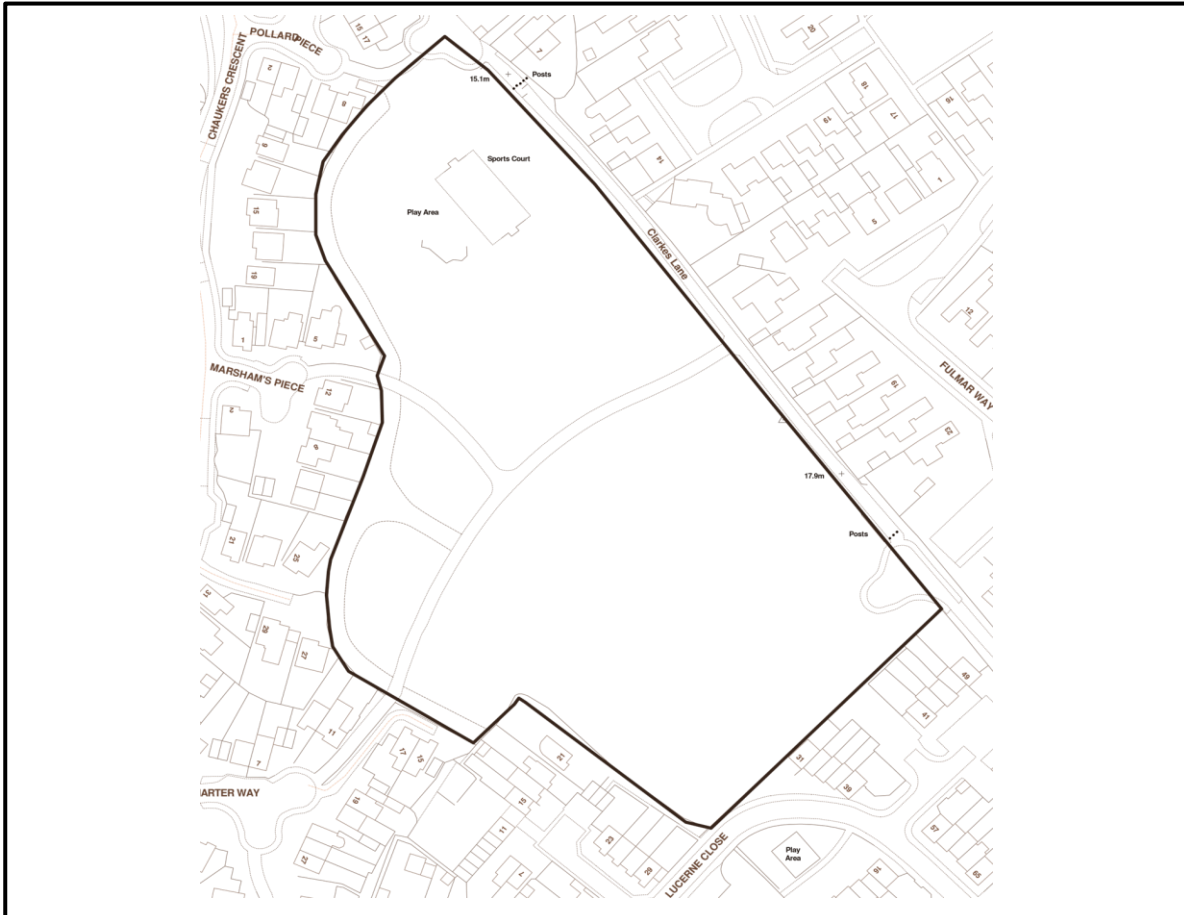


Clarke's Lane, Lowestoft, Suffolk



Current Site information

Ward: Elmtree

Site Reference: SK139067

Area:

Special Status:

Covenants:

Entrances:

TPOs:

Services:

Facilities on site: Play area

Access: The site has several access points for pedestrian, bicycles and motorised vehicles.

Species on Site:

Soil Type:

Issues:

The site is almost surrounded by housing with limited external views across the park for security. Existing facilities may also have been placed without an overall plan

Current main use of site:

It is currently a large open space which does not really attract people to visit or stay. There are good pedestrian and cycle paths across the park with the main path being lit. There is some play provision and good boundary planting.

Future planned use of site:

Clarks Lane has the potential to become a destination park in an area of the town that is lacking such a facility. It is a large area of land that is both under used and developed. LTC would like to have a skatepark in the south of the town and, after consulting with experts, this would be the best location for it

An overall plan for the park has been agreed through the Parks sub-committee.

Resources Required:

A landscape architect/play area designer to develop a concept and layout of the park and include budgets to enable the council to consider grant and further the development of a destination park in this location.

Key Development Opportunities:

- Toilets – renovate existing toilet block
- CCTV – improve coverage
- Consider options for pond depending on survey results
- Work with Suffolk County Council to investigate transfer of the Ham and adjoining land along Tom Crisp Way and possible dowry
- Seating
- Bins
- Bike Racks
- Investigate kayaks/punts on pond and kiosk near pond for refreshments & hire
- Bike Track
- Assault course/fitness
- Sensory garden
- Butterfly garden
- Signage
- Drinking Water fountain

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| Resources Required: | Various |
| Funding Required: | Funding for toilets as agreed by council CCTV as part of future budget Grant via environment agency and matched funding for aerator |
| Stakeholder Group | Yes |
| Friends Group | Yes |

Current Benches, Bins and Bike Racks Inventory



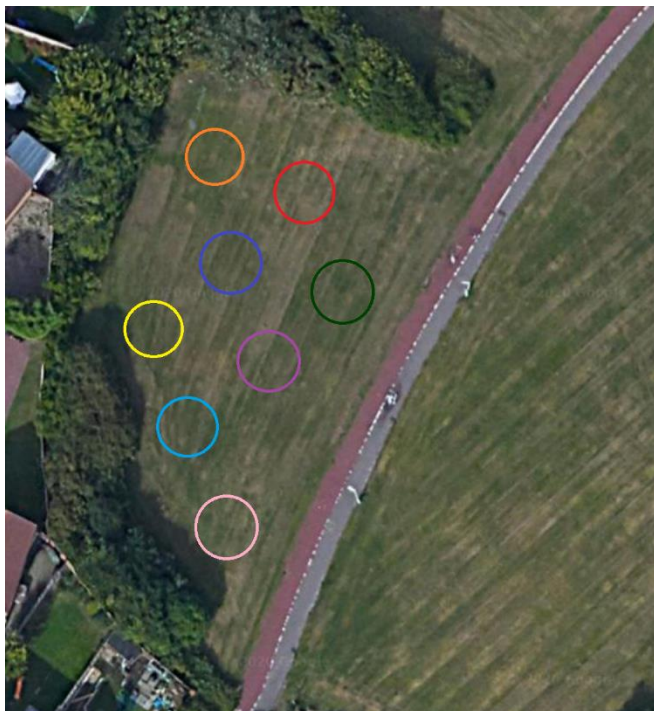
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| | Item | Quantity | Potential Needed |
| ● | Bin | 2 | There are no bins near entrances so a further five bins would be needed. |
| ● | Benches | 0 | There is no seating in the park so there is definitely potential for additions. As a more informal park picnic benches and teen seating would be good and maybe more rustic seating. |
| | Bike Rack | 0 | Potential for three location, one near the entrance from Charter Way, one near the entrance from Pollards Piece and one by the turning area on at the easterly end of Clarkes Lane. |



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| A | MUGA | F | Shorter Grass with picnic benches |
| B | Bike/Skate Circuit | G | Community Orchard |
| C | Trick Bowl | H | Wild Flower Maze |
| D | Teen seats | J | Toddler/Junior Play Area |
| E | Long Grass with dog walking paths | K | Compostable Toilet |

Trees on hold from grant



The Planting

The intention is to plant eight trees initially as this will be our first attempts at creating a community orchard. If it is successful then we hope to replicate it at other sites in the town and possibly increase the size of this one by continuing it on the other side of the path.

The trees include:

- Malus domestic Bleinheim Orange (Blue)
- Malus domestica Cox's Orange Pippin (Green)
- Malus domestica Scrumptious (Red)
- Prunus armeniaca Early Moorpark (Orange)
- Prunus avium Stella (Pink)
- Prunus domestica Victoria (Pale Pink)
- Pyrus communis Beaurre Hardy (Yellow)
- Pyrus communis Conference (Cyan)

This particular area is close enough to housing to be overlooked and has lighting which is why this part of the park has been selected

Action Plan Further Information

Wild Flower Maze

This may be a large initial investment but will be like installing a play area but in a green sense. The maze could be designed as a permanent feature or varied each year as the first cut is done. The paths would be cut each time the shorter areas of grass in the park are cut.

Natural Area around the hollow

This area could be left to grow and see what comes up which would give us an interested trial area to compare to the seeded wild flower area. Initially it may not be very diverse but it would be interesting to see over time how the wild flower seed from the seeded area gradually spreads across the park. This may in time affect how we wild areas in parks. This area will need shorter grass paths cut through it for walkers/dog walkers

Skate Path/Bike Track

This would go around the hollow which would hopefully allow dips and rises and would incorporate a bowl of some kind to facilitate tricks etc. We should get a professional company in to design this and we have been given a presentation by someone who was keen to develop bike tracks in the town so there may be funding/grants available. It is important that it is designed to be flexible and there may be some possibility of individual elements in the dip itself.

Planting

Additional planting could be added to the park when areas are developed for example around the new play area and the compostable toilet. Because of the nature of the park this should be naturalistic and durable and used to soften and link the structures to the landscape. Plants which provide more year round interest and provide food and shelter for wildlife would be preferable.

Teen Seats

The concept for these would be to have a feeling of an amphitheatre either constructed of large rocks, concrete or wood (Sleepers) to feel either naturalistic or monolithic.

| 5 year plan schedule of works | | | | |
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| Year | Item/project | Cost | Existing Budget | To be budget for that year. |
| 2021-22 | | | | |
| 2022-23 | | | | |
| 2023-24 | | | | |
| 2024-25 | | | | |
| 2025-26 | | | | |
| Longer Term | | | | |