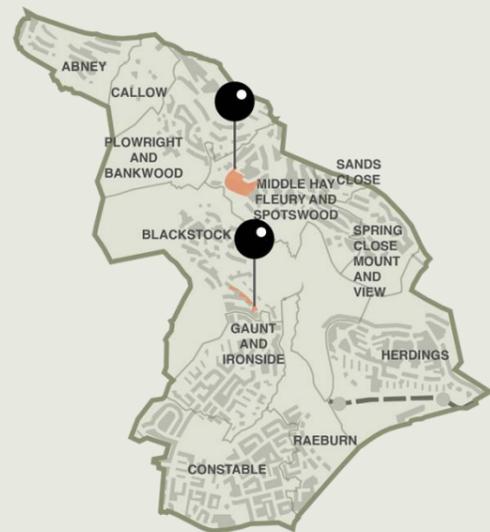
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Project: Blackstock Road Shared Public Space

- Wildflower planting
- Repairs and painting of existing railings
- New seating
- Upgrades to paving
- Green corridor along Blackstock with naturalistic meadow verges replacing mown grass.

Project: Spotswood Shared Public Space

- New path created
- Upgrades to existing paths and railings
- Recreational and informal play space
- Seating walls
- Wildflower and tree planting
- Extension to car park
- Maximising views from high vantage points



PROJECT EXAMPLE: BLACKSTOCK ROAD SHARED PUBLIC SPACE



EXISTING SITE PHOTO

KEY

- Existing step to be retained/repainted
- Existing railings to be retained/repainted
- Existing tree to be retained
- New wildflower meadow planting
- New herbaceous planting
- New deciduous tree planting
- New Public Art 'Marker'
- 'Wet Stone' retaining wall/seating
- Resin bonded gravel surfacing



PROJECT EXAMPLE: SPOTSWOOD SHARED PUBLIC SPACE



EXISTING SITE PHOTO OF SITES FOR FLOWER MEADOWS

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- Existing step to be retained/repainted
- Existing railings to be retained/repainted
- Existing tree to be retained
- New wildflower meadow planting
- New deciduous tree planting
- New Public Art 'Marker'
- New pedestrian footpath
- Car Parking
- Metal Bench
- 'Wet Stone' retaining wall/seating
- Bank Slide
- Sandstone 'Play' Boulders
- Resin bonded gravel surfacing
- New steps, concrete slab construction
- New pedestrian refuge / build-out

Green and open spaces

- Design solutions will make it clearer how people can and should use green and open spaces.
- Spaces will be more inviting by being overlooked and through the use of signage and lighting.
- Entrances to parks, woodlands and larger green space areas will be improved to encourage use.
- Local people will be involved in the design and care of their green and open spaces.
- The design of spaces will have a low maintenance approach which is value for money and sustainable.

Care for the natural environment

- Taking good care of the existing woodland and green and open spaces will be prioritised
- Planting and landscaping will be in keeping with the parkland feel of the Valley and will add colour and interest throughout the year and support wildlife.
- Areas of land not used for play will be managed to grow naturally to encourage plants and wildlife to thrive.
- Recognised ecological and heritage assets will be managed and protected such as ancient woodlands, protected species and habitat, mature and historically significant trees and archaeological features.
- Green links and the habitats within them will be protected and enhanced, and the safe movement of wildlife will be supported
- Key views and vistas will be protected.

Productive growing

- Opportunities for orchards, communal food growing, and allotments will be supported in the right locations. They will include a long-term plan for helping the Valley and involving local residents.
- Fruit and food growing will be properly managed, and the land maintained.

NEWFIELD HALL ORCHARD



(Gleadless Valley Wildlife Trust)
Community orchard scheme site.

NEWFIELD HALL GREEN SPACE



(Gleadless Valley Wildlife Trust)
Green space improvement site for wildflower planting and waymarking.

CALLOW GREEN SPACE



(Gleadless Valley Wildlife Trust)
One of the sites at Callow for wildflower meadow creation along the edge of recently planted trees

RAEBURN PLACE GREEN SPACE



(Gleadless Valley Wildlife Trust)
Green space improvement and management scheme site for wetland flower planting and habitat creation.

CONEYGREE WOOD ORCHARD



(Regather)
Possible new community orchard project by Regather.

LEES HALL ORCHARD



(Gleadless Valley Wildlife Trust)

Restore and expand the small existing community orchard at the site of the former Lees Hall Farm

LEES HALL POND IMPROVEMENTS



Credit: GVWT

Map 1 - Newfield Hall & Callow Greenspaces

Key to Improvements

- Newly planted trees
- Meadow creation
- Berry bush/herb planting in Orchard



Public spaces

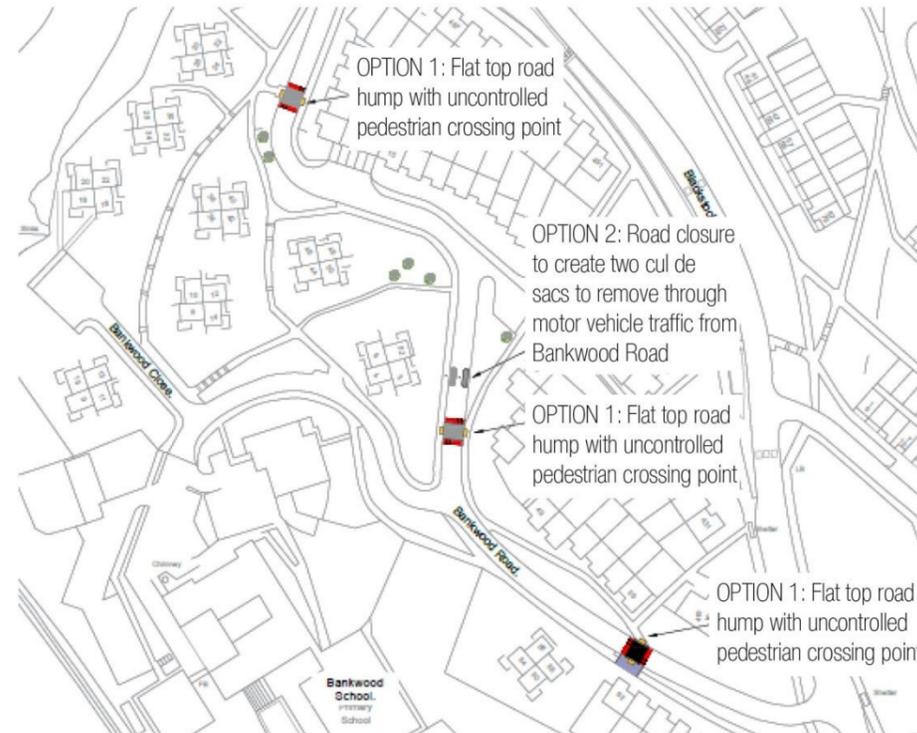
- Spaces will be designed so that they can be used for a range of community events and activities.
- Improvements to public spaces will make them more accessible to all ages and abilities.
- Convenient locations for seating and facilities will provide opportunities to relax and socialise outdoors.

Appropriate places for parking

- Formal parking spaces and signage will make it clearer which areas can be used for parking.
- The design of new parking spaces will use materials and planting which encourage drainage and maintain the natural character of the valley.
- Low maintenance barriers will deter parking on verges and green spaces.
- New development will include designated space for parking and bicycle storage.
- Electric vehicle charge points will be designed within the city-wide Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy and Policy

PROJECT EXAMPLE: BANKWOOD PARKING AND TRAFFIC

- Around 42 formal parking spaces will be created by utilizing verge space and extending existing car parks.
- Speed bumps and double yellow lines installed



PROJECT EXAMPLE: IRONSIDE/BLACKSTOCK PARKING



Around 112 new formal parking spaces will be created through utilizing verge space

PROJECT EXAMPLE: CONSTABLE PARKING AND DRIVES

- Around 78 new formal parking spaces created
- Some new private driveways
- Improved boundaries to houses

Photo of one of the locations at Constable where additional parking will be provided: at end of Mawfa Avenue 8 car parking spaces will be created by opening up access to rear of flats.



PROJECT EXAMPLE: MAWFA VILLAGE GREEN PUBLIC REALM



- Seating and paved area at the centre of new paths
- Wildflower and tree planting
- Car park extended



Outdoor leisure, sports + play provision

- Open spaces (in the right locations) will be improved to enable a range of play activities.
- Facilities for all ages and abilities will be put in safe and accessible places
- Targeted provision for young people will be prioritised
- Improvements to walking routes, cycle routes and wayfinding will encourage walking, running and cycling across and around the Valley.
- Low maintenance design and materials will help ensure that new play equipment will be long lasting.

Nature trails, heritage trails and walking/running routes will develop the woodlands and larger green spaces into more attractive places to use and enjoy and local community groups will be involved in the improvement projects. Public Rights of Way will be respected and additional connections considered where feasible and funding can be identified. (see diagram far right)

A Green Space Management Plan is being developed for the woodlands and larger naturalistic green spaces, including green links, in conjunction with the Gleadless Valley Wildlife Trust.

In addition, The Council has an ambition to achieve Green Flag status for Gleadless Valley, an example of this is Grenoside Woods (picture below). The Green Flag Award helps to create public recognition of good quality green spaces and people's confidence in them.



NEWFIELD GREEN PLAY AREA



EXISTING PLAY AREAS TO BE IMPROVED

This includes improvements to be made at the existing play area at Newfield Green.

HEMSWORTH PLAY AND RECREATION



Improvements to pitch, new play facilities and improved public realm and paths at Hemsworth site.

SPOTSWOOD INFORMAL PLAY



NEW PLAY AREAS

Proposed addition of slides and informal play

BLACKSTOCK OPEN SPACE



NEW RECREATIONAL SPACE

On the historic landfill site there is potential to create a range of informal outdoor recreation and nature uses such as a pond for recreation and to improve the wildlife.

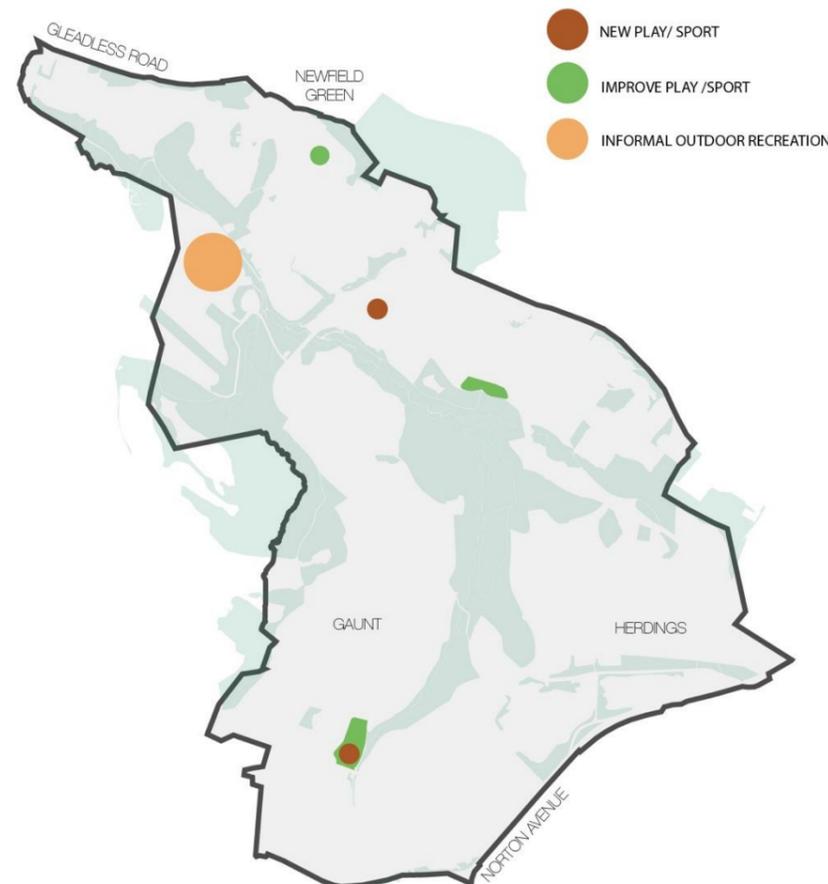
WOODLANDS



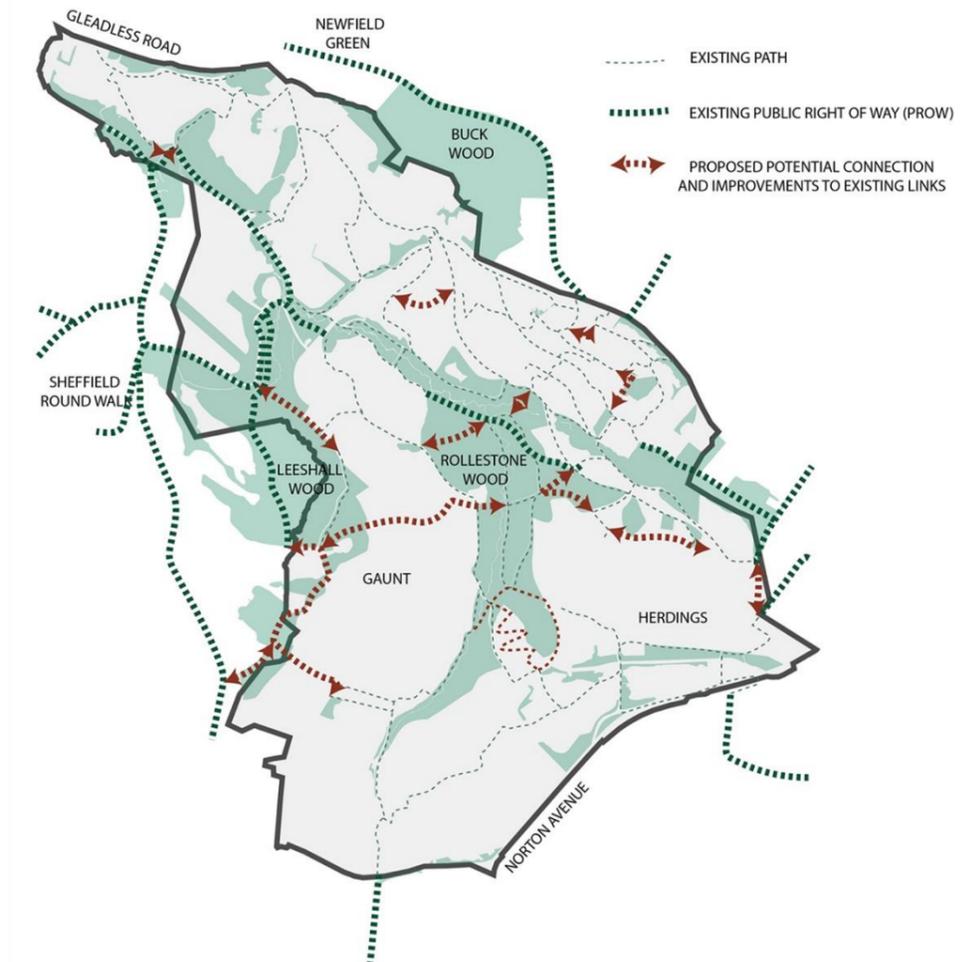
EXISTING WOODLAND WALKS

Woodland routes improved and ambition to achieve Green Flag Award status

Enhance and increase provision of formal sport and play facilities



Exploration of potential connections and improvements to existing links



See Appendix 1: Baseline for a breakdown of the local habitats and wildlife sites.

Landscape and ecology

Amongst the housing estates of Gleadless Valley there are extensive woods and naturalistic green spaces. They are community open spaces rich in plants and wildlife and have a network of paths. They support habitats that are national priorities for conservation like ancient woodlands and wildflower meadows, and designated Local Nature Reserves.

The woodlands and naturalistic green spaces will be cared for and improved for people and nature. This will include access improvements and habitat management and enhancement, involving volunteers and ongoing community engagement. Funding bids, in conjunction with local groups, will be submitted to improve paths, nature trails and running routes, and events will make the woodlands and larger green spaces more attractive places to use and enjoy. Existing and newly created meadow areas will be left to grow and flower over the spring and summer and then cut in the autumn, with the grass cuttings removed. Tidy close mown strips will be maintained beside paths, roads and housing. Green Links, smaller green spaces through the housing areas which link the larger green areas, will be retained and where feasible, improved for access, wildlife, and recreation. These green links form the green spine of the valley linking to existing public rights of way, increasing sustainable travel options through the valley.

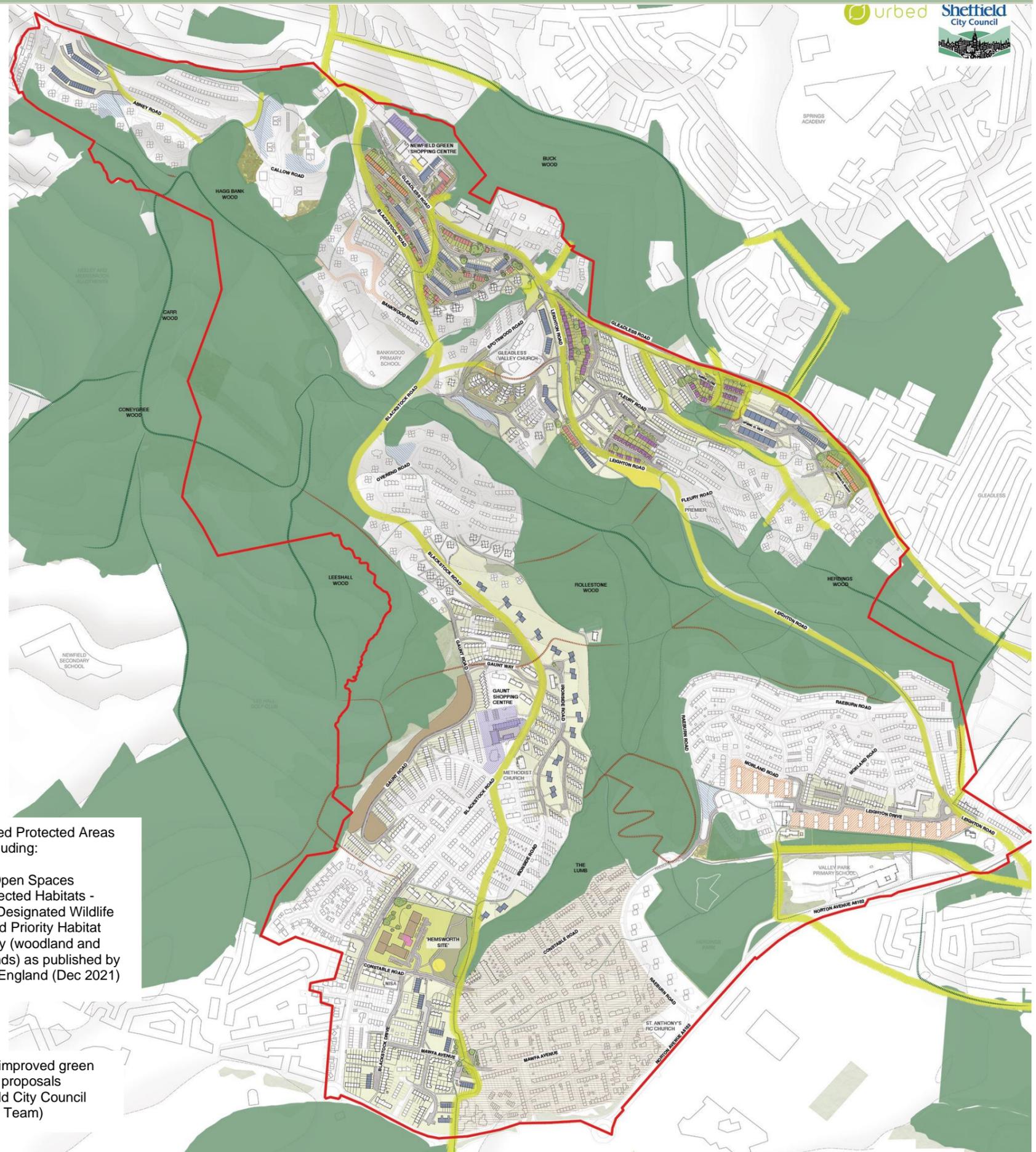
This map shows the areas of land with ecological and green heritage value that is to be protected, retained and managed as naturalistic green space, and how the masterplan proposals work around these ecological assets. This includes:

- Local Wildlife Sites and/or Open Spaces by the SCC
- Habitats which are priorities for conservation, and/or support species that are priorities for conservation. These include woodland priority areas, woodland improvement areas and grassland priority habitats. More information about priority habitats is available in the Sheffield and UK Biodiversity Action Plans.

 Combined Protected Areas Map including:

Public Open Spaces
UK Protected Habitats - Locally Designated Wildlife Sites and Priority Habitat Inventory (woodland and grasslands) as published by Natural England (Dec 2021)

 New or improved green corridor proposals (Sheffield City Council Ecology Team)



SHARED AND GREEN SPACES: LANDSCAPE + ECOLOGY

Biodiversity net gain

Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) looks to leave biodiversity in a better state than before.

Housing developments across the valley should ensure that key habitats are retained. Landscape sensitivity does not preclude development but where habitats can't be retained, appropriate mitigations and compensations, such as relocation will be put in place. In line with Planning Guidance, the new housing development will need to achieve 10% biodiversity net gain across the masterplan sites. This could be delivered in a variety of ways and measures could include bat and nesting boxes, sustainable urban drainage systems and attractive native planting that will be compatible with the Local nature recovery strategy and nature recovery network. Maisonette refurbishments will also be sensitive to wildlife and bio diversity net gain.

Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA)

Preliminary Ecological Appraisals (PEAs) will be undertaken during the delivery stage of the masterplan and will confirm the requirement for any further protected species surveys. This will inform design and appropriate mitigation as well as ensuring regulatory compliance and management of risk, in line with recommended guidelines and policy. Consultation will be sought from a suitably qualified ecologist to support the integration of ecological mitigation within new development design.

Natural Capital

Gleadless Valley's natural capital includes assets such as woodlands, streams, scrub and grasslands. Providing benefits such as absorption and storage of carbon dioxide, flood protection, soil fertility, pollination, the provision of habitats for wildlife, and enhanced human health and wellbeing.

Photos by URBED and Gleadless Valley Wildlife Trust



Management and maintenance

A Green Space Management Plan is being developed for the larger naturalistic green spaces in conjunction with the Gleadless Valley Wildlife Trust. This will help to attract external funding to deliver naturalistic green spaces improvements and achieve the ambition to gain Green Flag Award status. The Green Flag Award helps to create public recognition of good quality green spaces and encourages ongoing positive use and pride in the natural environment.

Developing clear plans for maintenance of smaller shared and green space projects which form part of the landscape, will also be an important part of the delivery stage of the masterplan.

The Council will work with local groups such as the Gleadless Valley Wildlife Trust to help identify external funding to support the existing volunteer network to grow and work with them to care for the green resources in Gleadless Valley.

Green corridors

The Sheffield City Council Ecology team have been mapping Green Corridor proposals for the city. A 'green corridor' (also known as a wildlife corridor, biological corridor, or habitat corridor) is a protected strip of natural land connecting habitats that have been divided by human development, such as housing. This allows wildlife populations to move about more easily and safely between habitats, and migrate to new areas if food is in short supply in one location.

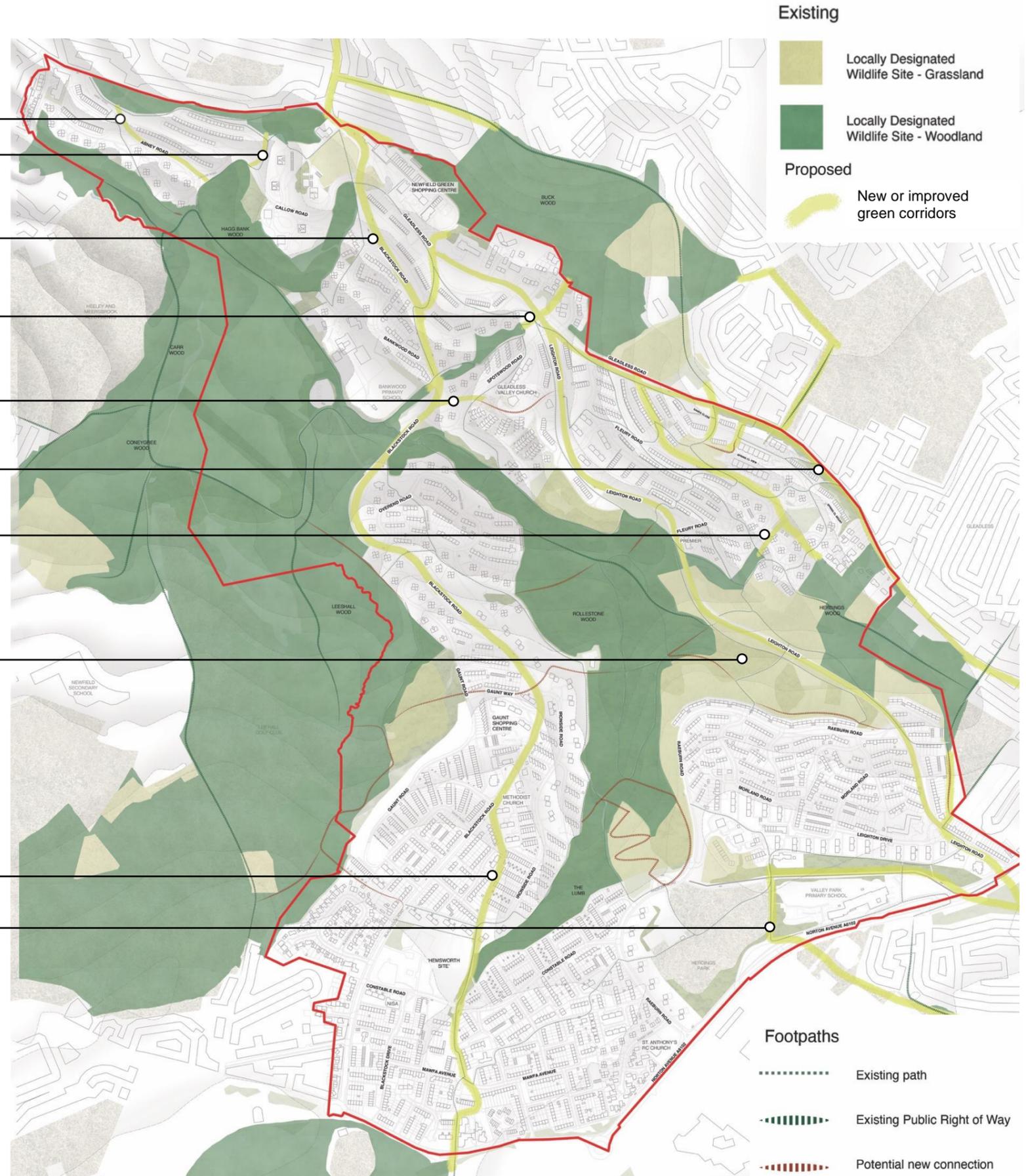
Several proposals lie within the Masterplan boundary. These corridors will ensure that all Locally Designated Sites in Sheffield are either directly connected or linked to the wider network by stepping stones. Please note: Routes are indicative only as this study is still in progress.

Corridor proposals in Gleadless Valley are based on current and historic / culverted waterways, existing habitat and combined natural capital opportunities.

As shown on this page proposals are currently being considered for stronger wildlife corridors linking Leeshall Wood and Buck Wood (through Plowright), routes up the hill at Sands and Springs and across to Hurlfield Quarry, links around the edge of Herdings to connect Rolleston Woods and Stoneley Wood, and a link between the Lumb and the green space around The Oakes.

- Abney green route
- Callow green link
- Green corridor along Blackstock Road
- Natural corridor connecting woodlands
- Green corridor linking new 'Park area' to Blackstock corridor
- Gleadless Road existing green corridor
- Green links up hill by Fleury Road and through Sands Close to connect Buck Wood/ Quarry with the Valley
- Amenity grassland and wildflower meadow verges along Leighton Road maintained and enhanced
- Corridor links through between Blackstock Road, the Hemsworth site, the Lumb and Constable
- Herdings green corridors

PLEASE NOTE:
The red line indicates the boundary of the masterplan area within which we have consulted the community on the proposals. Enhancements to shared and green space projects beyond this boundary, will be supported where they can demonstrate they will benefit people living within the boundary, such as green corridors extending beyond the boundary.



SERVICES AND FACILITIES

All drawings are indicative only – plans to be resolved in future detailed studies

The masterplan aims to grow and sustain a services and facilities offer that promotes equality and boosts health and wellbeing outcomes for local people. Investment will be focused on creating a greater balance of provision throughout the Valley, promoting convenient and accessible community hubs. Ensuring that community assets are managed efficiently will ensure that more local people can benefit from them. Dedicated public spaces and community facilities will encourage people of all ages to come together to learn, socialise, relax, keep fit and play. In particular, new facilities will be explored to cater for young people within the valley.

The sustainability of the local shopping centres at Gaunt and Newfield Green are important to the long-term regeneration of Gleadless Valley and have been identified as areas in need of improvement and investment. The Council is commissioning a piece of work to look at options for how we could make the local centers work better for the residents of Gleadless Valley.

Concerns over anti-social behaviour has been a common theme throughout the masterplan consultation, with many feeling this is one of the key issues in Gleadless Valley. The Council are committed to working with the relevant organisations, both statutory and voluntary, to develop a holistic agency wide strategy to tackling anti social behaviour.

Project: Hemsworth Older Person's Scheme and Community Hall

This will include an annex community hall and café. The image on the right shows an artist's impression of the cafe situated in front of the community hall. These facilities will be used for a variety of communal activities and will be open for use by the local community.



VIBRANT PLACES TO COME TOGETHER

VIBRANCY

- Local centres will be vibrant and attractive
- The potential of underutilised spaces will be unlocked
- More people living in the area will increase footfall, drive sustainability, and encouraging a greater choice of shops.
- Improvements to local centres will encourage people to meet, relax and play

YOUNG PEOPLE

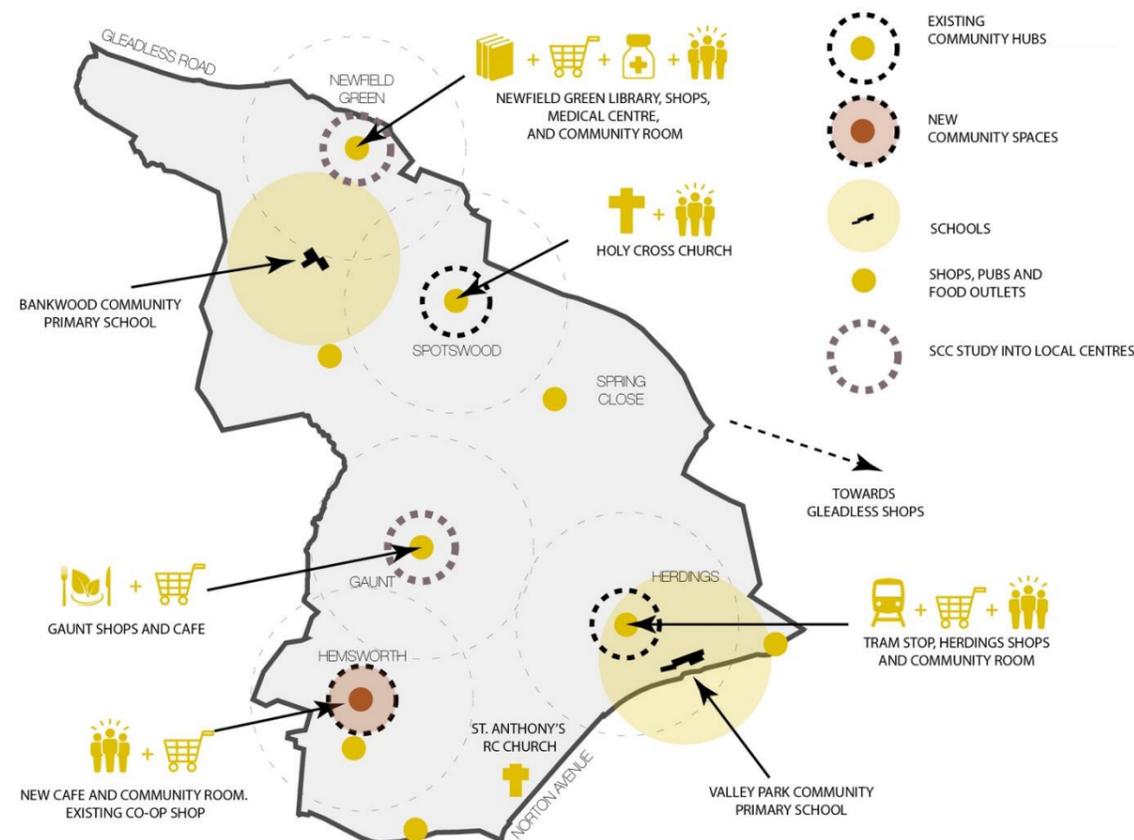
- Dedicated spaces and activities for young people will be created
- More investment in play and recreation equipment will address the undersupply in Gleadless Valley
- Young people will be involved in designing their spaces
- Community buildings will be run efficiently to enable more groups, clubs, and activities to thrive

HEALTH + WELLBEING

- Local provision will improve the health and wellbeing of Gleadless Valley residents
- Local groups will be supported to continue delivering projects that promote health and well being
- Safe and well-defined walking and cycling routes will be created
- Improved public spaces will encourage people to meet, socialise and exercise

SERVICES + FACILITIES

- Good quality, locally accessible services and facilities will reflect demand in the valley
- Provision throughout the Gleadless Valley neighbourhoods will aim to be more balanced
- All ages will benefit from local, sustainable services and facilities.
- Partnership working with community groups and ambassadors will respond to local aspirations.



HEALTH AND WELLBEING



SPACES AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



INVEST IN NEWFIELD GREEN AND GAUNT SHOPPING CENTRES

EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS

Gleadless Valley has been classed as one of the most deprived estates in the country and there is a clear evidence-based need to improve levels of employment and skills in the valley.

It has lower than average levels of educational attainment, lower general levels of skills and productivity and higher than average levels of unemployment and economic inactivity.

Barriers to employment are prevalent on the estate. Disproportionately residents suffer from ill health, disabilities, and poor mental health. On average, there are more lone-parent families on the estate and a significant number of carers and there are other issues affecting employment such as lower level of skills, and low car ownership.

Objectives

To help achieve this vision the Council, together with local stakeholders, developed a number of strategic objectives:

- Bringing people together with the right skills and experience to improve the employment and skills
- Raising aspirations of the residents of Gleadless Valley
- Bringing employment and skills opportunities to local people by linking up with city-wide, regional, and national initiatives
- Providing more employment opportunities on the Valley
- Promoting and assisting enterprise and self employment offer for local people

These objectives will be delivered through a combination of:

- locally developed projects to foster ownership by the community and:
- city wide employment and skills initiatives piloted in the valley to ensure that local people can take advantage of city, sub regional and regional opportunities.

Our key vision for Gleadless Valley is that:

“In 10 years, Gleadless Valley will be a place where the disadvantages affecting people in terms of employment and skills are significantly reduced from today. There will be more people employed, less people unemployed and more people achieving better results at school. People will be progressing in the workplace and moving-on. New residents coming to Gleadless Valley in need of support will receive it and progress”



ASPIRATION

- Aspirations for residents will be raised over the long term
- Programmes that support the successful transition between school, further education and into employment will help to remove barriers and encourage ambition.
- Life long learning will be encouraged for residents to upskill and reskill.
- Employment support will focus on helping individuals remain in employment and take further career steps after employment has been secured.

TRAINING + EMPLOYMENT

- More employment and training opportunities will be created in Gleadless Valley
- Opportunities for local people will be created through the delivery of Masterplan projects, such as in the construction sector.
- Job and education opportunity fairs will be brought directly to the Valley.
- Strengthened links with the city wide Employment and Skills Strategy will ensure that local people can take advantage of city, sub regional and regional initiatives

ENTERPRISE

- Enterprise and self employment opportunities will be supported
- An online resource will provide local people with ideas and information about where to get support to create sustainable self employment opportunities
- Specific training opportunities to support people into self employed trades will be promoted at Gleadless Valley.
- Free or low cost promotion opportunities for local enterprises will be created

Delivery structures

The Council will work with community led organisations to develop effective governance structures to support the delivery of the employment and skills offer across the valley. A working group will be established for stakeholders operating in the area and regular stakeholder meetings will allow ideas sharing to launch new projects and ensure they are monitored efficiently.

Agreed key performance indicators will be set to allow progress to be tracked and measured over the long-term. Monitoring of targets will focus on easily accessible data to ensure resources are supporting project delivery.

EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PROJECTS



TRAINEESHIPS

Trainees gain experience of different workplace environments e.g. land management, biodiversity surveying, construction, finance, social care, health and well-being and more.



APPRENTICESHIPS AND EMPLOYMENT

Apprenticeship and employment opportunities created for local people through the construction contracts for new housing, shared green space improvements and green initiatives, including retrofitting. A requirement of the procurement strategy will be for an agreed % of jobs and apprenticeship opportunities to be provided for local people.



SELF-EMPLOYMENT

An online resource to provide local people with ideas and information about where to get support to create sustainable self-employment opportunities and free or low-cost promotion opportunities for local enterprises will be created. Specific training opportunities to support people into self-employed trades will also be promoted at Gleadless Valley. Exploring the feasibility of a self-employment course with Sheffield College and the provision of flexible workspace in the valley to support enterprise.



JOB AND EDUCATION FAIRS

Job and education fairs in locations across Gleadless Valley.

SCC SECTOR SKILLS ACADEMY

Exploration of an SCC sector skills academy, to support more residents to access SCC jobs.



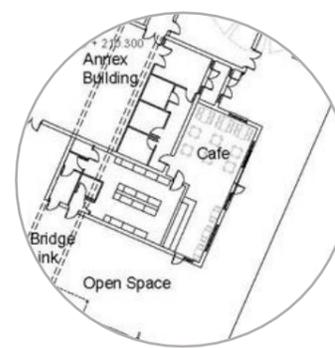
WORK EXPERIENCE

Support young people and their schools with work experience opportunities across and around the Gleadless Valley. This includes physical and virtual based experiences of the workplace, making sure all our young people have the chance to develop key employability skills.



UNEMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

Locally based programmes aimed at supporting unemployed people who face many barriers to employment into work education and training. Training programmes and industry work-based experience are currently offered by the Council in the following areas; construction, fibre installation, engineering, manufacturing and social care.



NEW COMMUNITY SPACE

A new community space has been included in the development proposals for the Older Person's Independent Living Scheme at Hemsworth which will be able to accommodate training and events. Delivery of this scheme is expected by March 2025.



NEW WORKSPACE

Exploration of new workspace across the Valley (covering workshop, office and craft space) and locally based enterprises such as a food hub, which could provide local training and employment opportunities.