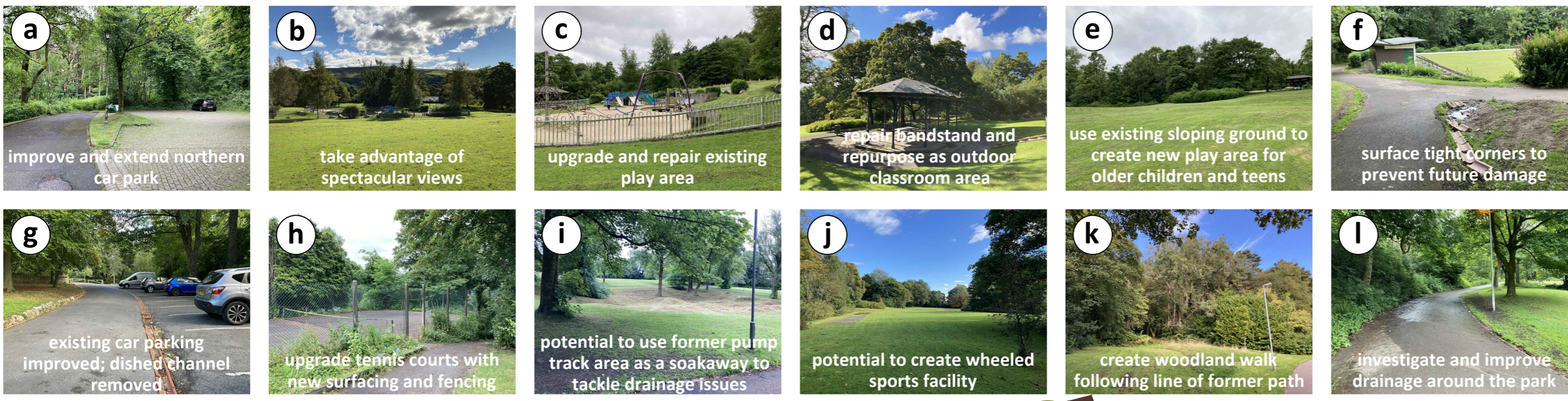


Whitaker Park Masterplan

July 2023
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ISSUES

Car Park PHASES 1 & 4
Opportunity to extend existing car park to accommodate approx. 14 more cars. Cycle stands to be included. Car parking bays to be marked out in the short term

Drainage PHASES 1, 2, 3 & 4
drainage issues to be tackled along all the paths

Woodland Walk PHASE 4
potential to create meandering walk through woodland area with sculptures and features to discover on the way

New Wheeled Sports Area PHASE 2
look to create exciting and challenging wheeled sports area (pump track and / or area of concrete ramps) catering for children and young people of all abilities on site of former swings. Includes cycle stands

Pedestrian Access PHASE 4
assess potential for pedestrian crossing over Haslingden Old Road with Lancashire County Council

Entrance from Haslingden Old Road PHASE 1
sensitive thinning and crown lifting of existing trees away from gateposts and installation of new, visible signage to highlight the park entrance and make it more difficult for untoward activities to take place

Lighting PHASE 3
assess existing lighting provision - upgrade, replace, repair and add new lighting columns where required, particularly at entrances and along paths. Solar lights to be considered

Existing Play Area for Younger Children PHASES 1 & 3
to be upgraded where required and retaining wall replaced. Potential to create toddler bike track around the play area for small children to learn to ride bikes

Existing Shelter PHASE 3
repair existing shelter - potential to use for outdoor classroom and educational space

New Play Area PHASE 1
potential for a new play area catering for older children, using the existing sloped site to create exciting and challenging play including zipwire. Exact position and layout would be agreed with young people and community

Kick about Area PHASE 3
improvements to playing surface, particularly around goals

Entrance from Haworth Avenue PHASE 1
cut back overhanging shrubs to create welcoming entrance

Paths PHASES 1, 2, 3 & 4
sharp corners of paths to be surfaced to prevent damage by vehicles

Wildflower Meadows PHASE 4
potential to create wildflower meadows (with mown grass paths) and leave areas at edges of the Park unknown to improve biodiversity

Bowling Green PHASE 3
improve pedestrian access to bowling pavilion from main path by replacing ditched channel with piped drain. Retaining walls, drainage and paths around the Green to be repaired; new seats installed and new fence installed around the entire Green. Assess potential for lighting around the Green. Improve facilities through installation of septic tank and new washroom facilities

Entrance from Parkwood Drive PHASE 1
path surface to be fully upgraded and drainage assessed/improved; wall repaired and overhanging shrubs cut back to create inviting entrance

Path Surfacing PHASES 1, 2, 3 & 4
paths in entire park to be assessed and upgraded, including relaying or replacing the ditched channels. This will be a phased approach due to the large quantity of paths in the park

Multi Use Games Area PHASE 3
area to be improved with new line markings and swept regularly to maintain usability

Outdoor Gym / Trim Trail Area PHASE 3
potential to create an outdoor gym / trim trail / fun fitness area for older teens and adults of all ages. Exact location to be determined

Soakaway / Drainage PHASES 1, 2, 3 & 4
potential to create large, fenced off wetland/soakaway area on site of former pump track to help with drainage in north of the park, as well as create a new wetland habitat, planted with moisture loving plants and shrubs

Community Storage and Facilities PHASE 1
potential to install timber clad storage containers to serve as storage and facilities for Civic Pride Rossendale, Incredible Edible Rossendale and other groups

Kiosk / Toilets PHASE 1
consider options for reopening the toilet facilities, possibly with a charge to cover maintenance. And the potential for opening the kiosk for ice creams and hot drinks

Incredible Edible Rossendale PHASES 1, 2, 3 & 4
support IE Rossendale in their activities and promote the group, their events and activities. Assess potential to relocate the red telephone box elsewhere in the Park in order to protect it better

Car Parking PHASE 1
more disabled parking bays marked out close to cafe and signage to direct visitors to park elsewhere in the park such as off Haslingden Old Road

Existing Car Park / Access Road PHASE 2
existing road to be widened from 4m to 6m to accommodate reversing vehicles

Tennis Courts PHASE 4
build on recent work and install new fencing and install new path linking courts to main paths

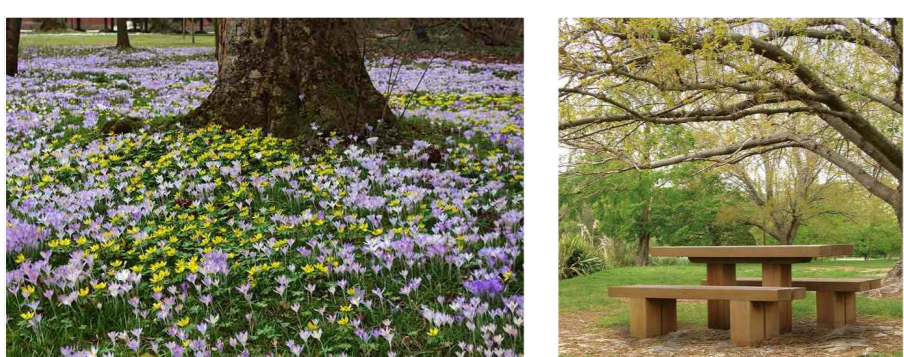
Green Flag PHASE 2
work towards achieving Green Flag Status for the Park

Furniture - NOTE PHASES 1, 2, 3 & 4
existing litter bins to be replaced with new larger bins in prominent locations and additional bins added. Additional seating and picnic tables to be installed around the wider park to create areas for families and friends as well as resting points for those walking the wider park

Orienteering Trail
work with partners to deliver a challenging orienteering trail throughout the Park

KEY

- Site boundary
- entrances to park
- grassed areas
- formal flower beds
- areas of Japanese Knotweed to be treated
- areas of existing woodland / tree cover
- areas of woodland management
- soakaway / wetland
- wildflower and bulb planting
- recently planted areas of woodland
- viewpoint
- new/upgraded lighting
- existing tarmac paths
- new tarmac areas
- existing tarmac paths to be resurfaced
- existing reinforced surfacing
- desirelines
- areas for new play / sport
- new interpretation of historic features
- new artwork feature or waymarker
- proposed seating / picnic
- proposed litter bin
- existing stone wall
- storage container



IDEAS AND INSPIRATION