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Current Proposal

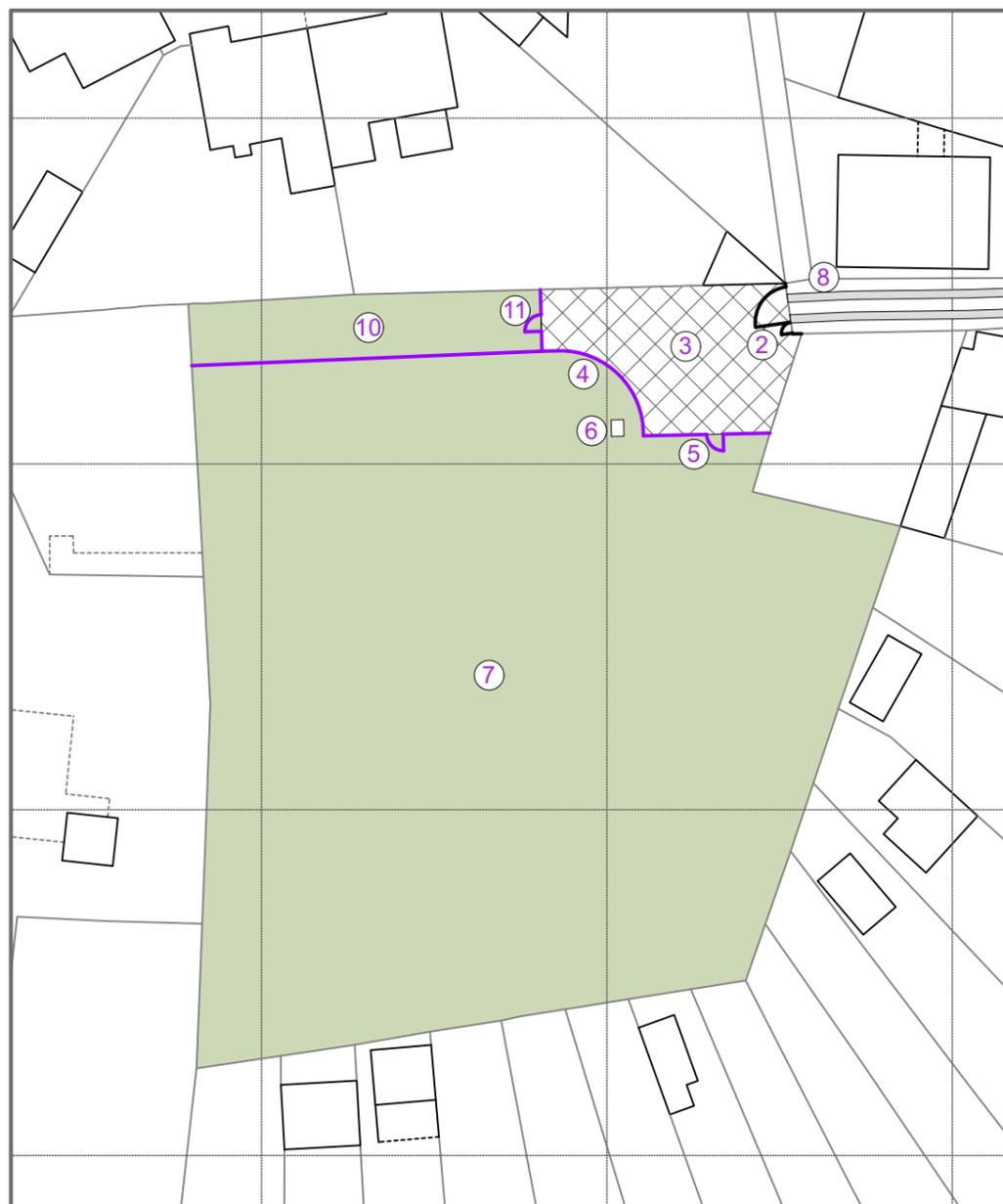
Several issues arise from the proposed publicly accessible area within the allotment scheme. The space appears to have been retrofitted into the layout and results in a sub-standard area of public open space with potential usability, safety and maintenance concerns.

Public safety: The narrow, linear space with a single access point is poorly designed and may make users feel unsafe. This concern is heightened given the likelihood of use by children and young people.

Usability: The provision of a single bench within a constrained space, facing directly onto a post and chain-link fence, offers very limited public amenity value.

Passive surveillance: The narrow proportions make it difficult to determine whether the bench is already in use. In addition, the space is enclosed by fencing, resulting in minimal passive surveillance whilst there is a missed opportunity to integrate different users of the site

Maintenance: The constrained layout may create challenges for ongoing maintenance. The precise location of the proposed bench and whether a hard-surfaced path will be provided is unclear. In the absence of a path, a desire line is likely to form, which could become worn and muddy during winter months.



KEY

- ① Two-tyre access track. Refer to Supporting Statement for construction specification.
- ② Retain existing gated entrance
- ③ Vehicular turning area. Refer to Supporting Statement for construction specification.
- ④ Purple line denotes post and chain link fencing to perimeter of turning area and accessible open space.
- ⑤ Pedestrian gate for access into allotments.
- ⑥ Location of compostable toilet - refer to elevations adjacent.
- ⑦ Allotments area. Note: 1 garden shed to be sited per allotment with maximum of 20no. allotments. Refer to elevations adjacent.
- ⑧ Sign at top of access track as you leave turning area - refer to Appendix 1
- ⑨ Double sided sign at bottom of access track to advise vehicles entering from A49 have right of way, also turn left arrow for vehicles leaving the access and entering the A49 - refer to Appendix 1
- ⑩ Accessible area with bench
- ⑪ Pedestrian gate to accessible area

Current proposals plan

Site opportunities

- 1 Vehicle access and turning area making use of kink in site boundary
- 2 Appropriately proportioned public open space with opportunity to incorporate play, seating and other community facilities
- 3 Sun path, demonstrating elements in POS will not over-shade allotments
- 4 Allotments covering majority of space
- 5 Passive surveillance of POS from Allotments, site entrance and surrounding dwellings
- 6 Opportunity to create a biodiversity corridor to the perimeter of the site



Site Opportunities

Vision & Approach

Precedent images



Concept masterplan



Concept layout

A more balanced and considered approach to the mix of uses across the site would provide an opportunity to create a community asset that serves a wider range of users. Natural play elements could be developed through co-design with local children, helping to create a vibrant and well-used space with complementary activities.

The concept layout illustrates how this local play space could be accommodated alongside biodiversity-enhancing planting, seating and circulation routes, together with a community growing area. This shared growing space could encourage interaction between site users, enable allotment tenants to share their expertise, and support opportunities for young people to engage in growing food.

- ① Space for 15no Allotments
- ② Vehicle access and turning
- ③ Gated entrance to community space
- ④ Local play area (shown indicatively, opportunity to develop through co-design with local schools)
- ⑤ Orchard trees
- ⑥ Native hedgerows to edge of space, creating a biodiversity corridor
- ⑦ Community growing space with table seating
- ⑧ Bench seating

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