

### 3: THE MASTERPLAN

#### Masterplanning themes :

The themes on this page are intended to help focus on specific ideas to improve the Meadow and the Field and help guide the Masterplan.

They represent a shared vision and help articulate the values from those who responded to the community and stakeholder engagement process. They have been informed by research and analysis. They also help deliver MSDC corporate objectives and aspirations for transforming the Meadow and Field into a Park within the District.

The emerging Masterplan (next page) shows how these themes relate to the Meadow and Field and, spatially, demonstrates the long term future for Hemsleys and Finches.

The Masterplan includes some fairly straight forward proposed enhancements such as better drainage of the playing field and improved signage. It also includes some more substantial improvements aimed at helping transform the Meadow into a community park with a strong sense of place and wider offer than just a Meadow / open field.

The Masterplan will take time to implement and will involve further planning, design and community / stakeholder engagement.

*The Site area relates to land owned by MSDC, including the community centre and carpark leased to Slaugham Parish Council. The Masterplan assumes the adjoining playing fields not owned by MSDC will continue to be used as playing fields.*

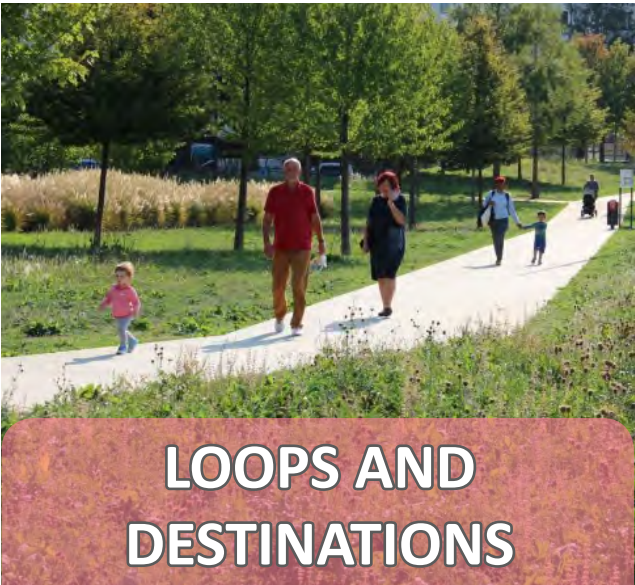
#### THE OVER ARCHING THEMES



- What this means:*
- IMPROVING ACCESS TO AND AROUND THE MEADOW AND THE FIELD;
  - MANAGEMENT / MOWING / DRAINAGE OF THE MEADOW;
  - BUFFER AREAS WITH TREES / WOODLAND;
  - VIEWS AND SHELTER;
  - KEEPING THE OPENNESS;
  - CREATING A WET WOODLAND;
  - TAKING A SUSTAINABLE APPROACH TO DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT; AND
  - ENHANCING WILDLIFE AND BIODIVERSITY.



- What this means:*
- INCLUDING AREAS FOR FORMAL PLAY;
  - CREATING INFORMAL PLAY THROUGHOUT INCLUDING NATURAL AND ADVENTURE PLAY SPACES;
  - RETAINED FOOTBALL PITCHES;
  - FLEXIBLE SPACE FOR EVENTS (SMALL OR LARGE); AND
  - OPPORTUNITY FOR LEARNING THROUGH NATURE AND PLAY



- What this means:*
- CIRCULAR TRAILS / PATHS THAT CONNECT FINCHES AND HEMSLEYS AND TO ACTIVITIES;
  - ALL WEATHER PATHS;
  - INFORMAL PATHS / DESIRE LINES THROUGH MEADOWS;
  - SEATING AND PICNIC TABLES;
  - INTERPRETATION / BETTER SIGNAGE; AND
  - IMPROVED ENTRANCES / WAYFINDING / CAR PARKING

Precedent images are used to demonstrate potential successful outcomes



# The Masterplan



LEGEND

MSDC site boundary

Existing trees

Proposed trees (indicative)

Proposed woodland belt

Proposed wet woodland

Existing footpaths

Proposed surfacing

Proposed trees with under planting

Proposed play space

Proposed seats

Proposed sign

Proposed drainage swale

Proposed small bridge

Proposed picnic bench

Proposed detention basin

Proposed deck / dipping platform

1. Park entrances
2. Woodland planting
3. The Meadow
4. The Basin
5. Wet woodland
6. Natural / Adventure play space
7. Buffer areas
8. Carpark entrance
9. The Pitch
10. Adventure play space

The masterplan is intended to show a long term framework of improvements. The final location and layout is subject to available funding and further planning and design.

For more information:  
<https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/leisure-sport/parks/>



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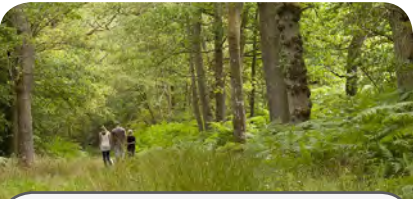
## Improvement projects:

There are 10 potential improvement projects for Hemsleys Meadows / Finches Field:



### 1. Park entrances

- new paths / surfacing
- entrance signage
- interpretation
- notice boards



### 2. Woodland planting

- new woodland tree planting
- new paths
- interpretation



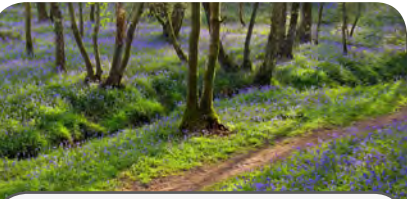
### 3. The Meadow

- new all weather paths
- wildflower rich meadow grasses
- mown paths through wildflower grasses in summer months



### 4. The Basin

- improved drainage for the meadow
- scrape or basin or pond
- enhancements for biodiversity
- boardwalk dipping platforms
- new tree planting



### 5. Wet woodland

- drainage improvements
- new tree planting
- understory planting such as bluebells etc
- new paths
- interpretation



### 6. Natural / Adventure playspace

- natural play feature such as large tree stumps
- natural play opportunities
- potential for larger play feature
- bug hotels



### 7. Buffer zone

- retain existing scrub
- potential additional planting
- potential ecological benefits



### 8. Car park entrance

- improved path connections to Finches Field
- Resurface and improve carparking area / configuration
- signage and interpretation



### 9. The Pitch

- improved drainage
- events space
- new all weather paths



### 10. Adventure playspace

- play features / equipment
- natural play feature such as large tree stumps
- picnic benches

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