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5th November 2020

Dear Councillor

I hereby summon you to attend a meeting of the Grounds Committee to be held on **Thursday 12th November 2020** via Zoom teleconference/video-conference facility as permitted by UK Government legislation during the current Covid-19 pandemic. The log in details to join via Zoom are as follows: <https://zoom.us/> with meeting ID: 889 7136 5112 (members of the public are asked to email committee.admin@petersfield-tc.gov.uk by 5.p.m on the day of the meeting for the password).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Neil Hitch", written over a circular blue stamp.

Neil Hitch
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Chairman's comments.
2. To receive and record apologies for absence.
3. To consider the granting of a dispensation under Section 33 of the Localism Act (2011) to enable members to participate in, and vote on, an item of business on the agenda where they would otherwise have a disclosable pecuniary Interest and to confirm how long this dispensation may have effect.
4. To receive and record Declarations of Interest. Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached. Unless dispensation has been granted, members may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on, or discharge any function related to any matter in which they have a pecuniary interest as defined by regulations made by the Secretary of State under the Localism Act 2011. Councillors must withdraw from the Chamber when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter.



5. To approve the minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on 15th October 2020 (*previously distributed*).
6. Public Representation - Councillors to receive representation (including items on the agenda) from members of the public provided they (public) have given due notice of their intention to the Town Clerk no later than 10.30 am on the day of the meeting. The maximum time limit allowed per person is three minutes, although this may be reduced if a large number of people express their wish to address Councillors.
7. To receive and note the Grounds Report (*attached*).
8. To receive and note the Bathymetry survey of the Heath pond by Five Rivers Environmental Contracting (*attached*).
9. To receive and note the report from Five Rivers Environmental Contracting regarding the works completed during the Heath Pond Bank Stabilisation project (*attached*).
10. To receive and consider a report regarding additional income generating opportunities for Town Council land (*attached*).
11. To receive and consider a report from the Working Party regarding the future engagement, involvement and structure of Tree Wardens with the Town Council (*to follow*).
12. To review and update the Policy for Council Owned Land (*attached*).
13. To review and update the Policy for the Grounds Committee (*attached*).
14. To receive an update on issues relating to the Ramshill Estate (*verbal*).

Confidential

15. To receive and consider any staff or confidential matters

~ End



Grounds Report November 2020

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This report seeks to inform councillors of matters of interest affecting any of the public open space land which we own or manage. Members are reminded that its contents are not available for debate, but questions can always be asked and we will seek to answer them, however it should be borne in mind that if they involve the need for investigation or would be complex or lengthy, answers will need to be given outside of the meeting. If councillors consider that any matter on the report is in need of debate, the subject can be added to a future meeting's agenda for this purpose.

The Heath

- November maintenance schedule.

Love Lane Playing Fields

- November pitch maintenance rugby/football

Penns Farm Playing Fields

- November pitch maintenance schedule.

Bell Hill Recreation Ground

- November maintenance schedule

Paddock Way

- November maintenance schedule.
- Boundary cut and tidy.

Woods Meadow

- November maintenance schedule.

Ramshill

- November maintenance schedule

Borough Rd

- November maintenance schedule
- Boundary tidy.

High Meadow

- November maintenance schedule
- Boundary dead wood clearance.

Avenue

- November maintenance schedule

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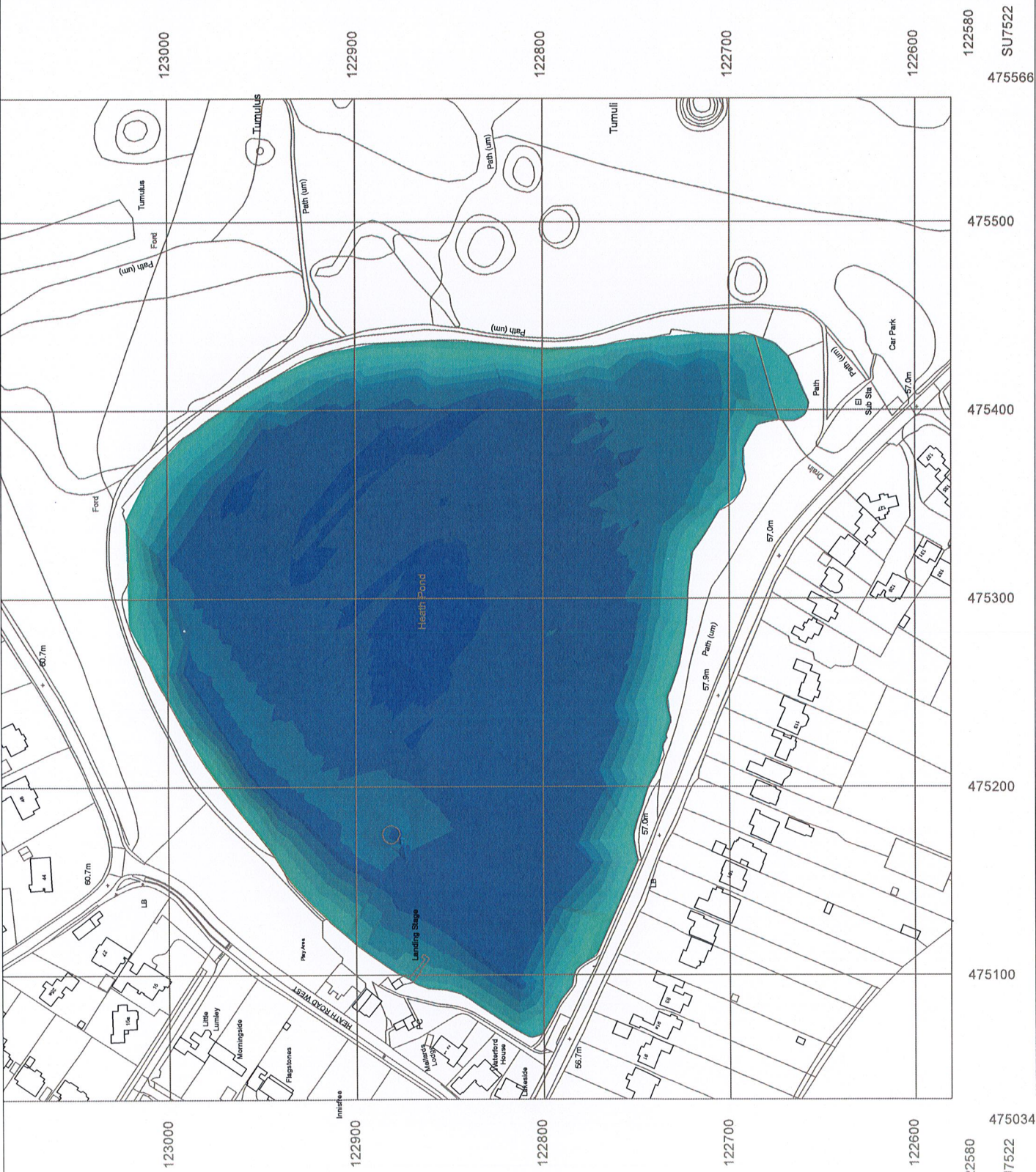
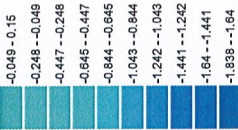
- Green for all sites.
- Damaged caused to PTFC (verbal report)

Dugg Budd
Grounds Manager
4th November 2020

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Pre Survey

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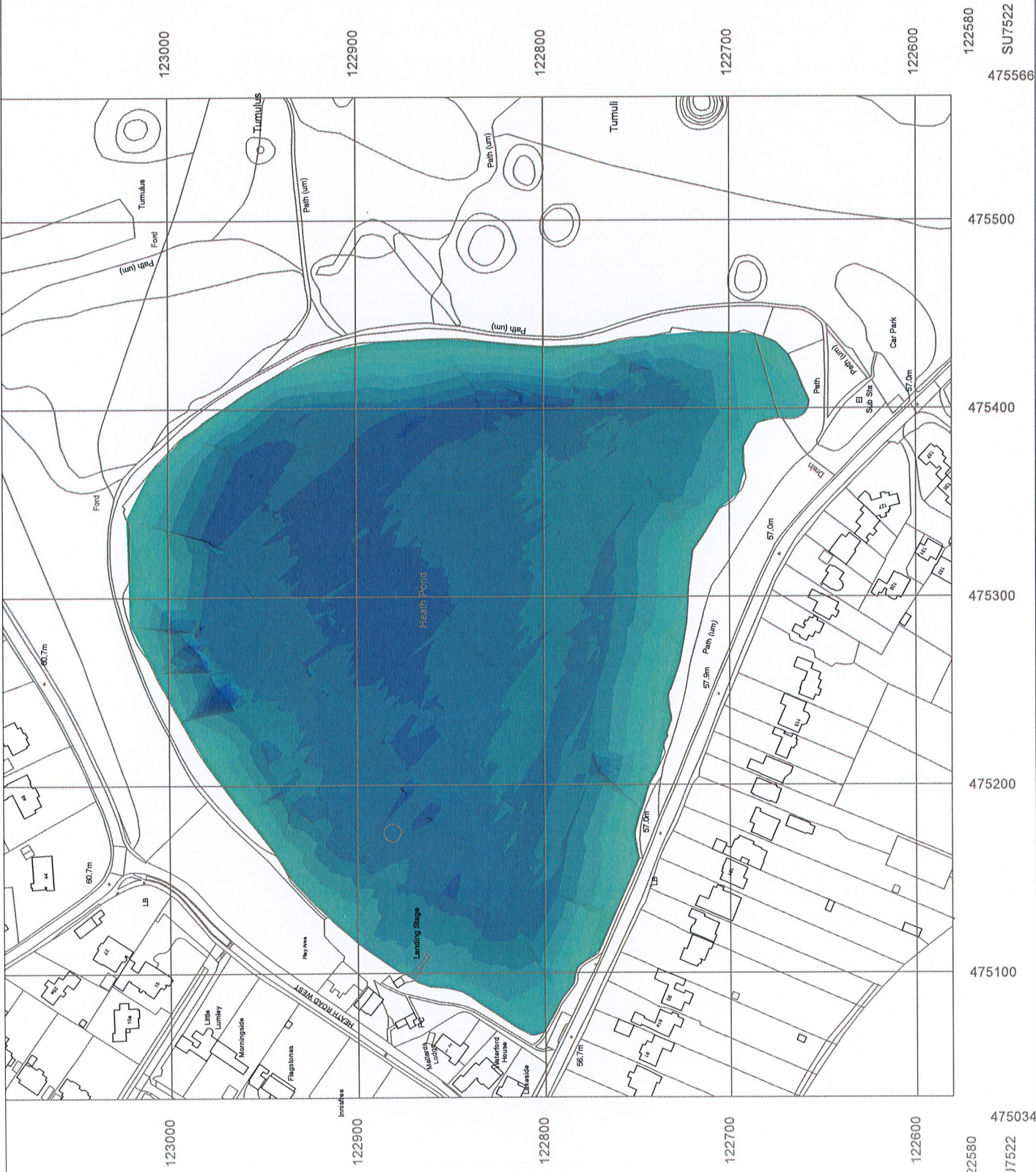
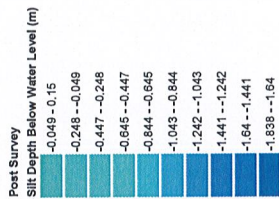
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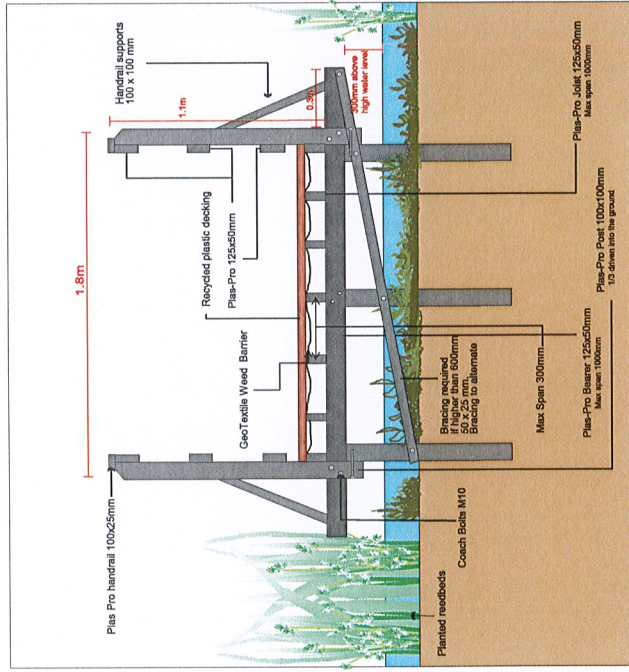
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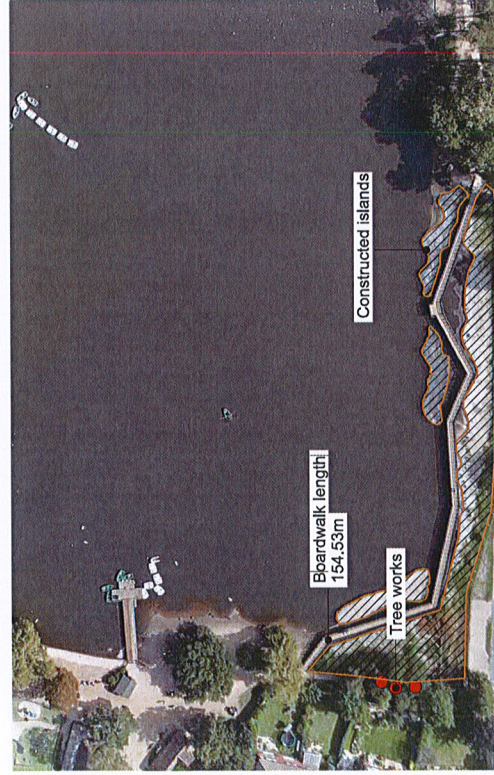


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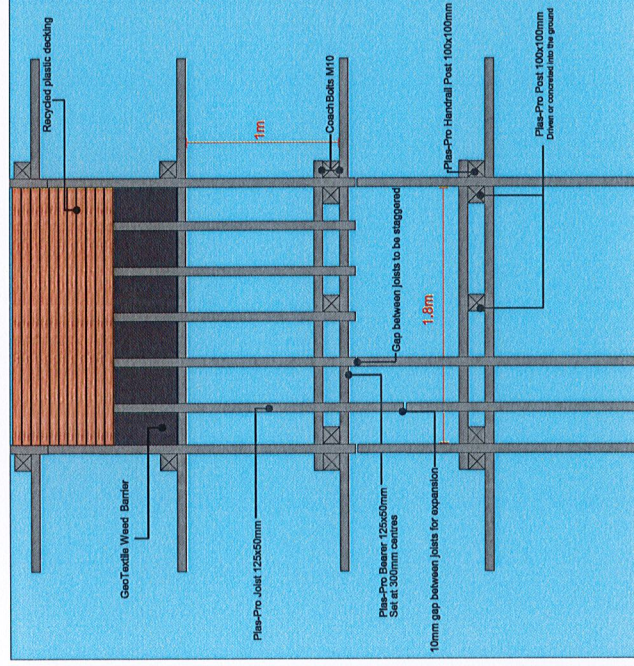




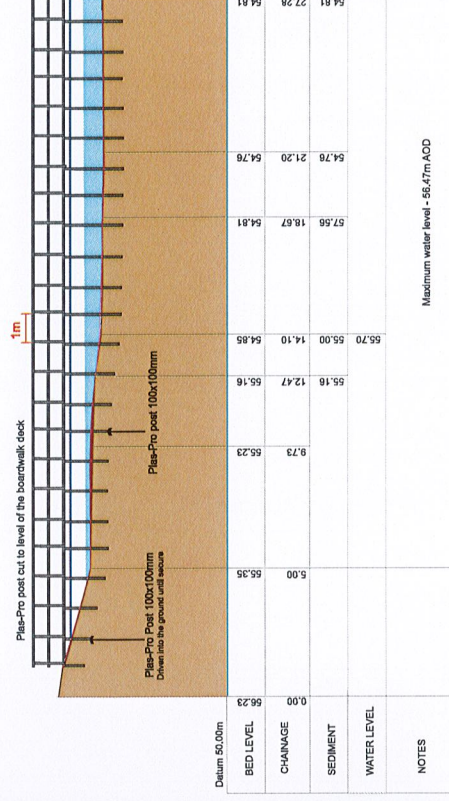
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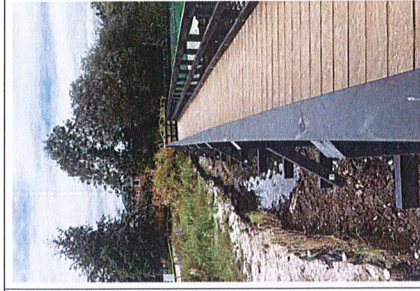
Plan View - 1:1,200



Plan Section - Boardwalk Detail - 1:30



Example Cross Section - 1:200



Photos of boardwalk taken September 2020

NOTES:

NOTES:
-All measurements in m unless stated.

-Plas-Pro is a 100% recycled, composite plastic post/bearer.

-Old boardwalk removed

-Length of boardwalk is 154.53

-Reedbeds plug planted with *Typha Latifolia* and *Phragmites Australis*.

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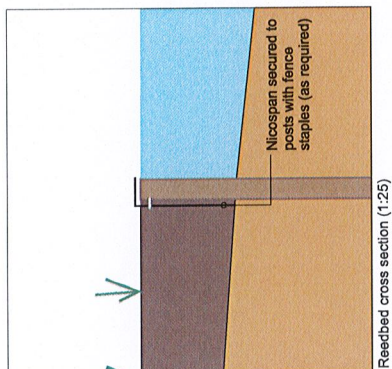
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As Built Technical Detail -

Boardwalk

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Timber revegetment removed and replaced with Nicospan bark stabilisation. Cori rolls, plastic mulch and irrigation installed. Tree works undertaken including removal of dead wood

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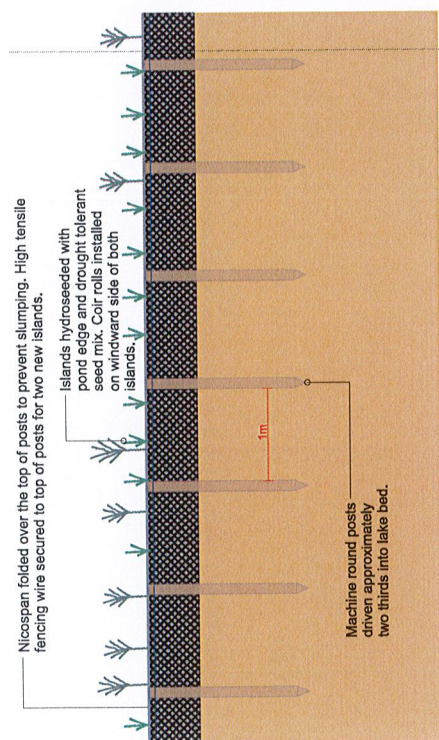
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**As Built Technical Detail -
Islands & Reedbeds**

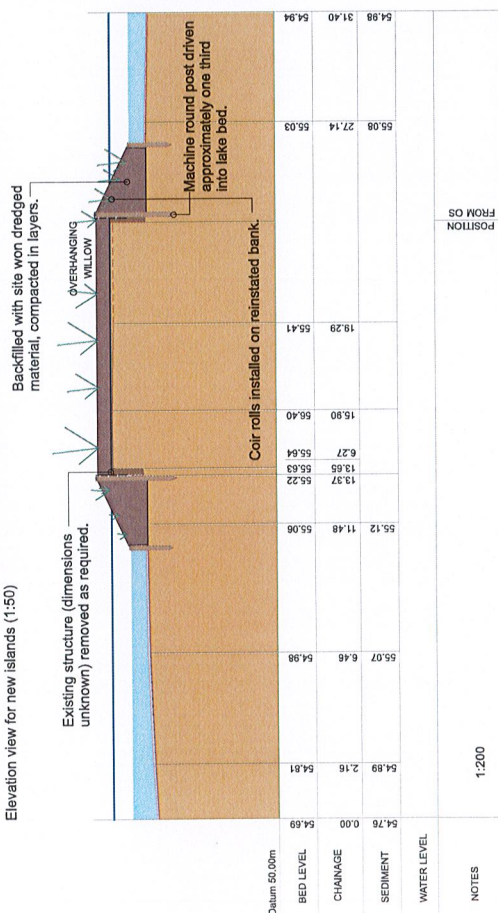
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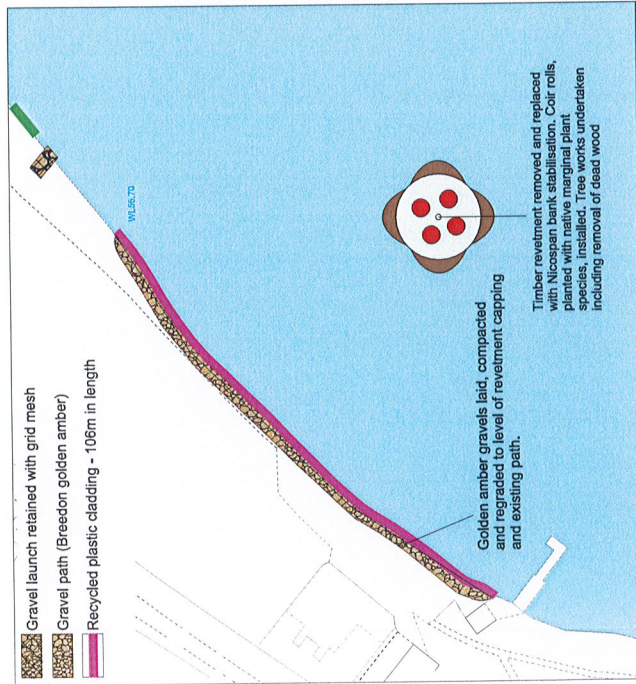
Elevation view for new islands (1:50)



Cross Section - Existing island restoration



Photos of installed reed beds taken September 2020



Location plan view (1:1,000)

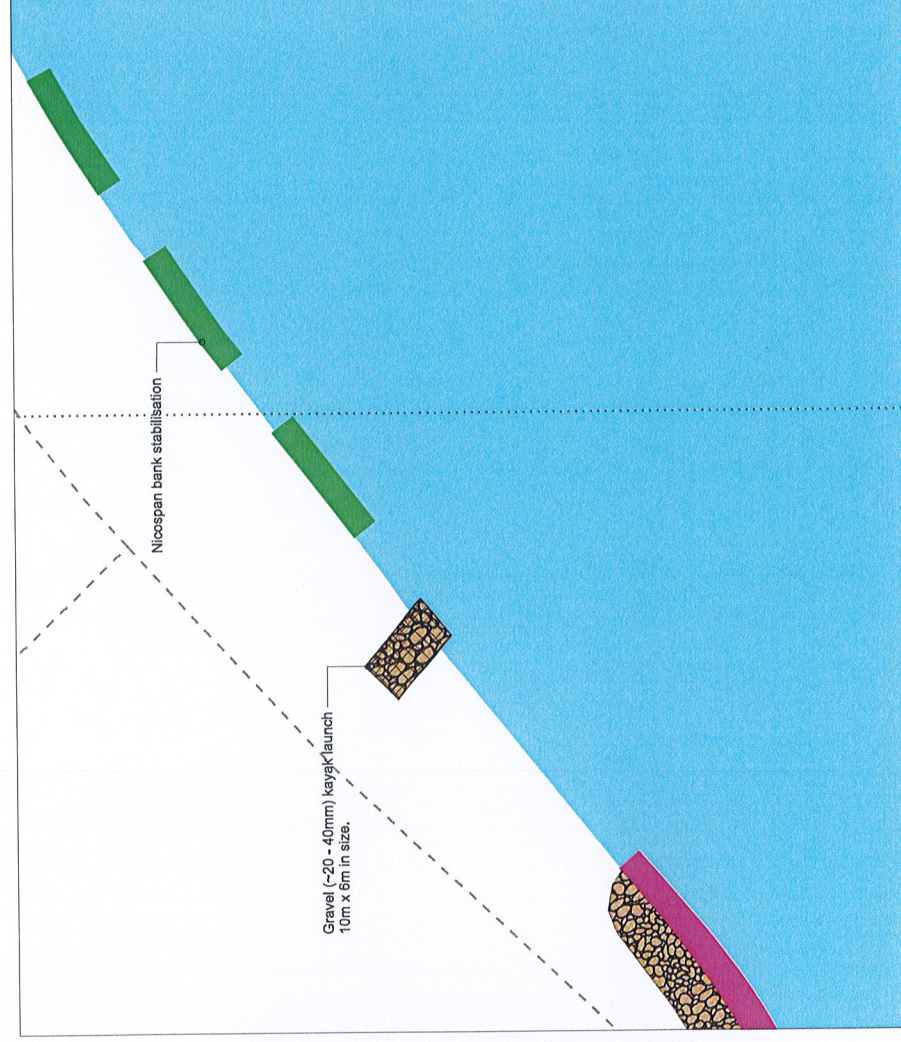


Photo of gravel launch taken September 2020

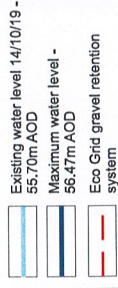
200mm gravel retained with gravel retention grid to reduce risk of movement

Bank regraded from existing pathway to waters edge

Detail - Kayak launch cross section (1:50)



Planview - Grid mesh installation location (1:600)



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As Built Technical Detail -
Gravel Launch

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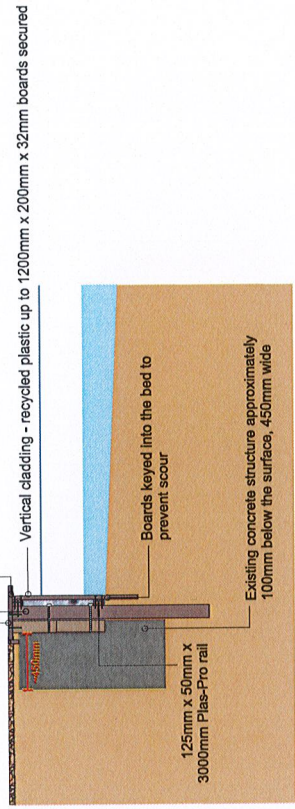
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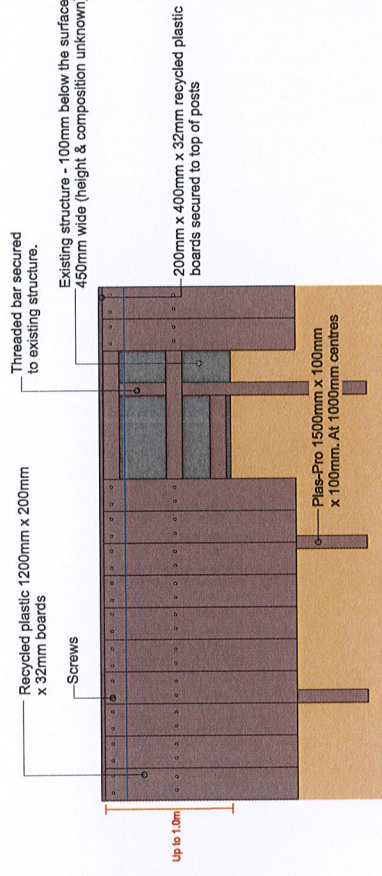
Water levels from survey on
14/10/2019 - 55.70m AOD
High water level -
56.47m AOD

Timber screws and
rails secured to
existing timber.

100mm x 100mm x 1500mm Plas-Pro posts - driven minimum 1/3 into bed
200mm x 400mm x 32mm recycled plastic boards secured to top of posts

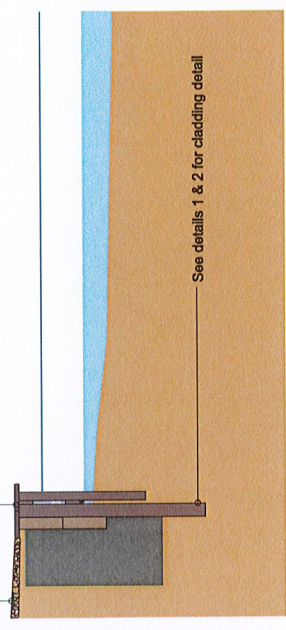


Detail 1 - Cladding cross section (XS/a - 1:40)

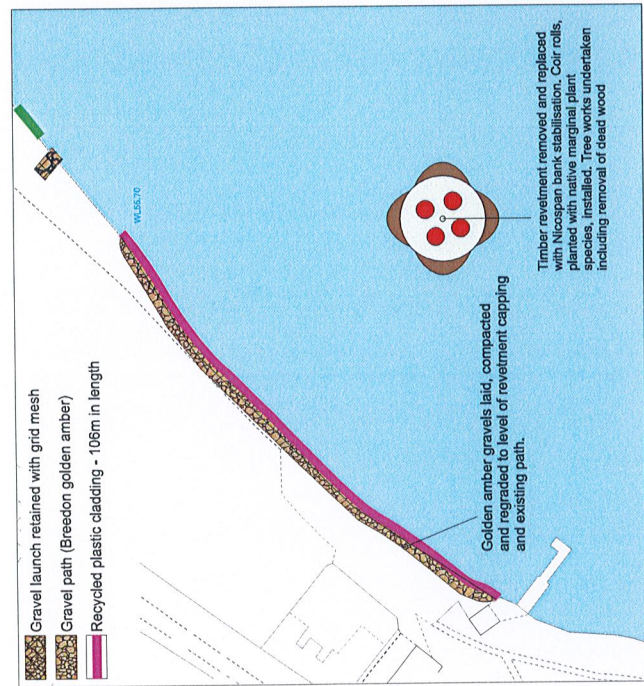


Detail 2 - Cladding elevation (1:40)

Path reggraded to level of revetment capping with golden amber path gravels
Two capping boards



Detail 3 - Cladding cross section (XS/b - 1:40)



Plan view (1:1,000)

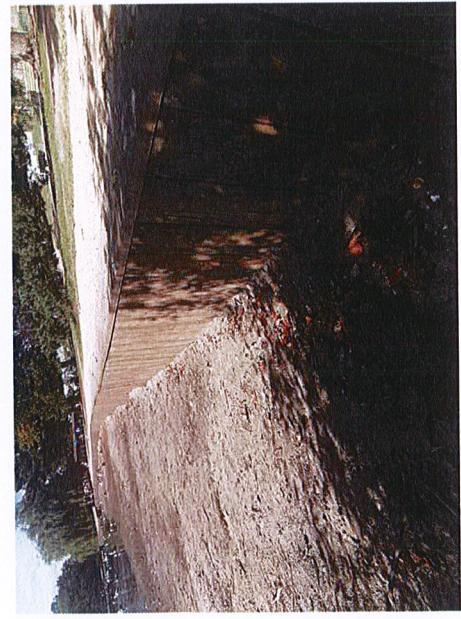


Photo of cladding revetment taken September 2020

NOTES:

- All measurements in m unless stated.
- Plas-Pro is a 100% recycled, composite plastic post/bearer.
- Golden gravels in dadding area compacted and laid. Length is 106m, average width is 2.2m, 233.2m² area.
- Packing used in approximately two thirds of the revetment capping to bring up to bank level and provide support for shorewood capping. Packing material consisted of marine ply.

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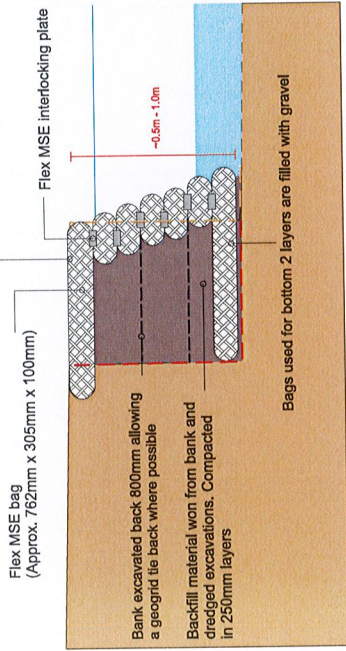
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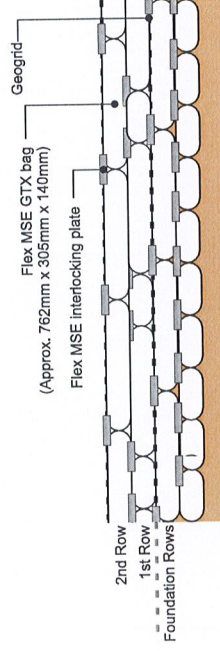
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Flex MSE bank hydroseeded with pond edge seed mix and drought tolerant grass seed mix



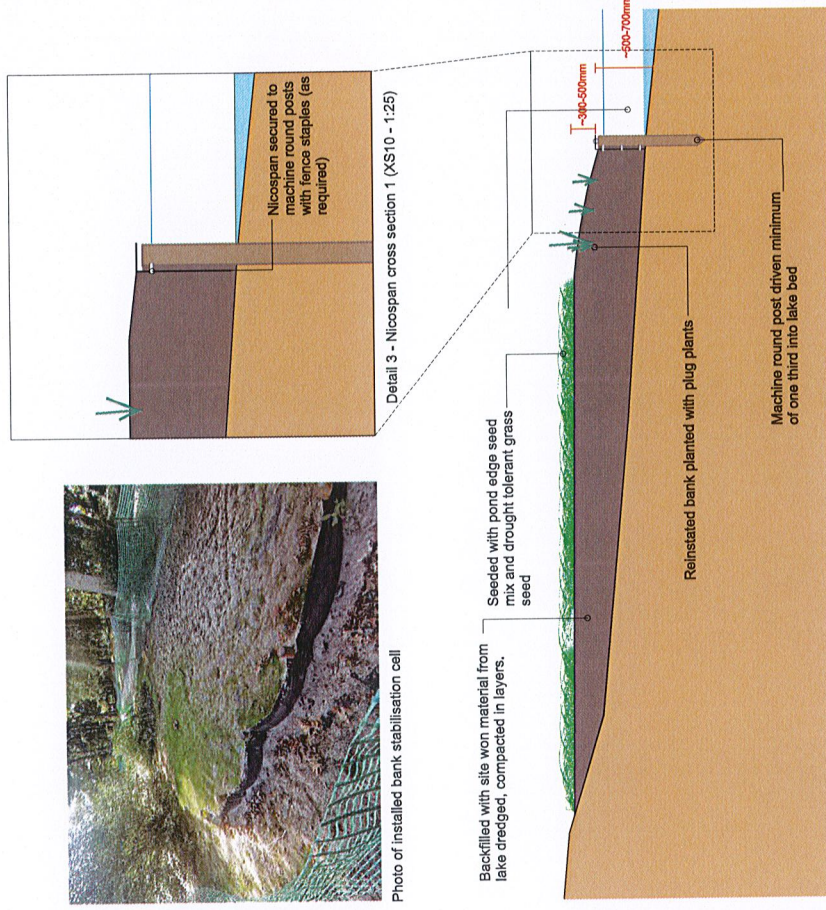
Detail 1 - Flex MSE tie-back cross section (XS14 - 1:30)



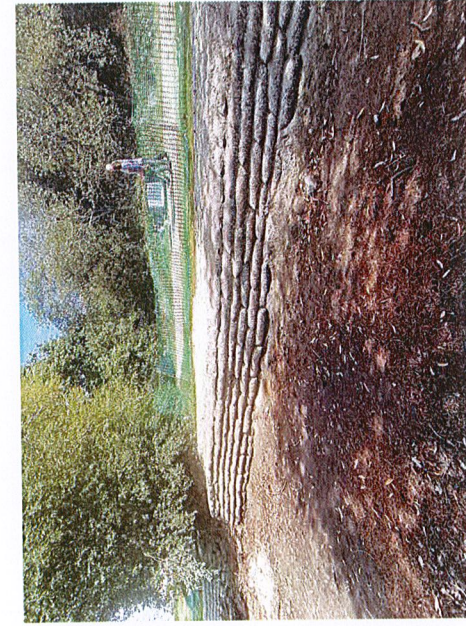
Detail 2 - Flex MSE tie-back elevation view (1:30)



Photo of installed bank stabilisation cell



Detail 3 - Nicospan cross section 1 (XS10 - 1:25)



Photos of Flex MSE bank stabilisation following hydroseeding taken in September 2020



Detail 5 - Nicospan cross section 2 (XS10 - 1:50)

Water levels from survey on 14/10/2019 - 55.70m AOD
High water level - 56.47m AOD

NOTES:
-All measurements in m unless stated.

-First six sections of flex MSE, going from north to south, are seven flex bags high. Section seven is six bags high due to lower bank levels.

Flex wall 1: 7.90m
Flex wall 2: 9.10m
Flex wall 3: 10.30m
Flex wall 4: 23.90m
Flex wall 5: 10.20m
Flex wall 6: 14.70m
Flex wall 7: 15.80m

-Flex MSE banks hydroseeded with pond edge seed mix and drought tolerant grass mix.

Marginal plug plant species include:

-*Iris pseudacorus*
-*Myosotis scorpioides*
-*Calla palustris*
-*Carex acutiformis*
-*Juncus effusus*
-*Lythrum salicaria*

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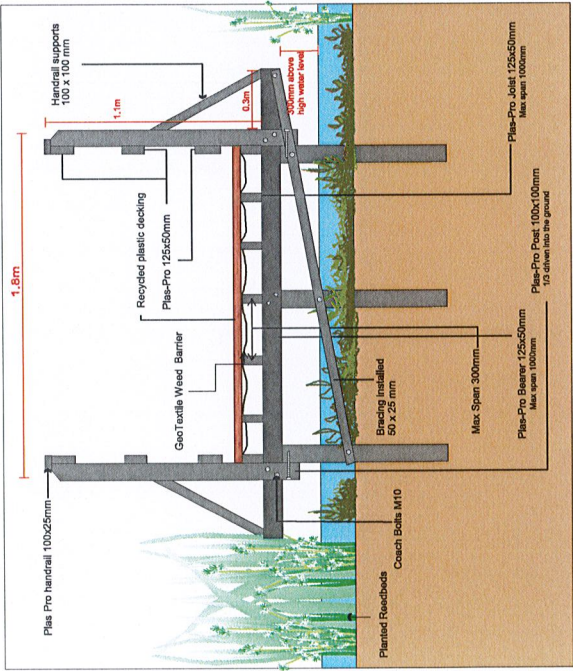
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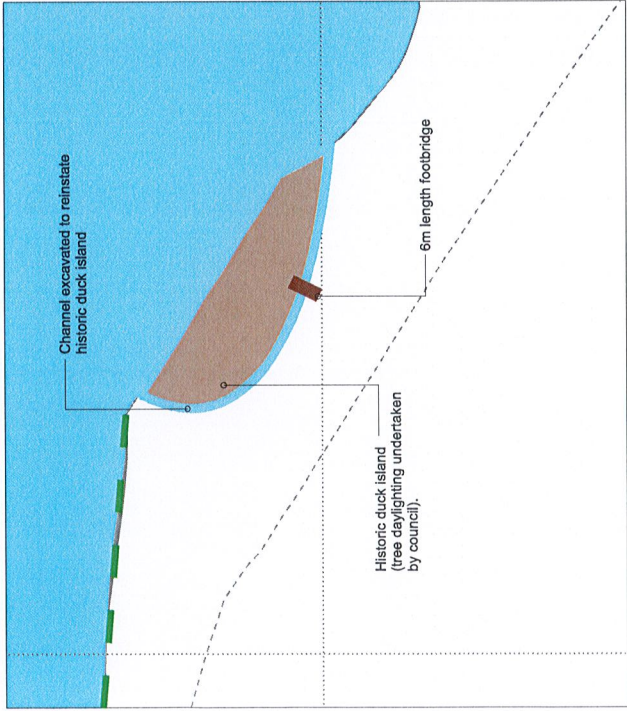
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Cross Section - Footbridge - 1:30



Footbridge plan view (1:500)

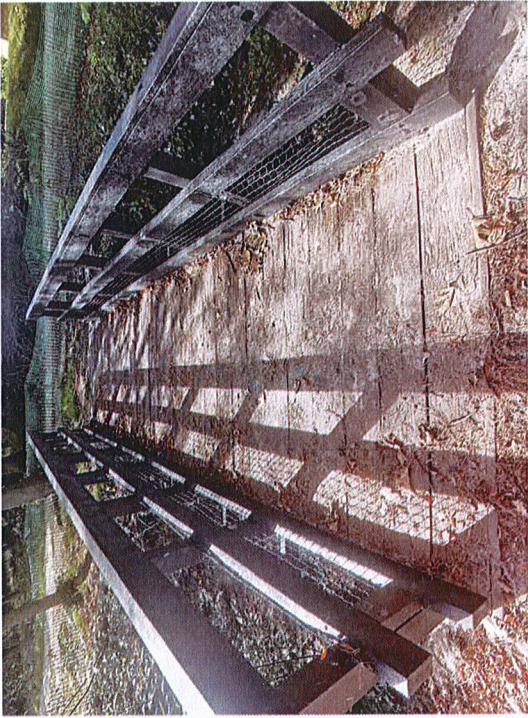
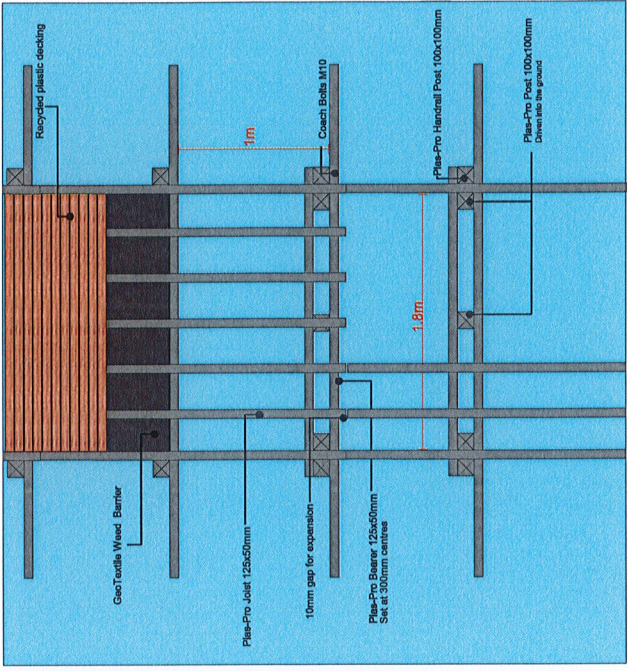


Photo of footbridge taken September 2020



Plan Elevation Section - Footbridge Detail - 1:30

NOTE:
 -All measurements in m unless stated.
 -Historic duck island - council has cleared rhododendrons prior to works commencing.
 -Plas-Pro is a 100% recycled, composite plastic post/bearer.
 -Council to install knee high fencing around duck island.

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Grounds Committee

Open Spaces Revenue Opportunities

Background

It has been recognised that our open space assets are at times, underutilised, with no proactive efforts to increase the use of them in terms of generating revenue.

The council has faced difficulties in generating income during the COVID-19 lockdown. However, due to an increase of enquiries to hire out or utilise our open spaces, a group of officers (Steve, Michelle, Dugg & Kathryn) met to determine how these additional enquiries could be met, as well as identifying potential income opportunities.

Aim

To seek additional opportunities to increase usage of and revenue from Petersfield Town Council open spaces.

Opportunity 1 – Fitness Group Enquiries

During the lockdown period, we have had several new Fitness Group enquiries, and the current requirement is that we ask them to complete the Outdoor Fitness Group forms (see attached), and provide this along with their insurance and risk assessment. We then provide the group with an agreement of what we understand as their requirements, along with a map showing them the area or areas where they may carry out their fitness training.

We have recently had a request from a franchised type of Fitness Group known as BeMilitaryFit (*letter attached to agenda*). BMF have their own website, inviting people to join a group nearest to them. BMF appears to operate more like a business, and are charged by other councils.

As an example, joining fees at Guildford are as follows:

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| £28 per person per month | - | this provides 1 session per week |
| £48 per person per month | - | this provides unlimited sessions per week |

Steve Field
Projects and Office Manager
3rd November 2020

Consideration

We could introduce a fixed rate per hour, perhaps charging local fitness groups a lower rate to groups that are part of a national franchise. (*see Outdoor fitness classes: a personal trainer's guide dated 29th June 2016*). Groups who do not charge their clients could be exempt.

By charging groups, this would contribute towards expenses such as additional wear & tear, and additional administration, creating additional revenue to the council, whilst providing formalised activities for members of the public.

Fitness Groups who have informed us by completing the Outdoor Fitness paperwork

Current Fitness Groups		
Name / Group Name	Where	Type of Activity
Lewis Searson	Heath & Penns	One to one training
The Fit Bod Squad	Avenue	Boxercise / Kettlebells
Body Fitness Camp	Love Lane	Fitness Training
Activate		
Gladiators	Penns Place	Fitness Training
Runnyhoneys	Heath	Running

Opportunity 2 - Football Pitch Hire

Over the past few months we have had a couple of enquiries from individuals who have wanted to 'hire a football pitch' for a more formal 'kick-a-bout' or football match.

At this current time, we only have one set of goal posts that we own, and these are located at Penns Place on a full sized pitch. There are 3 main reasons why we cannot currently hire out football pitches at Love Lane or Penns Place as follows:

- Petersfield Town Council do not own any goalposts (with the exception of 1 set of static goal posts at Penns Field on a full size pitch)
- We do not have knowledge of how often pitches are used to be able to hire out on the basis that they have been adequately rested
- There is a requirement to clarify with PTJ the access and use of pitches during the football season

We have identified a potential site for a mini-pitch at the far end of Bell Hill. This would require a change from informal to formal use, and could be hired out with roll-on roll-off goals, suggesting that we make it available from 1st April to 31st October

We already have the funds for goal posts and we could purchase roll on/roll off goals which would cost ~£2000 (per pair)

We would also require the lines to be painted which would cost ~£200.00. Once painted, we could paint the lines ourselves at a cost of £50 for labour and materials.

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Projects and Office Manager

3rd November 2020

The pitch could also be hired out to existing clubs if required at the agreed rate.

It is recognised that parking would be limited compared to other locations, but parking space requirements would depend on the age group of those playing. It is envisaged that the new facility would not be used constantly and would therefore not have any serious impact on other users at the far end of Bell Hill Recreation Ground, nor on the residents of Stoneham Park or Buckmore Avenue nearby.

Liss currently charge £60 (Seniors) and £30 (Juniors) for a full size pitch per game without changing rooms, so we could potentially charge say £25-30 per two hours for a mini-pitch, bearing in mind that we may need to store the roll-on roll-off goals off-site, and so put them up and take them down each time the pitch is used.

Type 3 – New Events/Sports Opportunities

Officers explored all the open spaces to identify potential new opportunities that could be introduced, and these are displayed below.

Location	Commercial	Family/Group Area	Leisure
Woods Meadow		For family activities such as Bouncy Castle & BBQ	
Bell Hill		For family activities such as Bouncy Castle & BBQ	Mini football pitch (see above)
Love Lane	Opportunity for commercial events		Potential football pitch hire if agreed with PJFC
Penns Place			Potential football pitch hire if agreed with PJFC
Avenue Pavilion	Opportunity for commercial events		
Paddock Way	Opportunity for commercial events		
High Meadow		For family activities such as Bouncy Castle & BBQ	

Potential Commercial Events

These could either be organised by a commercial company, Petersfield Town Council or a combination of both.

- Country Fair / Fete
- Food Festival
- Proms in the Park
- Open air plays/productions
- Car Boot Sale
- Caravanning

Family/Group Area

These could be marked out areas specifically for hire to small groups or families where BBQs and Bouncy castles could be used in these areas.

- Family Party Area accommodating BBQ and Bouncy Castles
- Stand-a-lone BBQ areas for hire

Other Ideas/Opportunities that could be explored

Other ideas could be explored to bring in small amounts of income which would support the maintenance of these areas.

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Projects and Office Manager

3rd November 2020

- Charging for Tennis Courts (Business rates from EHDC would apply)
- Car park charging
- Hire of Tennis Rackets, Croquet Sets and Bowls for Avenue

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POLICY FOR COUNCIL OWNED LAND IN PETERSFIELD

1. Background

- 1.1 The Town Council owns considerable areas of land in the town and to have a policy for Council owned land was considered to be a positive management tool in the progression of the Petersfield Neighbourhood Plan.

2. Purpose

- 2.1 To consider all land owned by Petersfield Town Council and to provide a policy on the current strategy to be applied by the Council for the use of these land areas.
- 2.2 To make public the aim to continue seeking acquisition of land within the parish of Petersfield for the purpose of protecting and preserving green spaces for the benefit of the community.

3. PTC Sites

3.1 Petersfield Heath

- 3.1.1 The current strategy is to provide recreational facilities on the west side of the Heath. These consist of the children's play area; the Plump Duck cafe; the boating lake; fishing rights and space for regular events including fairs, circuses and special events.
- 3.1.2 PTC must always be mindful and fully aware that this area of the Heath has reached its limit on development for fear of over urbanisation, collateral impact on the integrity of the land and not least higher maintenance costs to preserve the surrounding areas.
- 3.1.3 Both the expanded café and play area have been a great success and the enhanced amenity to visitors to the Heath from Petersfield and

further afield is welcome. However operations do bring challenges with them. The significant increase in pedestrian and vehicular traffic volumes has impacted the use and risk profile of Heath Road West for both forms of use of the road..

3.1.4 Vehicles and footfall have also added to widespread erosion to the surface of the Heath in this location, requiring greater ongoing maintenance, which has an impact on financial planning and budgeting. There is a need for the Council to balance the need to manage this balance between amenity and the cost of repair and maintenance.

3.1.5 In view of paragraphs 3.1.2, 3.1.3 and 3.1.4 the Council should work to the following principles:

- The Plump Duck refreshment kiosk should not be further expanded from its current footprint defined as the perimeter of the canopy, now enclosed and the rear of the building formed by un-canopied walls and a storage shed. The scale of operation means operating on a daily basis as a café and as an occasional evening venue with plated meals and alcohol within the footprint only.
- The play area, although subject to updating, maintenance and change should be limited to its current boundary defined by the fenced toddler area, the rocking horse and climbing unit.
- As Landlords and Trustees of this high profile area of the Heath, the Council acknowledges that the growth of the Plump Duck and increased use of the play area has had some collateral impact on immediate residents and it is accepted that there is anxiety about any future growth which would extend that impact. Accordingly, in the event that the Council decides to change this policy and allow future growth, consideration should be given to consultation with owners/tenants of the properties affected at the time of considering the expansion of activity and in advance of any planning process being commenced.

3.1.6 The east side of the Heath consists of a wooded area and heathland of ecological interest. It also has a cricket pitch. It is also home to the Barrows, historic sites of architectural significance, and events such as the Secrets of the Heath.

3.1.7 In pursuance of robust stewardship of the Heath, the Council, as Trustee should determine the ultimate management of the site.

This is exercised ostensibly by the Chairman of the Grounds Committee and the Town Clerk who take day to day responsibility for activities and plans for grounds work.

- 3.1.8 PTC takes a pro-active role in the development of the Heath Management Plan and its implementation, particularly in regard to maintenance programmes, pollarding, and improvement programmes.
- 3.1.9 The Heathland and Barrows have become more of a feature open to the general public by the establishment of mown paths and the provision of information boards giving the history and general information about the various sites. Such features continue to be considered as highly important by the Council with plans to provide additional heritage information boards once the outcomes of the recent historical study by Petersfield Museum are known. Work to protect and provide access is part of the routine maintenance schedules.
- 3.1.10 The Council continues to work with the volunteers from the Friends of Petersfield Heath where practical and possible in the maintenance of the Heath.

3.2 Penns Farm Playing Fields, including Penns Field B

- 3.2.1 PTC continues to view that the use of this land is for sports purposes and general recreational open space usage.
- 3.2.2 The field known as Penns Field B is considered to be a site which along with other arrangements for the whole area of Penns Farm playing fields will allow for the transference of Petersfield Town Junior Football Club from the Love Lane site. This forms the objective from the Petersfield Neighbourhood Plan for Penns Farm becoming a Sports Hub for Petersfield.
- 3.2.3 PTC sees the only way to be sure to protect the land against unwanted development, or to ensure that the land remains available potentially for all sections of the community is for the land to remain in the ownership of the Town Council.

3.3 Love Lane Recreation Ground

- 3.3.1 Petersfield Neighbourhood Plan proposes that the Love Lane Grounds is potentially a site for a new multi-purpose Community Centre for Petersfield. The preferred site would be the north west

corner of the site so that the existing entrance and car park may be retained.

- 3.3.2 Petersfield does not have a quality park with ornamental shrubs, flower gardens, all weather paths and seating. It is considered that the balance of the Love Lane site could be very suitable for such facilities.
- 3.3.3 It is assumed that it will be possible for the Petersfield Town Juniors football club to relocate to Penns Farm and organise games to suit the availability of the space at Penns Farm. It may also be possible for extra space to be made available if required at the existing football ground at The Avenue. This may mean that Love Lane will no longer be available for football however the Town Juniors will need to be fully consulted prior to any decision being made.
- 3.3.4 It is recognised that there is a need for the whole of the Love Lane recreation area to be part of a new Master Plan which would include Petersfield Town Football Club, the two phases of the Skatepark, a new Community Centre facility and a new Park.
- 3.3.5 The south west corner of the recreation ground is to be developed as a wooded glade with recreational seating and picnic tables provided. The glade will contain the first of the World War I Centenary Memorial Trees planted in 2018.

3.4 Bell Hill Recreation Ground

- 3.4.1 With over 100 houses being proposed in the Neighbourhood Plan in the private land at the western end of the Bell Hill Recreation Ground, it is considered appropriate to enlarge the Play Area.
- 3.4.2 The site used by the Round Table on Bonfire Night is the only public site for this facility and should be retained.
- 3.4.3 The recreation ground is considered to be a suitable site to contain the majority of the World War I Centenary Memorial Trees and the associated paths and seating that will accompany the facility.
- 3.4.4 The Recreation Ground should be improved by the planting of additional low maintenance trees and shrubs.

3.5 Bell Hill Common

- 3.5.1 This area is larger than immediately apparent. In addition to the grass verge, there is an area of woodland and dense undergrowth leading to a small pond on the right hand side of Bell Hill Ridge.

- 3.5.2 This area can be significantly improved. There are two bench seats that could be replaced. The dense undergrowth could be cleared to provide a small but more interesting walk through the wooded area, particularly towards the pond.

3.6 Woods Meadow Recreation Ground

- 3.6.1 Woods Meadow forms part of what has been identified as a “Green Finger” from Tilmore Road and points north to Steep, into Petersfield. This idea could be developed further by the acquisition of the privately owned land to the north and south.
- 3.6.2 On the north side of Woods Meadow is a strip of land which is subject to flooding and is currently lying fallow and is overgrown. It is land which is not included in the Neighbourhood Plan as suitable for housing development. PTC considers potential for making an offer for this land on the basis of the land being preserved as Green Space.
- 3.6.3 On the south side of the railway line is North Field, part of Merritts Meadow, which has been specifically excluded for Housing development in the Neighbourhood Plan. It is not looked after and PTC have already started discussions regarding the acquisition of this land, to be held as Green Space.

3.7 Borough Road Recreation Ground

- 3.7.1 This is a small site with a children’s play area.
- 3.7.2 The site could do with improvements and some replanting of trees and shrubs.
- 3.7.3 The land to the south of the site forms part of the Borough Road water meadows. PTC is in discussion with Tesco with regard to acquiring this site and improving it for the benefit of local residents.

3.8 Paddock Way Recreation Ground

- 3.8.1 This land is leased from Hampshire County Council.
- 3.8.2 A significant amount of housing is being developed to the east of the site, at Larcombe Road and on land south of Larcombe Road.

- 3.8.3 This site may come under pressure in the future. PTC should look to acquire this land to ensure a Green Space between the housing to the north and potential building land further south.

3.9 The Spain Greensward

- 3.9.1 This is open land unsuitable for any other use. There are no suggestions for this land.

3.10 High Meadow

- 3.10.1 This land is held in trust by PTC as Green Space. No changes are suggested at this time.

3.11 Tilmore Allotments

- 3.11.1 These are the only allotments in Petersfield and should be kept as such.

3.12 Heathfield – Barnfield Link

- 3.12.1 No suggestions are made.

3.13 The Avenue Playing Fields

- 3.13.1 The pavilion on the site is used by the community. There are also tennis courts which are currently free, unless for hire by an approved commercial coaching operative, and a football field for informal and casual use. The football field could be used as an overflow from Penns Farm if needed.

3.14 St Peter's Churchyard

- 3.14.1 PTC has a responsibility to maintain the site but not to improve it.

3.15 Rotherlands Nature Reserve

- 3.15.1 This is an attractive woodland walk along the banks of the River Rother. PTC should take a leadership role in managing this area and working with the Rotherlands volunteers.

3.16 Eastlake Close

- 3.16.1 There is a small strip of land at the end of the cul de sac at the east end of Eastlake Close
- 3.16.2 PTC remains open to offers of purchase of this land by nearby residents.

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 The pressures on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to find land suitable for the building of more than 700 homes in Petersfield, including initially building on the Love Lane and Bell Hill Recreation Grounds, demonstrates that the PTC cannot be complacent when it comes to preserving the Green Spaces in the town. The suggestions and recommendations made in this policy paper are intended to focus attention on where there may be opportunities to acquire and preserve additional land in Petersfield and how some of the sites may be improved to provide additional facilities for the people of the town.
- 4.2 With the sale of Penns Field A to Kebbel Homes, PTC has been given a unique opportunity to fund the proposals included in the paper. At the same time some real improvements to existing sites can be made and therefore Petersfield's residents will see and obtain some real benefits from the release of the land at Penns Field 'A'.
- 4.3 PTC reviews this policy on a regular basis and at least annually.

Approved:

To encourage and promote full use of Petersfield Town Council's Open Spaces and Sports Grounds for the enjoyment of the public in a sustainable manner.

- Allotments:** To hold users meetings every year in the Autumn. To ensure all sites are maintained in a reasonable condition.
- Fairs/Circus:** To allow a maximum of 3 fairs/circus per year at each venue although this may be waived in exceptional circumstances. In letting any facilities the Town Council to be mindful of the impact on the amenity of neighbouring residents.
- Trees and Hedgerows:** To maintain existing trees and hedgerows and protect worthwhile specimens. To plant trees as necessary, in consultation with an arboricultural expert. To remove all dead/dying trees in accordance with Health and Safety policy
- Dogs Litter:** To place dog signs and waste bins at all open spaces and sports grounds and to empty the bins on a regular basis.
- The Heath:** To encourage and promote the management of The Heath and The Heath Pond, as advised by the Heath Integrated Management Plan.
- Angling:** To work together with the Heath Pond Association to promote good fishing practice at The Heath Pond.
- Boats:** To work together with the Boating Concessionaire to ensure boating is carried out in a suitable and safe manner. To limit the number of boats on The Heath Pond to a maximum of 45. Paddle boards are not permitted under the current boating licences.
- Model Boats:** To allow use of the Pond for the purpose of radio and wind propelled model boats. A restricted size of 30 cm along the waterline applies.
- Play Equipment:** To maintain, repair, enhance and replace (when necessary) play equipment at open spaces and sports grounds and to put in place a strategy document to determine appropriate play provision for both children and young people.
- Seats:** To maintain and repair existing seats at open spaces and sports grounds.
- Contractors:** To use local workforce whenever possible.
- Access for the Disabled:** To provide access for the disabled to all Petersfield Town Council's open spaces, sports grounds and facilities, where reasonable.
- Recreation Grounds:** To allow occasional use for overnight camping by established, organised groups.
- Fencing:** To maintain and repair fencing at sports grounds and open spaces to ensure the grounds remain secure whilst being accessible to the public.
- Sports Grounds:** To encourage full use by the public of all facilities available at Petersfield Town Council's Sports Grounds and to facilitate User Meetings.
- Conservation Group:** To work in partnership with conservation groups working on Petersfield Town Council land.
- Carbon Footprint:** To pay due regard to the Town Council's carbon footprint and the environmental impact of the Grounds policies and activities.
- Users Meeting:** To hold a Grounds Users Meeting in November or December each year.

POLICY FOR GROUNDS COMMITTEE



Children and

Young People: To recognise the needs and requirements for both children and young people of Petersfield

This Policy is subject to the Town Council's Financial Strategy.