

Note: This Landscape Master Plan retains as much mature vegetation & existing footpath as possible, although this may not be apparent due to the small scale of the drawing. Similarly, features such as seating, play, keep fit equipment & decorative shrub planting are indicative & not be shown in detail. Locations of these elements are shown in the accompanying document.

**ENTRANCES** - are well distributed but require upgrading to draw attention to the park & encourage visitors inside.

FOOTPATH SYSTEM – creates a simple and legible hierarchy of primary, secondary & minor routes. Most 'busy' activities will be along, or close to the primary routes, which encourages passive supervision by other users. However, all paths will be designed to avoid 'blind' or confined areas. Themed trails & circular routes will encourage visitors to new areas of the park.

'HONEYPOTS' & THE LAKES - two key areas will be developed as the focus for non-sporting activities within the park. Both are close to entrances & at the crossroads of major footpaths, and have elevated positions giving views over other areas of the park. The existing building in the southern activity area will be developed as a café/interpretation centre. The lakes themselves are also major attractions to the park & the shores of the North Lake in particular will be

VIEWPOINT – to the north east of the café activity area, there is the opportunity to create an oval mound using some of excavated material from the brook re-alignment, with spiral paths & steps to a sitting & play area at the top.

PLAY – various areas for play will be created, concentrating on well supervised locations for equipped play but encouraging more adventurous and natural play in the 'wilder' areas of the park for older children.

SPORTS & KEEP FIT – Football, cricket and the all-weather courts will remain important elements of the park, but in addition, it is hoped that tennis courts and an equipped outdoor gym will also be provided in the centre of the park. In addition, for those who prefer less formal facilities – trim trails & items of outdoor gym equipment – will be incorporated in along the minor routes. Facilities for the canoe club will also be improved.

THE RE-ALIGNED BROOK and north lake shore will create a more natural landscape with emphasis on wildlife enhancement and habitat creation / protection.

TREE & SHRUB PLANTING. Tree and shrub species will be appropriate to their location, and the bold use of contrasting form, size & colour will define and identify areas of the park and provide year round interest. Circular groups of flowering cherries will highlight the main central 'promenade'. Decorative shrub planting will be used carefully, concentrating on the 'honeypot' areas

## OCCASIONAL EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

 the café 'honeypot' & the lake side could be the venue for occasional activities and facilities
such as a holiday play bus, local dog show or travelling theatre – to promote Mayesbrook Park as an alternative 'day out' destination.





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