

1 Fencing and gates

Take down the old fencing around the play area and replace with new steel bowtop railing. The new fencing will be installed closer to the play equipment and hard surfacing. New self-closing pedestrian and maintenance access gates will be installed set back from the footpath between the play area and the woodland.

An additional self-closing gate will be installed to connect with the existing timber trail equipment and new play items, connecting the play area to the wider park and woodland. This also enables the play space to grow in the future.

2 Upgrade / replace play equipment

The existing 4-bay cradle swings will be replaced by basket seat and cradle seat combination swings, this will give more choice and variety, and allow a greater degree of inclusive play opportunities. The junior multiplay unit will be replaced with a more exciting piece of play equipment, offering play features such as a slide, climbing wall, swing bridge, climbing net and firemans pole.



3 New play equipment

Install new play equipment within the fenced area aimed at younger children and chosen to be inclusive of all abilities. The equipment will encourage social play.

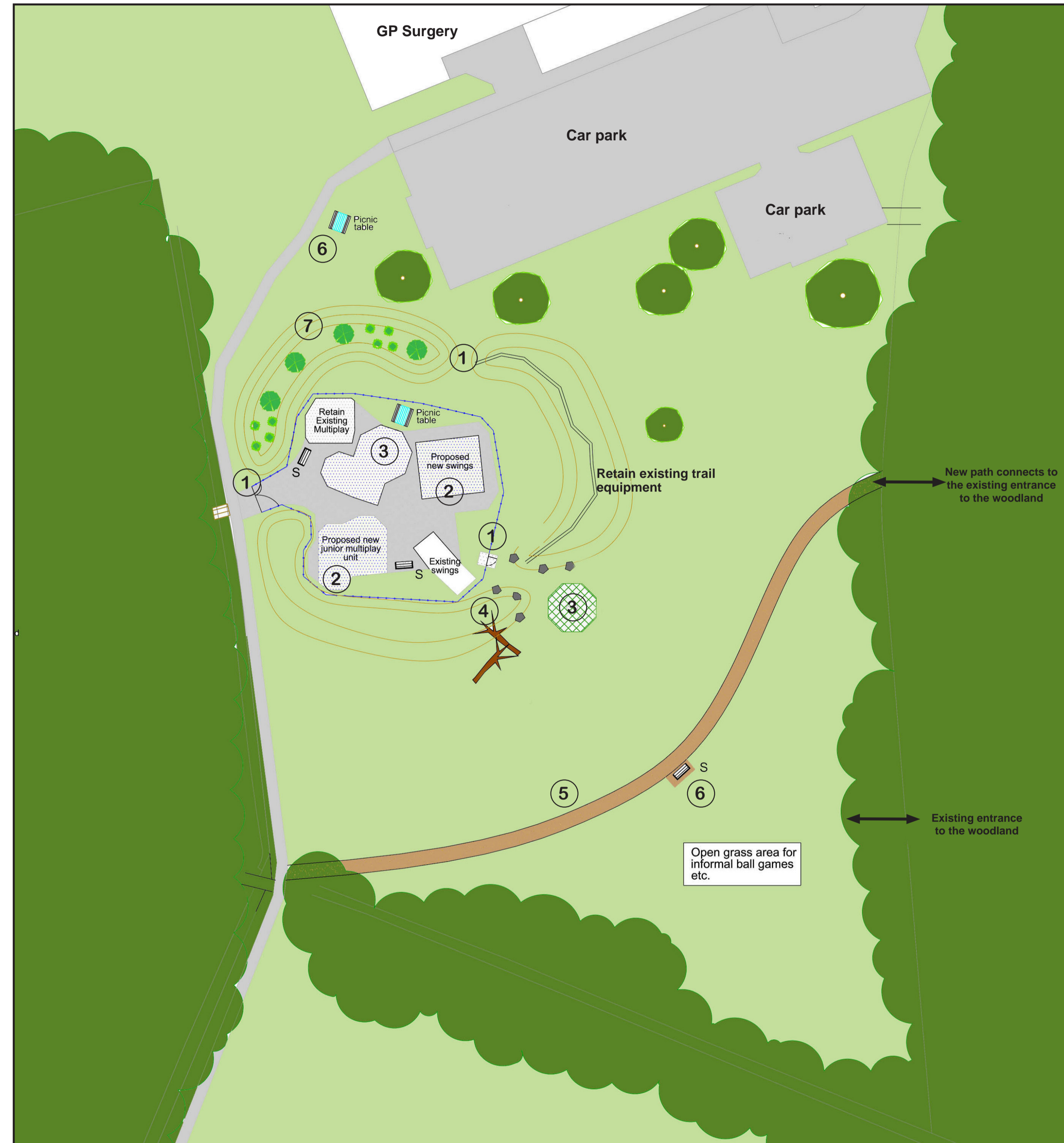


Install new play equipment aimed at older children and young people outside the fenced area, extending the play experience with more dynamic equipment. Equipment such as a Rotator will challenge the older children.



4 Natural play

Using felled trees and boulders as natural objects to climb on and over, for seating and general hanging out. Boulders positioned outside the new fence lead the way to the wider park and more natural play opportunities.



7 Planting

Plant multi-stem Himalayan birch trees and intersperse with Black bamboo to give great contrast, particularly in winter, and create play opportunities.



6 New seating

Install new seats within the park at strategic points and within the play area. Seating will be installed onto tarmac/hoggin pads off existing or new footpaths. Picnic tables will be provided inside and outside of the fenced area.

5 New path

Construct a new hoggin path from the existing path into the woodland. This is formalising a desire line (particularly with dog walkers) enabling better connectivity within the park and LNR. New tarmac path linking the Jacey Road car park to the new footpath through the wood to Olton Road.



7 Litter and Dog Bins

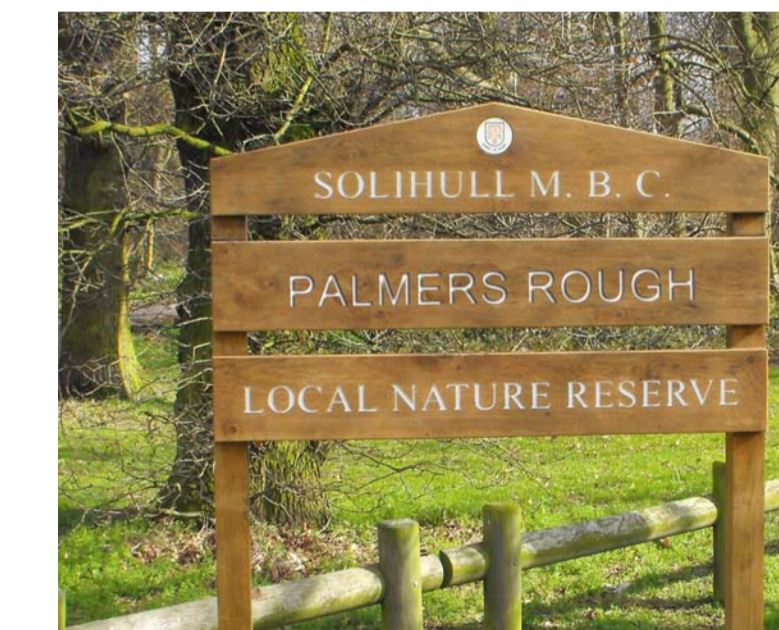
Install new litter and dog bins at the entrance to the LNR woodland on the Olton Road. This is a well used route for dog walkers and both litter and dog bins are needed in this location.

8 Woodland management works within the LNR

Working with Contractors and local Conservation Volunteer Groups to implement aspects of the LNR Management Plan. All works informed by the Council's Local Nature Reserve and Ecology officers.

9 Access improvements

Improving the timber footbridges between the woodland and the recreation ground. New signage and interpretation panels will be included where required to signpost and celebrate the Local Nature Reserve.



10 Walking and fitness

Improved access and new paths will enable more walking activities and potential links to health walks. Seating will encourage those require periods of rest to start walking.

All images are indicative only, final elements of improvements may be different.



Palmers Rough Improvements

Sketch Plan For consultation

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