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## Hadleigh Park Project update

### Introduction

The Parish Council continues to advance and be driven by the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and the Strategic objective of securing a Young Person Sports Facility (YPSF) in Hadleigh Park. In order to provide maximum consultation since the last regular meeting of the Council there have been two public meetings and a meeting of the Facilities and Planning Committee, together with the publication of the information paper.

### Hadleigh Park Project

The project is still at a relatively early stage, but progress has been made with the selection of a preferred supplier (subject to contract) discussions with Newark and Sherwood District Council concerning Planning Permission and the intention (subject to resolution) now to proceed with a feasibility assessment relating to noise and drainage assessment.

Whilst the Parish Council is progressing the delivery of the NP objective of a YPSF, for which Freestyle are the preferred supplier, the Council recognises the wider opportunity that arises from a more long term holistic approach to area that currently comprises the individual elements in that location: the Children's play park and adjacent space, the Acres, Allotments, Football Pitch and Woodland areas. Individual elements currently, but with the potential to appeal to a wider, more diverse user group if linked in some way. Such an approach can also help deliver the existing Strategic objective for the creation of a Wetland area at that location (See Appendix A for overview satellite image of the area under discussion).

### Report

In the report published by the Parish Council in November 2017 a process was outlined that would inform the steps to be taken by the Council to deliver the young persons facility. That report is attached as Appendix B for information.

In recent weeks, representatives from Freestyle have held two separate meetings with interested parties from the community. As a result of feedback from Freestyle regarding the requirement, or otherwise, to undertake a noise survey, Council is proposing to commission a survey to be carried out as part of the high-level feasibility study identified in that report, to include a drainage survey, the outcomes of which will inform options for the actual location of the YPSF.

That report provided the following sequence of events:

1. Feasibility study and report to Council
2. Resolution to proceed to be passed by Council subject to report
3. Planning permission sought
4. Proceed to contract (subject to planning permission being granted) for the provision of a YPSF

As a consequence of the Freestyle meetings and other updates, it is proposed that the Council commission a drainage survey to help inform the final location of the facility. The outcomes of the surveys would be reported back to Council in January or February 2018.

At the meeting of the Facilities and Planning Committee on 6 December 2017 a paper was presented developing the view expressed above that there are wider opportunities to enhance facilities and usage of all the elements listed above by creating a 'connection' between them that could encourage wider and more diverse use. The Committee discussed the feasibility of connecting the facilities: Hadleigh swing Park, Hadleigh YPSF, the Community Garden and Wetlands Project and Millennium Woods, and as a result agreed that this should be taken forward. The outcomes of that work and consultation will be reported to a subsequent Council meeting.

#### Resolution

Council resolves that

1. Noise and drainage surveys are commissioned and location options identified based on the reports received.
2. Subject to the outcomes of those reports, Council considers a final resolution to proceed to contract.
3. Detailed plans are produced and planning permission obtained if required.
4. That the outcomes of this meeting together with any additional and relevant information forms the basis of a second information paper for publication