

Review of the Tarnfield Park Action Plans 2014



Site Description

Tarnfield Park is a multi-recreational facility covering an area of 17ha of which 7.68ha is taken up by Yeadon Tarn. To the Northeast, the Park is bounded by fields used for grazing, whilst Cemetery Road forms part of the Northwest boundary. To the south various residential and small industrial units along with Dam Lane butt up against the Park. 150metres Northeast of the Park is the busy international Leeds and Bradford airport.

Having a large body of water suitable for a wide variety of water sports, along with various land-based facilities ensures that Tarnfield Park provides limitless opportunities for outdoor pursuits. The scope for land activities can be expanded further, since the park is located on the edge of the countryside with Chevin Forest Park in close proximity.

Not only is the site frequented by the local communities of Yeadon and Guiseley, but the presence of a Sports Division Outdoor Pursuits Centre ensure usage by organised groups from throughout Leeds and other surrounding areas.

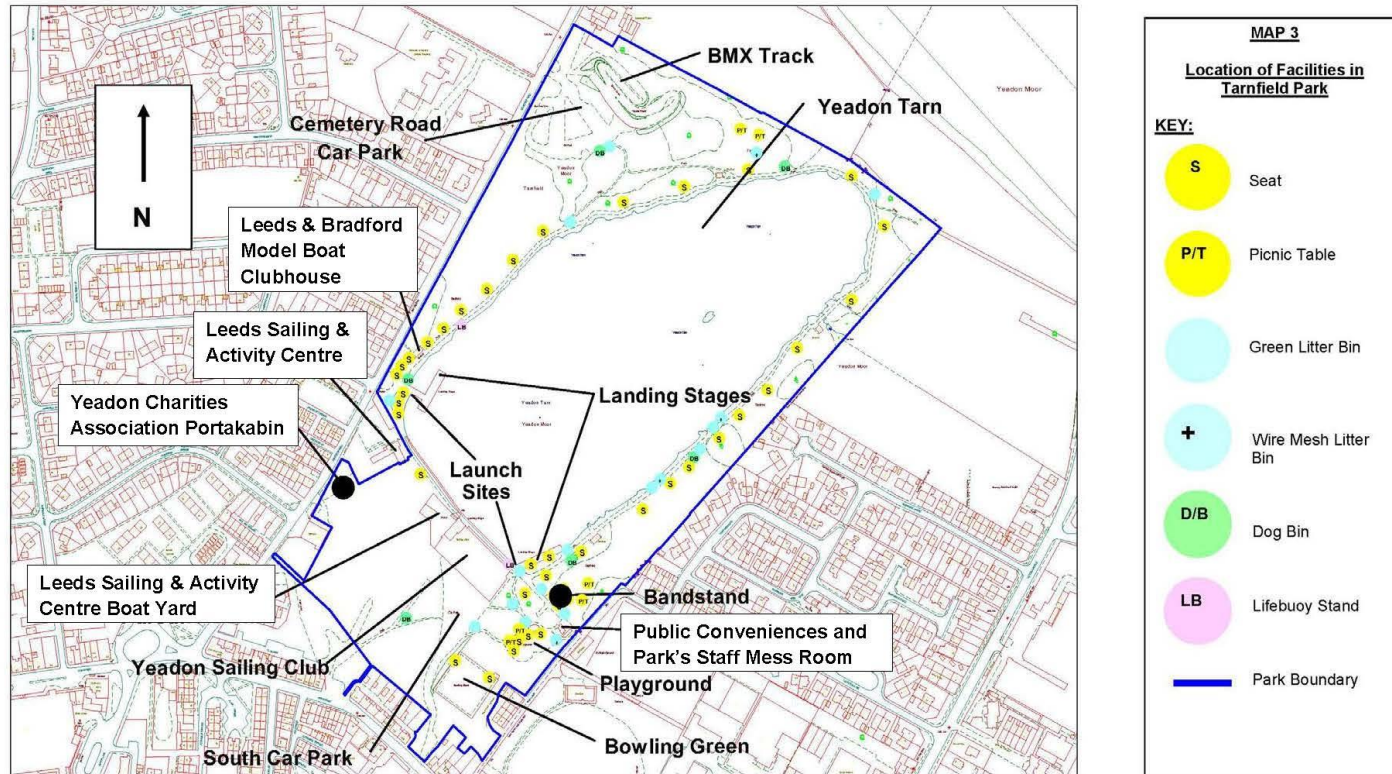
Parks and Green Space Strategy

- 1. Places for People:** To engage the community in promoting parks and green spaces as accessible places for everyone to experience and enjoy
- 2. Quality Places:** To provide good quality parks and green spaces that are well managed and provide a range of attractive facilities
- 3. Sustaining the Green Realm:** To plan for the development of new, and to protect existing parks and green spaces that will offer lasting social, cultural and environmental benefits for the people of Leeds
- 4. Creating a Healthier City:** To promote parks and green spaces as places to improve health and well-being and prevent disease through physical activity, play, relaxation, and contemplation
- 5. An Enabler for Regeneration:** To promote liveability and the economic benefits of quality parks and green space provision as an integral part of major regeneration projects
- 6. Delivering the Strategy:** To engage partners in supporting and delivering the Parks and Green Space Strategy

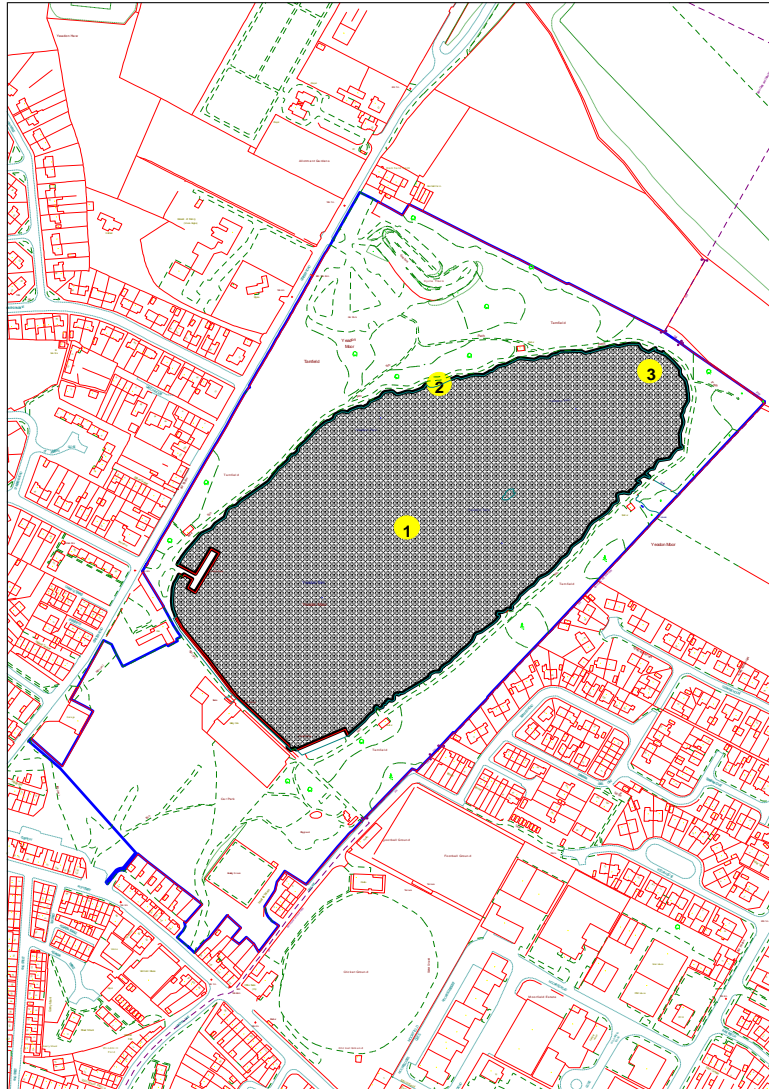
Recreational uses of Tarnfield Park

- Yeadon Sailing Club – sailing activities
- Leeds Sailing & Activity Centre – sailing, canoeing, cycling, wall climbing, water based training sessions
- Aireborough & District Angling Association – fishing, members/day tickets
- Leeds & Bradford Model Boat Club – radio controlled model power and sailing boats
- Tarnfield Bowls Club – bowls
- Tarnfield Youth Club – Social and recreational activities for youths mainly centred at the Leeds Sailing & Activity Centre
- Leeds BMX Club – cycling activities centred on the BMX track
- Yeadon Charities Association – Storage of events materials in portakabin
- Yeadon Carnival Committee – Major public event on the park
- General Public - walking, jogging, running, dog walking, picnicking, kick-about, feeding the wildfowl, observing wildlife

Location of facilities



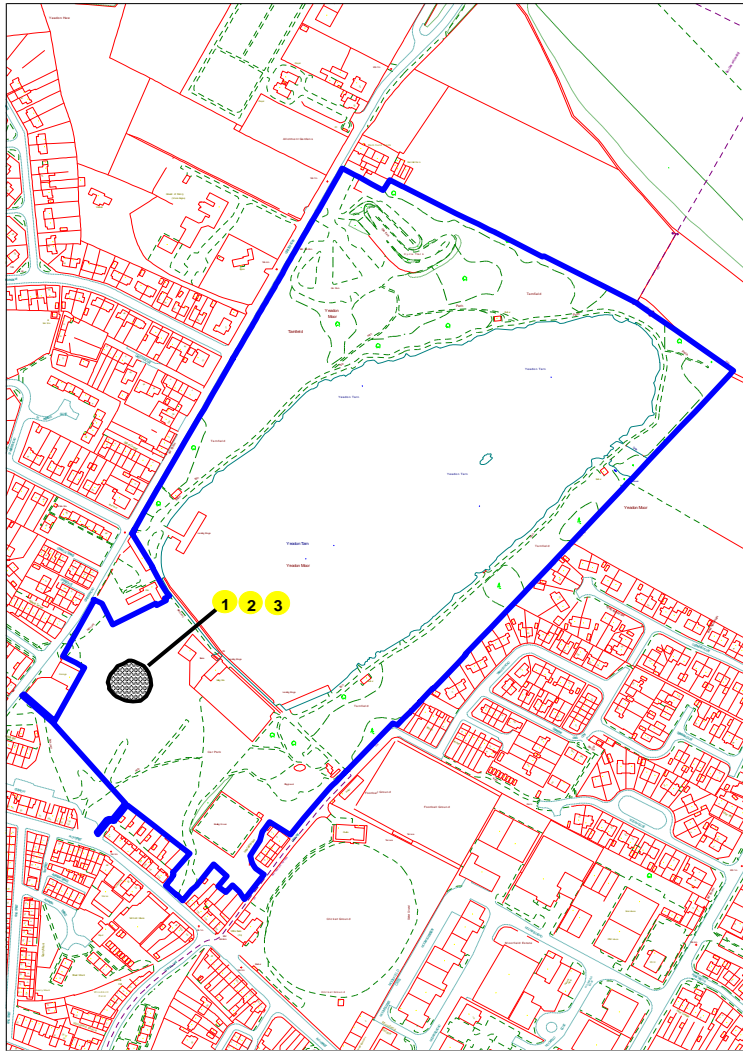
Yeadon Tarn General



1. Continue dialogue with relevant stakeholders with regard to bank erosion prevention works, creating fish breeding areas and establishing hard standing fishing points.
2. Along the North banks of the Tarn continue to monitor and develop groynes and reefs to counteract the erosive effect of the waves.
3. In the shallow north-eastern end of the Tarn, continue to experiment with developing a sheltered area behind staggered groynes, which will contain large synthetic mats suspended on the surface of the water. Suitable aquatic plants to be placed on these mats and their subsequent root growth through the mat examined with regard to creating safe habitats for breeding fish and fish fry.

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Youth Activity Area



1. Create a Skate Park.
2. Consider options of adding a grass base, mini football pitch.
3. Create a hard standing area to incorporate a Multi Use games Area.
4. Facilitate further consultation with specific user groups to identify exact desires
5. Introduce Outdoor gym equipment



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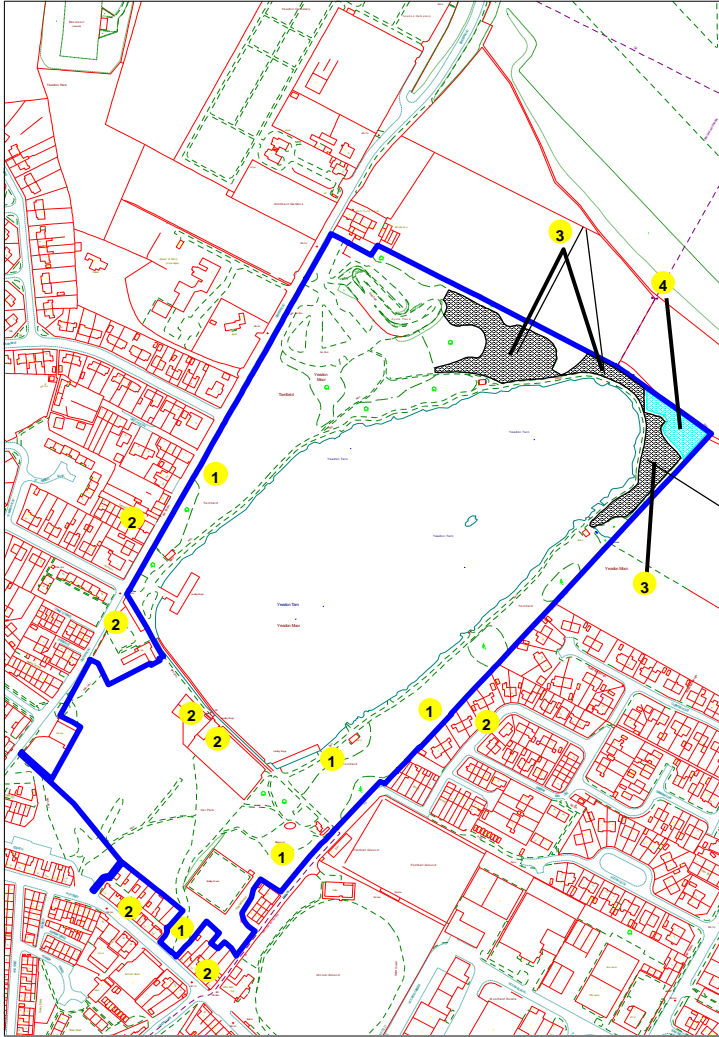


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Nature Conservation



1. Establish bat boxes in mature trees present in the various tree avenues.
2. Install terraced nest boxes for house sparrows on buildings in the vicinity of Tarnfield Park. Involve the local communities in this project and in particular members of the public living adjacent to the park.
3. Create wild flower meadows on the moist grassland areas in the Northeast section of the park.
4. Continue to develop the still water and bog habitats in the remains of the Japanese Garden.



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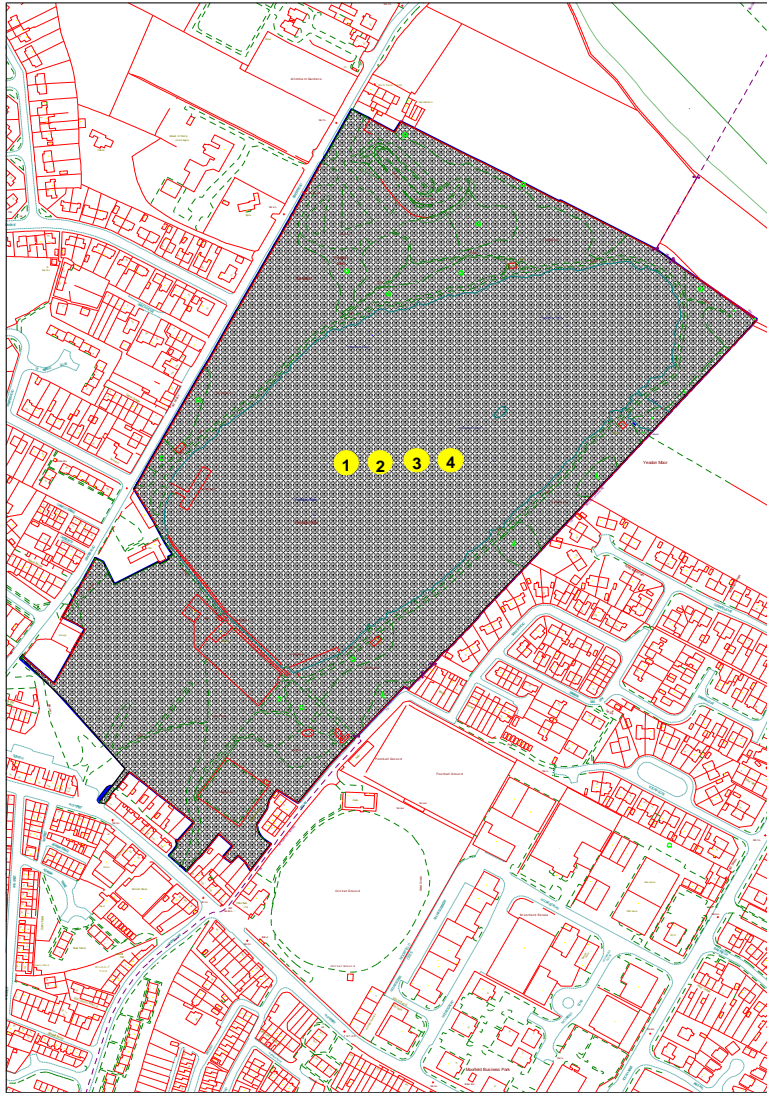


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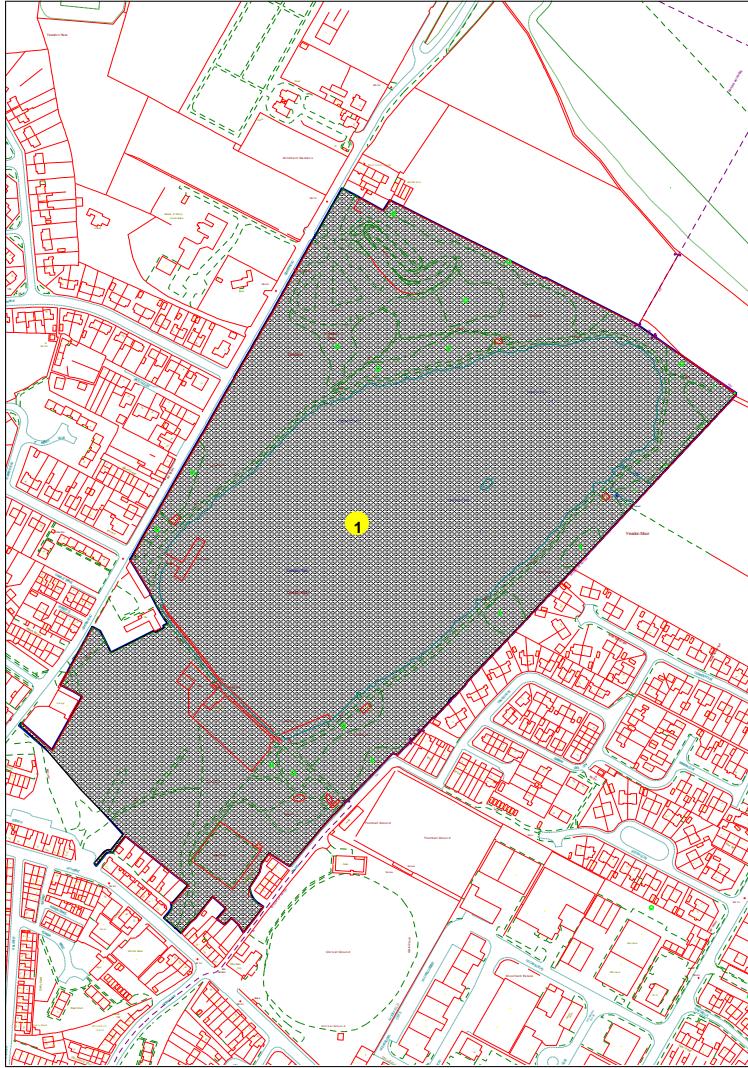
Policing Aspects



1. Liaise with police to set up initiatives to reduce vandalism in the Park.
2. Continue to publicise the role of ParksWatch in safeguarding Leeds City Council urban green space.
3. Liaise with the Youth Service on the possibilities of referring persistent young offenders.
4. Involve the Anti Social Behaviour team with young offenders from local council accommodation.



Environmental Education

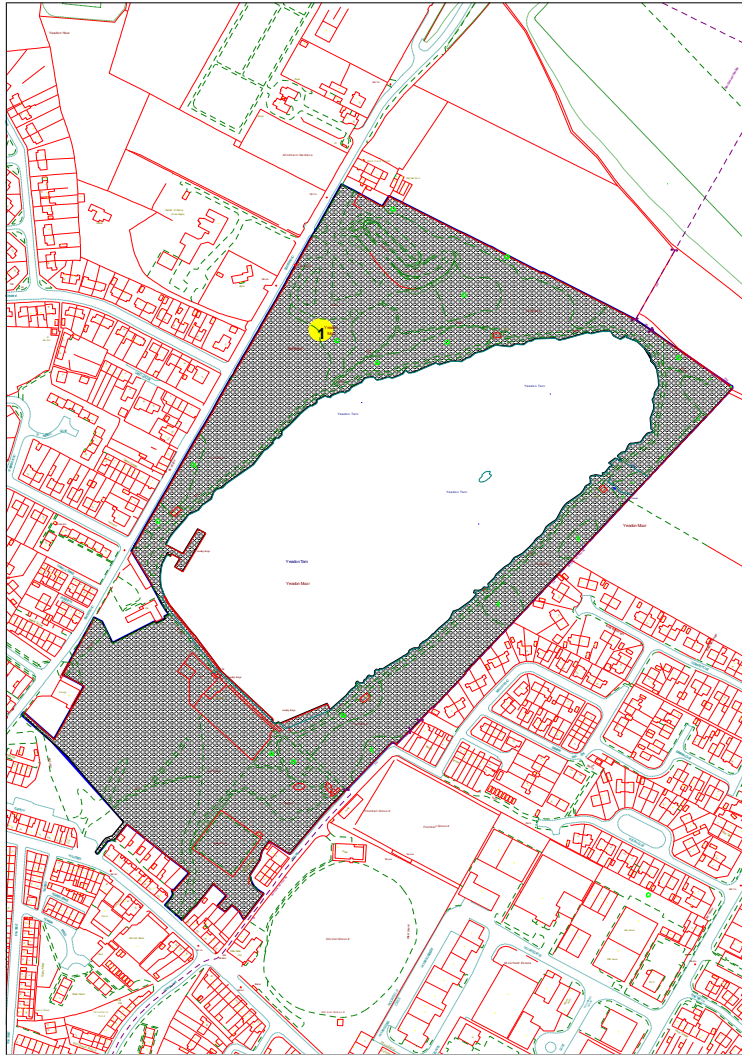


Produce an environmental education package which considers :-

1. The wildfowl and their biology.
2. The ecology of the freshwater life in the Tarn.
3. Monitor the ecological changes for the proposed development of the amenity grassland in the North and Northeast of the Park into a moist wild flower meadow.
4. Examine the ecological changes in the new habitats being created with the conversion of the derelict Japanese Garden into ponds and boggy areas.
5. The different tree species present in the park and their biology.
6. Provide Pond dipping opportunities for local schools



Orienteering



1. Continue to develop existing orienteering course, ensuring that locations of the orienteering points do not interfere with other user groups.



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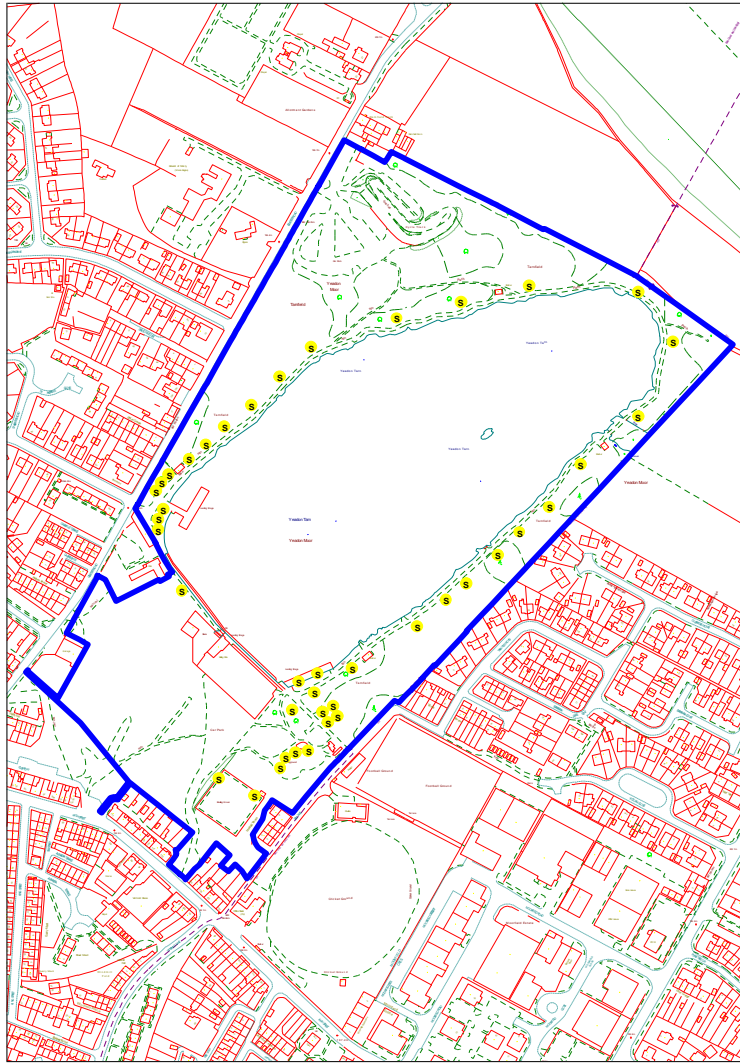


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Garden Furniture



1. Continue with rationalisation of Park seats with fewer designs and an emphasis on retaining those designs that are robust, easy to repair and are not costly to maintain or purchase.



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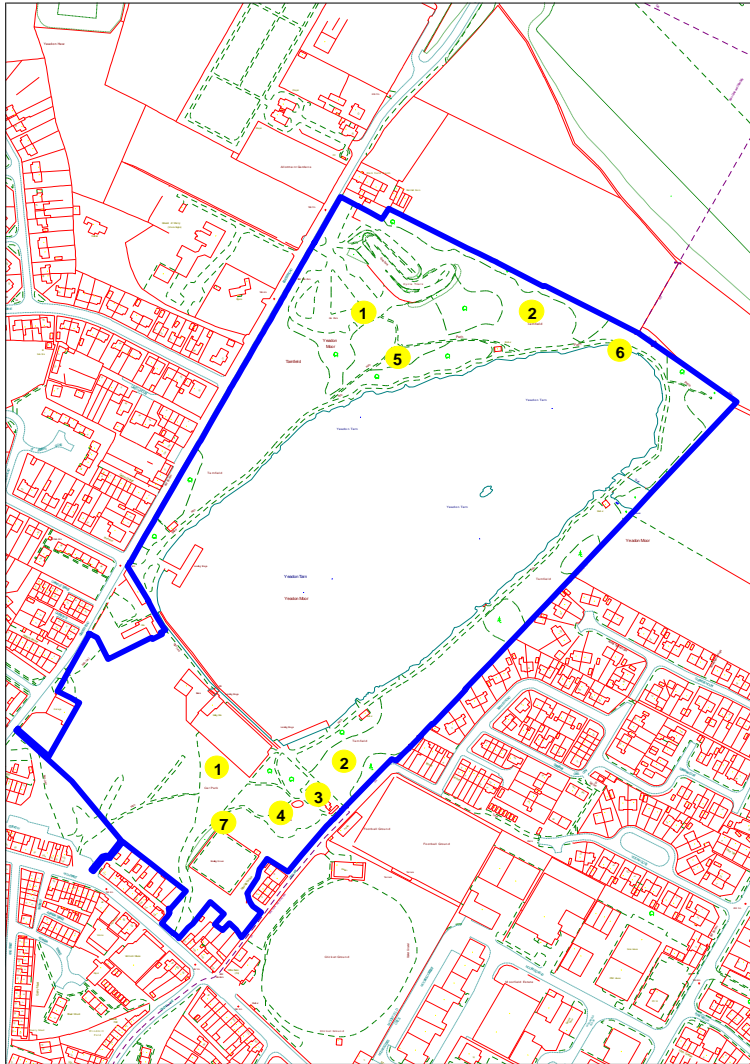


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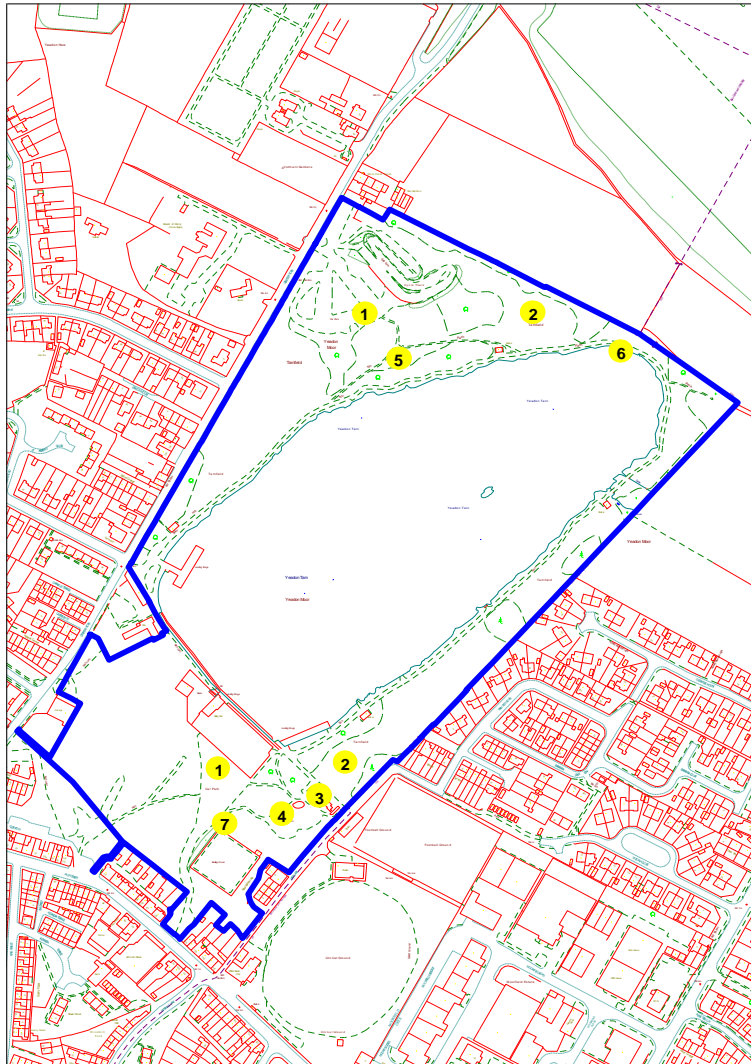
Disabled Access (a)



1. 6% allocation in each car park for disabled parking through appropriate marking and provision of a smooth hard standing.
2. Access from the tarnside path to and around the existing picnic tables needs improving to cater for wheelchairs or the location of the tables is brought adjacent to the aforementioned path. In addition, the design of the picnic tables requires changing to accept wheelchair users.
3. The existing public conveniences require modification to allow better access and the provision of suitable facilities for disabled people in particular wheelchair users. Another option for consideration is access to the Outdoor Pursuits Centre disabled toilet through the use of a Radar key and the erection of appropriate signage for this facility.

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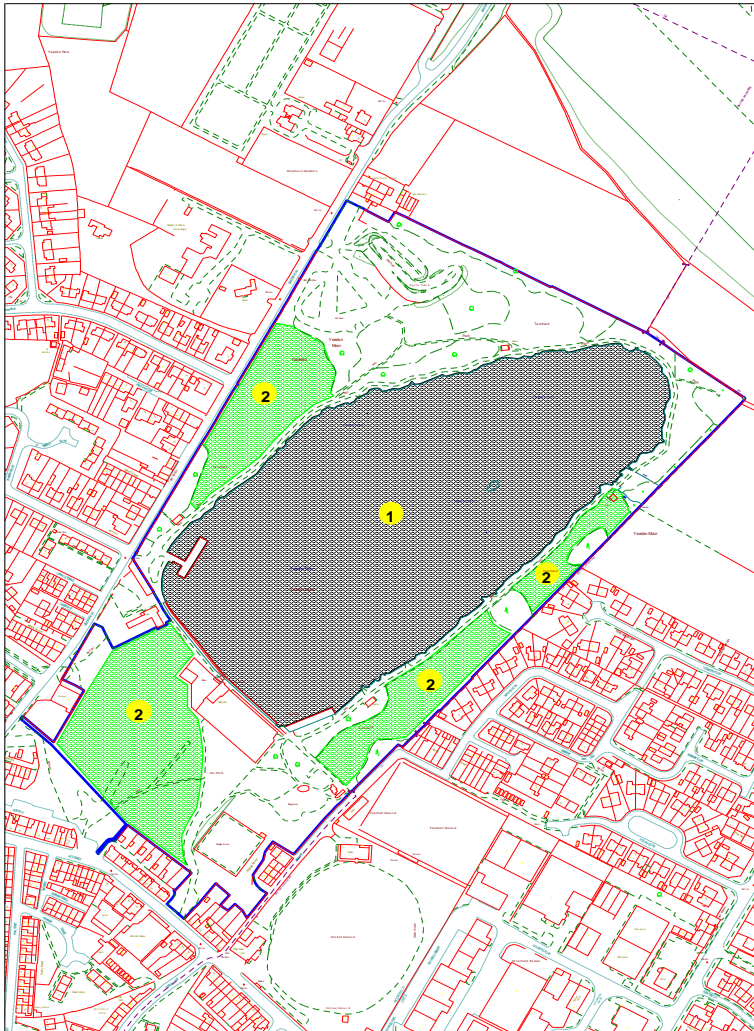
Disabled Access (b)



1. Upgrade play equipment to provide accessible and appropriate apparatus..
2. Re-grade and utilise suitable surfacing material on two existing paths to enable disabled people to access the tarnside path from the Cemetery Road car park.
3. Where the tarnside path crosses a drainage channel, reduce the humped surface by incorporating a gentle incline and decline to enable acceptable passage by disabled people. (Not an issue)
4. Steep gradient of path linking the bowling green to the south car park requires reducing. In addition a portable ramp is needed to access the green. The pavilion has narrow doors and a stepped entrance, which will necessitate alterations to enable disabled usage.

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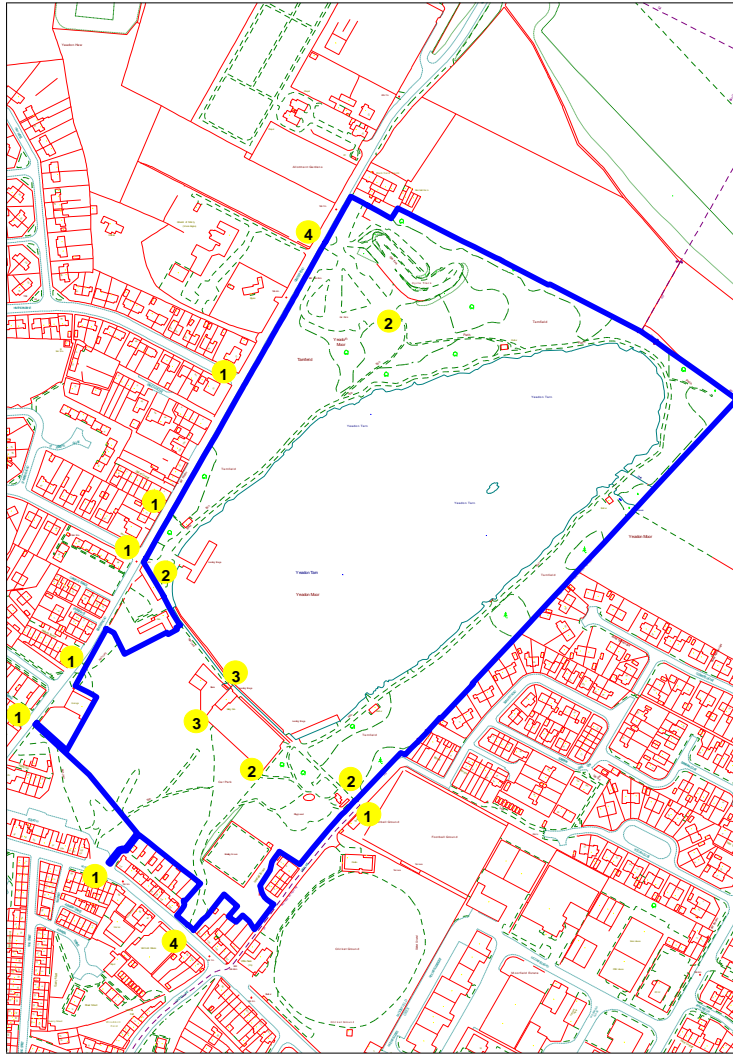
Popular Culture & Entertainment



1. In partnership with the Sports Division and Promotions and Tourism continue to explore the possibilities of introducing water-based entertainment and activities for the general public.
2. Continue to encourage more usage of the bandstand by brass bands and other small, novel music groups. Investigate options of club open events, fairs, galas, circuses and or carnivals on the large expanses of grass.
3. Investigate feasibility of creating a commercial café facility



Signage & Access



1. Minor entrances to receive signage indicating passage into Tarnfield Park and whether for pedestrian and/or vehicular access.
2. Trail boards indicating various footpaths, access points, location of amenities and vegetation types. Section of board to take notices of forthcoming events.
3. Information board on facilities and activities available at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre and details on how to access these services.
4. Main entrances to Tarnfield Park that provides access to public car parks. In this instance recommend road signs for prior warning of the entrance besides the site name and main usage.
5. Increase car parking capacity to accommodate visitors



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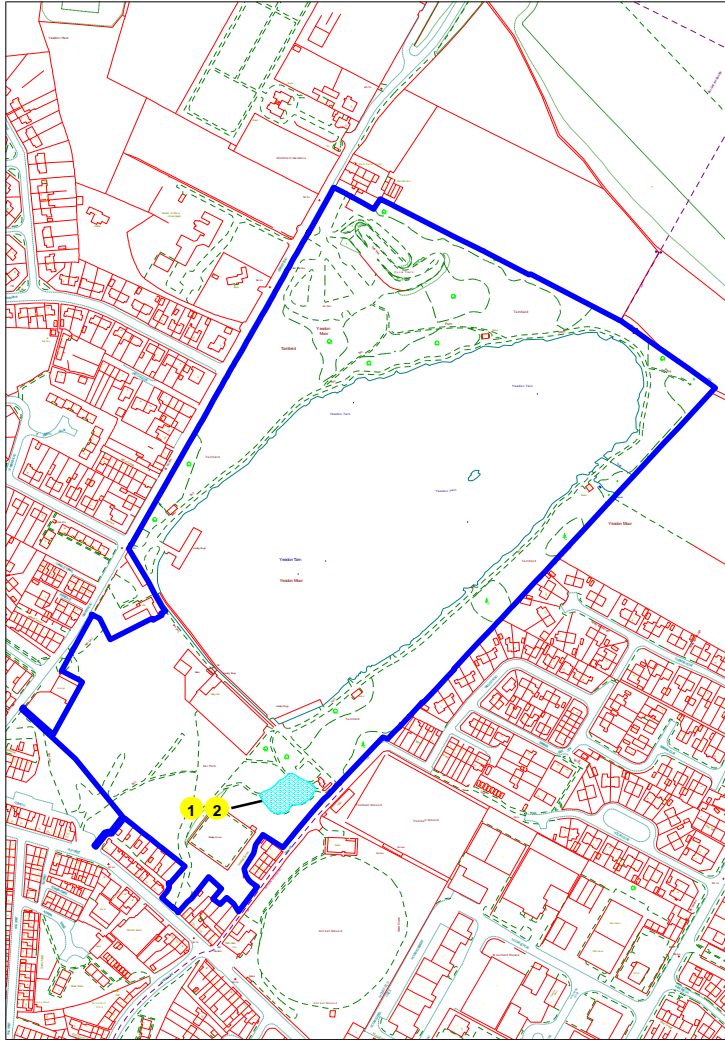


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Playground



1. Fully refurbish the existing playground to bring to modern standards and provide a fixed play facility that can be enjoyed by a multitude of ages and abilities.
2. Conduct user specific consultation in order to determine desires.



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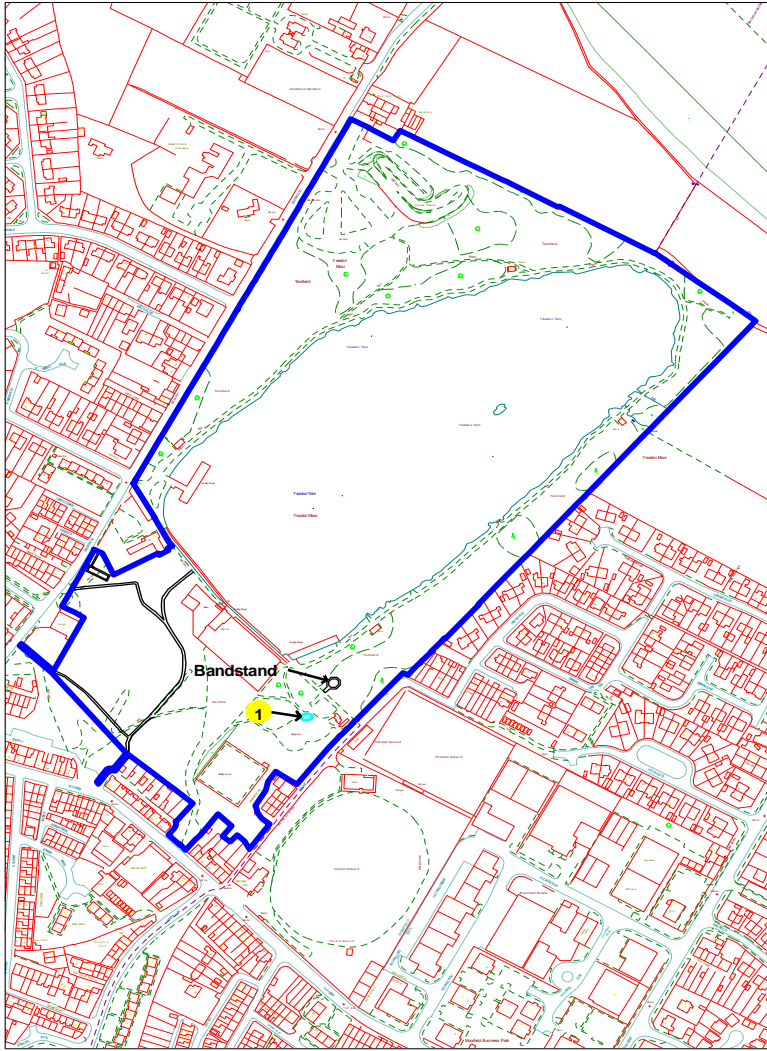


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Bedding Display



1. Remove the bedding display in the playground and create a new one in the vicinity of the Bandstand.
2. Improve floral bedding displays



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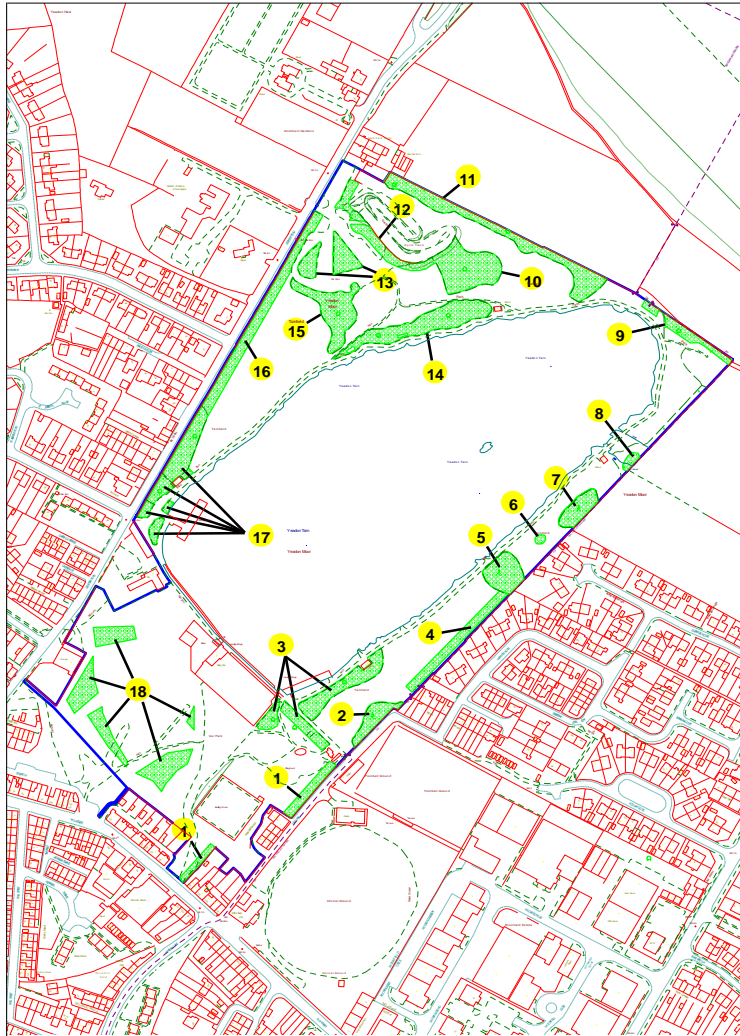


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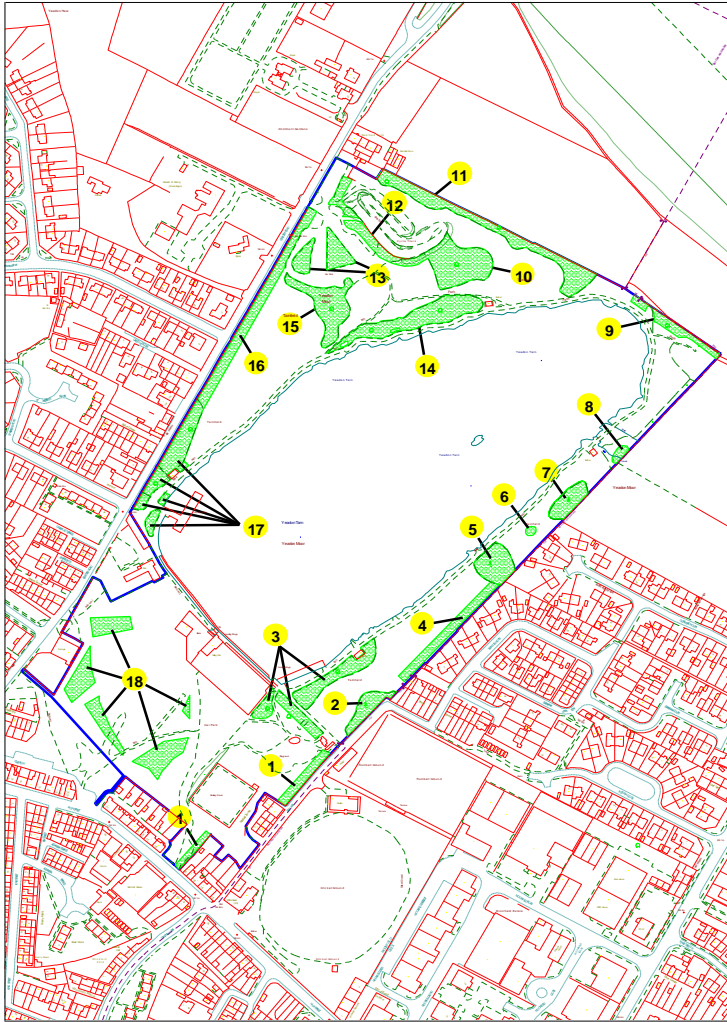
Arboriculture (a)



1. Avenues of trees near entrance to South Car Park and by Dam Lane to be monitored.
2. Within 5 years selectively fell suppressed and dead conifer trees.
4. Over five years, crown thin, reduce and balance to restore amenity of broadleaf avenue and reduce unsolicited pruning by neighbours.
5. Within 5 years, light thin conifer species to promote best of species.
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8. Fell and leave dead trees in wet flush to provide a dead wood habitat.
10. Over a 5-year period, mature collapsed and standing specimens of *Salix* spp. to be coppiced to restore their vigour and prevent further collapse. *Alnus* species to be left intact.
11. In areas where the trees are crowded and suppressed, pursue over five years a 50% thin to promote crown development and girth increment.



Arboriculture (b)

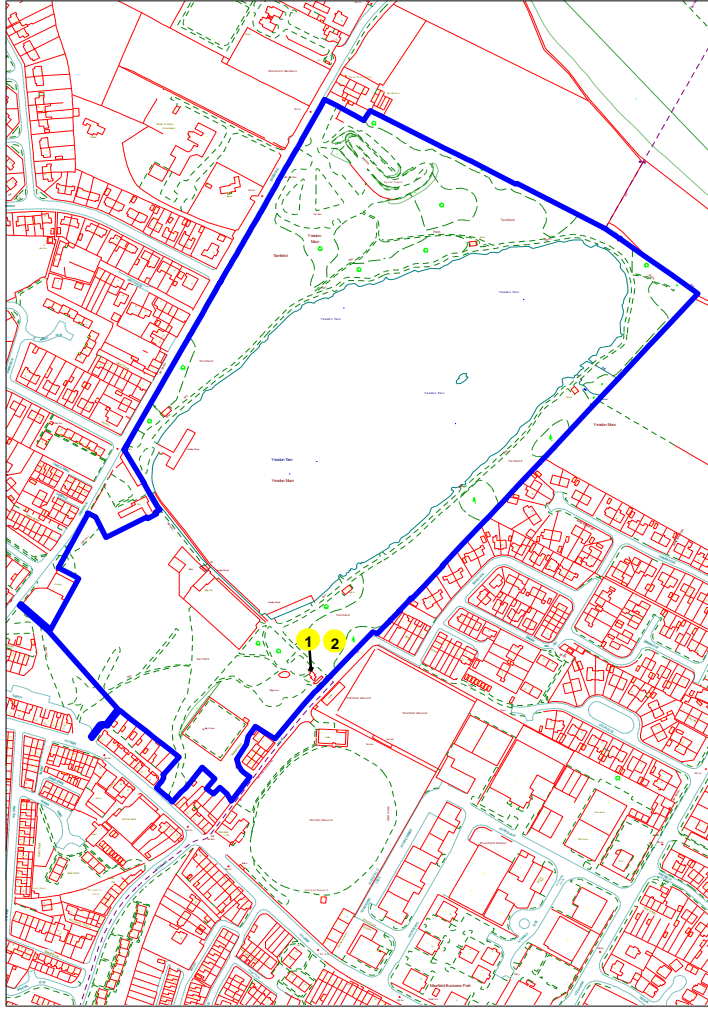


12. Either fell and replant or remove soil and rubble from rhizosphere of four Poplars (*Populus* spp.) to prevent suffocation of tree roots and subsequent root failure.
13. Within 5 years crown lift trees adjacent to the car park and formative prune best of species. In addition thin and clean to best of species.
14. Continue to coppice trees showing root plate failure within 5 years.
15. Within 5 years thin by 25% to promote crown development and girth increment.
16. Pursue restorative works to avenue of mature trees leaving a safe useful life expectancy of <50 years. In some instances replacement trees may have to be considered.
18. Maintain through formative pruning and weed control and at the end of five years remove the fencing.

3, 6, 9, 17 - These sites only require monitoring.



Public Conveniences



1. Continue to maintain regular cleaning schedule for the public conveniences.
2. Resolve situation regarding the lack of facilities for disabled users



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