

Appendix 2, Detailed Site Description

		Recreation and Public Access	Wildlife and Biodiversity	Community Involvement and Education	Landscape and Heritage
Entire Site	Philosophy:	Remove physical and intellectual barriers	Improve biodiversity	Maximise the opportunities for people	Celebrate Kent's heritage
	Action Plan:	Provide a mix of different areas with a differing balance of uses and use levels	Create new habitats	Develop an education/information programme using the on-site warden	Manage the site's Kentish features
		Increase access levels overall, plus links to neighbouring sites	Link habitats and/or extend them to neighbouring sites	Make a ready provision of site interpretation	Enhance the local landscape
		Construct grades of paths to cater for all abilities and interests in styles that are appropriate to the landscape	Provide the conditions for rare or important species to flourish	Stimulate community groups' involvement, specifically directed towards the target audience	Preserve archaeological interest
		Deliver effective orientation and interpretation	Local provenance species preferred		Practise a traditional design ethos
		Use best practice management techniques			
Jeskyns Wood	Area Function:	Main visitor focus point (close to largest population of Gravesend)	Predominantly native woodland planting	Look for opportunities in the creation, establishment and management of the new woodlands	Jeskyns Wood to be centred on previous location of the ancient Court Wood (as shown in 1797)
		Reduce intellectual access barriers			
	Action Plan:	Multi-user trails, including all-ability paths	Retain open areas to maximise woodland edge habitats	Create areas of interest for people to identify and engage with	Screen views of the CTRL substation and power lines
		Linking into Gravesend via A2 and CTRL foot/bridleway bridges	Extending the Chambers Hill Wood SSSI woodland and woodland edges	On-site interpretation to inform and educate people as to the benefit of trees and forestry practices.	Maximise views from the high points from within the site
		Trail network linking into the Byways and onto the wider footpath network		Provision of a woodland educational resource for use by local schools and community groups.	Use long distance views within the site as points of interest
		Create points of interest that encourage people to explore further			
	A focus for signage and interpretation				
Jeskyns Glades	Area Function:	Low-key, less formal access	Capitalise on this area's biodiversity potential	Exploit area's educational/informative capacity	Maintain the open nature and enhance the views across the site
	Action Plan:	Install multi-user trail and footpaths linking into the Ashenbank Wood footpath trail and the wider network	Extensive wildflower planting to benefit wildlife	Use the wildlife pond as a key educational resource	Active management of hedges and woodland edges
			Allow woodland encroachment to maximise woodland and woodland edge habitats on Ashenbank SSSI	Use the open areas for environmental education	
			Maintain large areas of relatively undisturbed land, i.e. few footpaths	Install interpretation alongside interesting and key habitats and points of interest	
		Create wildlife pond focused on maximising wet and damp habitats			

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Jeskyns Meadows	Area Function:	Low-key access into open fields	Extensive open area focusing on meadows that may present an opportunity to graze with livestock	Use as a key environmental resource	Ensure design in keeping with a traditional Kentish rural landscape - more sympathetic to the historic nature of Cobham Village than the current intensive farmland.
	Action Plan:	Create access links between north end of Jeskyns and the south, and onto the wider footpath network	Large area of relatively undisturbed land offering a haven for wildlife	Use the meadows as point for interpretation	Compliment the long distance views across the site, especially from Jeskyns Road
			Potential hay meadow crop to reduce nutrient values and benefit native wildflower		Preserve any areas of archaeological interest
			Large pond will offer quality wet habitat in lowest part of the site		
Jeskyns Orchards	Area Function:	Opportunity to experience 'managed countryside' feel	Demonstrate the beneficial effects of a well-managed productive landscape on wildlife and biodiversity	Use the orchards as a key environmental and countryside educational resource	Preservation of living examples of historic orchard varieties.
				Use fruit-picking, fruit tree and coppice management as a community engagement and volunteer opportunity	
	Action Plan:	Install a good quality surface loop for the more adventurous site users	Create dappled shade from open, wide spaced orchard for added biodiversity	Develop a schools programme that uses orchards to teach about the importance of seasonally and regionally of food production.	Use fruit trees, formal planting patterns and traditional orchard varieties as a point of heritage interest
			Create areas of open grassland and wildflowers to benefit native flora and fauna	Use the orchards and points of interest as key interpretation points	
Jeskyns Grove	Area Function	Offer very low-key access to wildlife haven	Delicate habitat creation and management	Exploit the high-biodiversity value as an educational and volunteer resource	Create an attractive area that can be enjoyed from the road or other sections of the site
	Action Plan:	Low specification grass paths to allow access	Create a variety of habitats that benefit from reduced disturbance levels	Use low disturbance forms of education to demonstrate the benefits of habitat creation	Use a combination of formal and informal tree planting areas to create an open and attractive feel.
		Connection into the wider footpath network		Use volunteer groups to help manage the different habitats	