



CHAPTER 4: CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS

This chapter concludes the Gleadless Valley Masterplan document. It outlines final conclusions of the masterplan process and notes additional studies that the Council will be undertaking to further support the Gleadless Valley Masterplan.



CONCLUSIONS + NEXT STEPS

Over the course of the past five years URBED, the Council, the community and local organisations have undergone an extensive process of analysis, community engagement and creative testing of ideas to inform the development of the final Gleadless Valley Masterplan.

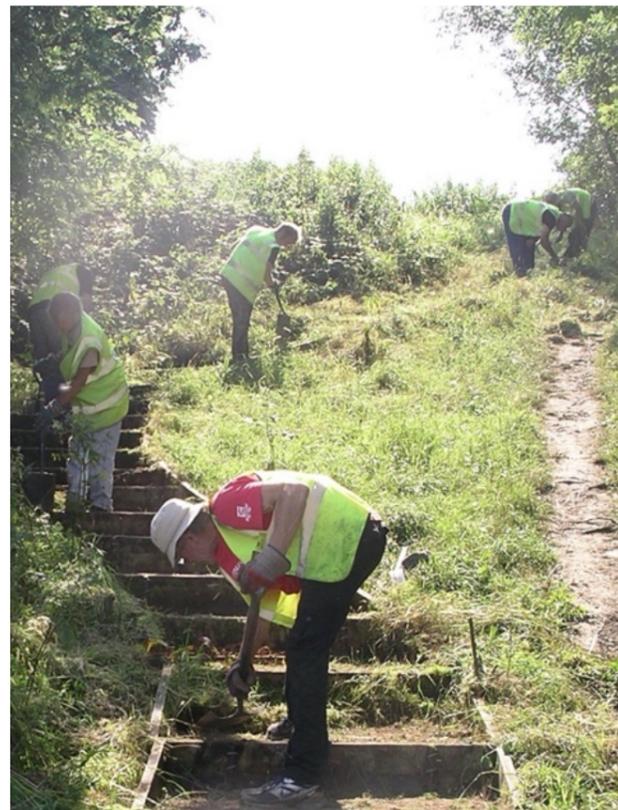
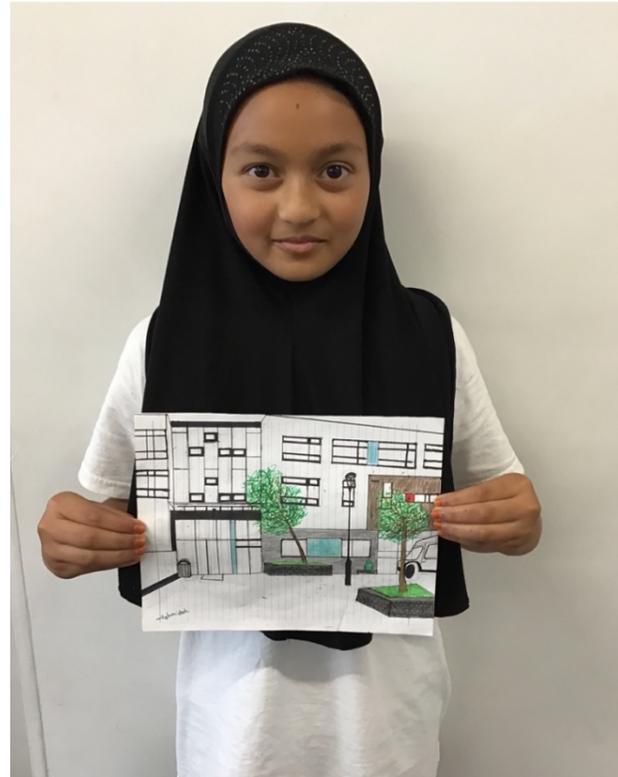
The masterplanning process has celebrated and built on the valley's fantastic assets: its diverse green spaces, unique architecture, amazing views and its local community whilst working to address its long term issues such as outdated housing stock, poorly used and designed public spaces, lack of connectivity across the estate, antisocial behaviour and a services and facilities offer which focuses heavily on the north of the valley and needs to provide more activities for young people to do.

The community now have an effective framework in place to guide the successful and sustainable regeneration of the Valley.

DELIVERY

This document will now be used to inform the delivery stage of the masterplan. It will help guide the delivery team to bring forward projects the community want to see, and will set out a framework for all future projects in Gleadless Valley and ensure project aims align with those of the masterplan.

The Council would like to extend its thanks to the community, local organisations, SCC's Engagement Forum, URBED, ADE Regeneration, BDP Architects and the Council Regeneration Team and colleagues for their commitment and support in developing this plan.



There are a number of supplementary studies which Sheffield City Council are currently undertaking or will look to commission over the coming months. These will further support the aims of the Gleadless Valley Masterplan, responding to feedback from the January 2022 community consultation.

The council will continue to consult with local community groups who have been of great assistance in the production of this Masterplan.

HOUSING + PARKING

- All new housing sites will be subject to more detailed design studies, relevant planning and building regulations applications, and costing reviews prior to any constructions works. Once more detailed plans are prepared, this will be subject to further consultation with affected residents.
- Over 70% of respondents affected by the Herdings proposals were in support of the plans (for alterations to the one-bedroom blocks of flats), however 18% did not support these plans, and it is important to address these concerns within future consultation. The changes to the flats at Herdings 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.
- Several residents commented that additional parking needed to be provided alongside new properties or improvements should be made to areas that can facilitate parking. Officers will raise these issues with relevant departments post approval, and this will be considered within the future developed proposals.

SERVICES AND FACILITIES

The Services and Facilities strand of the masterplan requires more development, and this will be progressed within the delivery stage of the project.

- An options appraisal is currently being commissioned to identify the most effective way to regenerate the Gaunt Shops site, provide growth and contribute towards affordability and accessibility. This will complete in Autumn 2022.
- Sheffield City Council are undertaking a community facilities review, which will consider Newfield Green Community Centre. There are a number of ways that community buildings could be run more efficiently to enable more groups, clubs and activities to thrive. An example could be reviewing the timetable of activities to ensure that they are run at a time which maximises involvement from the local community. The Council will work closely with local community organisations to develop this strand of the masterplan including community development.
- There remains concerns over Youth provision in the Valley, particularly now that REACH has dissolved. The Council are working with other stakeholders to support them with finding and delivering additional youth provision/services. In addition to this a thorough review of the existing provision is required – how effective is this and what can improve. Youth Services representatives will be included in future governance meetings.
- Bus providers have been engaged with, but at the time of this study improvements could not be facilitated. The delivery team will continue to explore affordable public transport provision with Transport colleagues to try to secure improvements.
- A holistic and agency wide strategy to tackle antisocial behaviour will be developed.

GREEN SPACE

- Future planning applications for key development sites will involve ecological assessments so consideration can be given to the issue of wildlife impacts and biodiversity net gain.
- Sustainable Urban Drainage will be considered as part of project delivery.
- A management plan for naturalistic green spaces is being developed to help achieve the wider green ambitions of the Masterplan with aims to gain Green Flag status.
- Some of the residents and stakeholders called for more play spaces across the whole of Gleadless Valley. It was also commented that play areas should be closer to the housing and that for many in lower Gleadless Valley, Herdings Park was not seen as accessible enough. Parks and Countryside's strategic approach to play and recreation is to focus on a fewer number of recreational locations with a wider range of facilities. Further engagement with Parks and Countryside will happen at the delivery stage.
- Ecologists in Sheffield City Council continue to explore opportunities for Green (Wildlife) Corridors.

EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS

The employment and skills strand of the masterplan requires more development and this will be progressed within the delivery stage of the project.

A priority will be to work with community-led organisations to develop effective governance structures to further develop and support the delivery of the employment and skills offer across the valley.

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