Extracts from the Norbury Park Vision Document, published 19.10.2021

The proposals can be summarised as:

• The introduction of two trails with supporting equipment, one Active and one Sensory, together with improvements to the Young Street Car Park and the introduction of a natural play and picnic area.

• To create a low impact visitor hub at the old Sawmill site to provide toilet and associated facilities for those utilising the estate for recreation and to accommodate training, community groups and businesses connected to rural crafts and woodland management.

• To carry out an assessment of the natural capital assets across Norbury Park to identify opportunities for enhancement and inform longer term estate scale or localised future land management strategies to maximise the delivery of ecosystem services.

• To make an incremental shift to a regenerative land management and farming strategy at Swanworth Farm, working with the tenant to establish a new way of working aimed at nature recovery, maximising carbon storage and sequestration, improved regulation of water flows, improved water quality and the long term financial viability of the farm enterprise.

Various projects are in development:

The Sawmill – the Sawmill site will be developed to host new visitor toilets, a serviced pitch for 'pop up' food & beverage offer(s), space for education and learning experiences in woodland, rural crafts and nature, seasonal glamping, events and 'pop up' opportunities for artisan businesses to engage with visitors.

The continued use of the 'wedding field' for celebration events.

A Woodland Hub

It is proposed to re-purpose the site to create a woodland hub – utilising existing buildings and some light touch additional infrastructure to host toilet facilities, picnic areas, standings for the pop up 'Wild About Coffee' food outlet, units and workshops for small businesses and training/community use.

There is to be a focus on 'woodland enterprise' and traditional rural crafts – creating opportunities for local businesses who will in turn provide employment, apprenticeships, and training and to generate income to contribute to the development costs of repurposing and the ongoing running of the site.

Information about the history and natural environment of Norbury Park will be included using interpretation boards and space will be made available for informal learning alongside provision for more structured training activities in the existing workshops.

Consideration is being given to further development in the future including a small number of canvas bell tents to provide a simple overnight accommodation offer and additional income stream.

Visitor access to the site will be on foot or by bike, and the site will be retained by the existing perimeter, ensuring that the impact on the natural environment is minimised.

The full text of Surrey County Council's emerging vision for Norbury Park can be seen **here**.

To share your views on the vision go to: **Norbury Park Consultation** and **respond by 29 November**.