



Overview and Introduction

This Access Plan has been created by Brett to help the local community and interest groups understand how the proposed quarry will link with the Ellenbrook Country Park. The establishment of the country park is provided for by a planning agreement made in December 2000. This envisaged that phased mineral working, such as that carried out by the Brett Group and public access to the Country Park would go hand in hand.

This Access Plan describes how walkers, cyclists and horse riders will discover new paths opened to them as the phased mineral extraction activity is progressively restored over time. It also describes how existing routes will be managed by Brett.

Well maintained paths and bridleways will explore different sections of the land and provide ongoing access for all visitors to at least 80% of the 176.6 hectare parkland. Details of the proposed mineral development and restoration, including biodiversity considerations for wildlife and environmental assessments, can be viewed as a part of the main planning application.



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The Brett Group, Built on Relationships

The Brett Group is an independent company, established in 1909 which has thrived based on a commitment to building long-term relationships with the communities in which they work. Brett has an excellent track record in managing and restoring sensitive sites, maintaining access to public rights of way, and improving access via footpaths and bridleways that work in harmony with mineral development. Brett will form a local community liaison group that will meet to review progress of the mineral development including the restoration programme.

At Ellenbrook Country Park, existing paths, and part of a public right of way fall within the proposed development site, and this Access Plan demonstrates how access will be safely maintained as different areas of minerals undergo phased working.

Restoring and maintaining lakes and public footpaths at Thannington, Canterbury



Maintaining Access

In our consideration of public access across the site during our development, we have provided additional routing to ensure that a north-south, east-west connection to the wider public access network is maintained.

Given the carefully phased nature of the development, access to alternative paths and routes leading to the public rights of way will mean that at least 80% of the country park will always be available for public access.

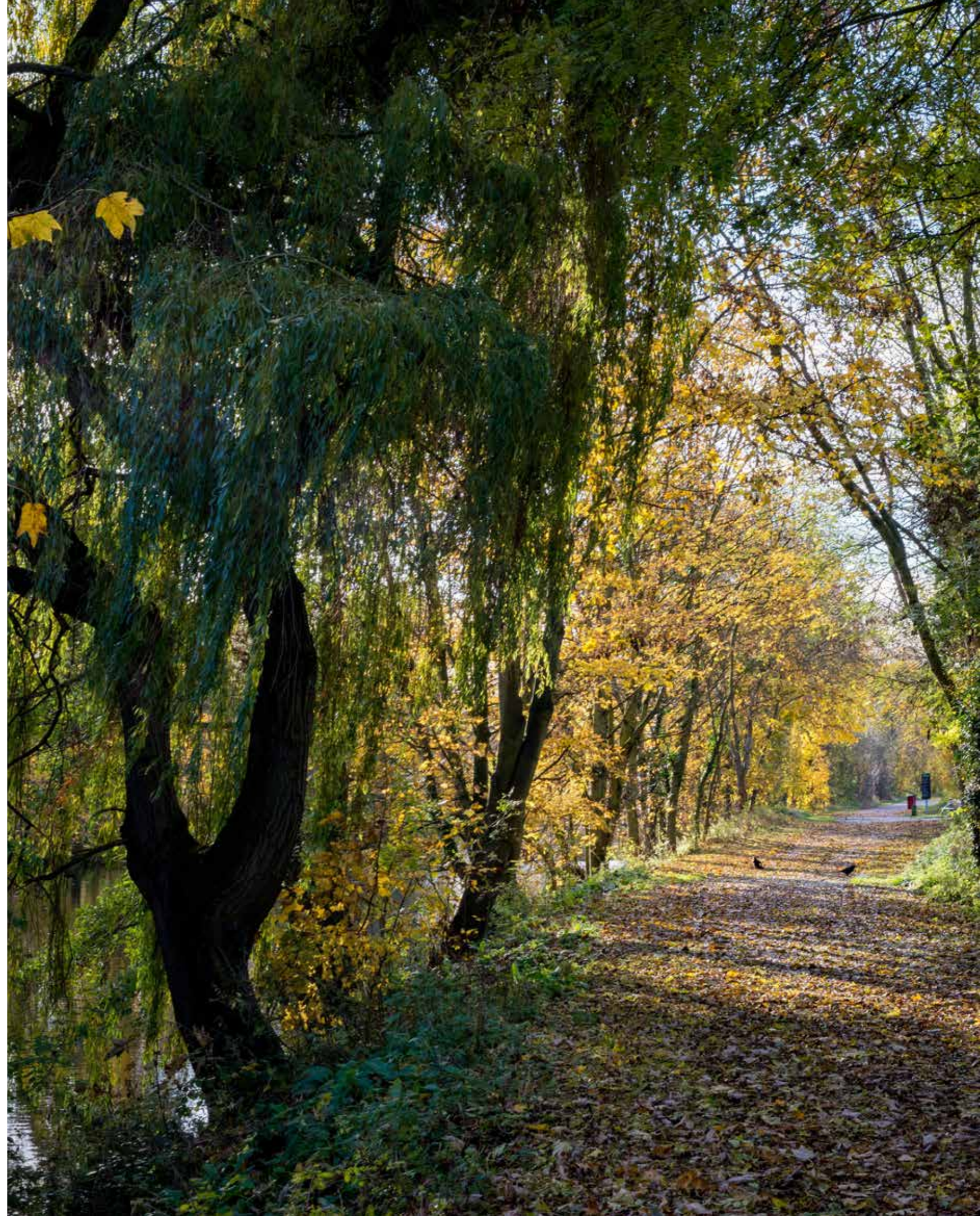
Access to operational phases of the site will be closely managed, including the access road, plant site, infiltration lagoons, areas of tree/shrub planting and certain peripheral screen mounds.

The progressive scheme of working and restoration aims to ensure that disturbance is limited, and continued access is provided to Ellenbrook Fields.

Operational areas will look different depending on how they are being worked at the time and whilst the Access Plan shows up to two phases fenced off, only part of the restricted area will involve open mineral workings at any given time.

Each extraction area will be a combination of:

- Land identified for working (but unstripped of soils and vegetation);
- Areas stripped of soils and vegetation in advance of working;
- Land being worked for sand and gravel;
- Land being infilled and profiled as part of the restoration works; and
- Land restored following soil spreading, grass seeding and tree/shrub planting.



How Will Operational Areas Be Managed?

A combination of screen mounds with stock proof fencing, complete with appropriate signage will be installed at regular intervals around restricted areas.

Brett will be responsible for the safe operation of the mineral development and will fund the provision of new access routes, signage, and infrastructure to ensure public access is maintained.

Crossing Points

The site has been designed to minimise the number of places where internal roads may be crossed. Each crossing point will include traffic warning signs for the public and road signs for vehicles, with good visibility in all directions.

Notification Of Access Changes

Brett will maintain a current access plan and provide advanced notice of any changes to footpaths and bridleways through a combination of:

1. Consultation with the Ellenbrook Trust; and
2. The Site Liaison Group; and
3. Site notices erected on the main paths at points where access will be changed.

Signage and Interpretation Boards

Footpaths and bridleways will be clearly signposted.

During the initial site preparation and individual phases of work, signage will be erected where the public enter the site. Such signage will direct the public along the appropriate course of the path as well as highlighting where they may be in proximity to operational areas.

Details of the work being undertaken will be included at the site entrance, with guidance for those visiting or working at the main site.

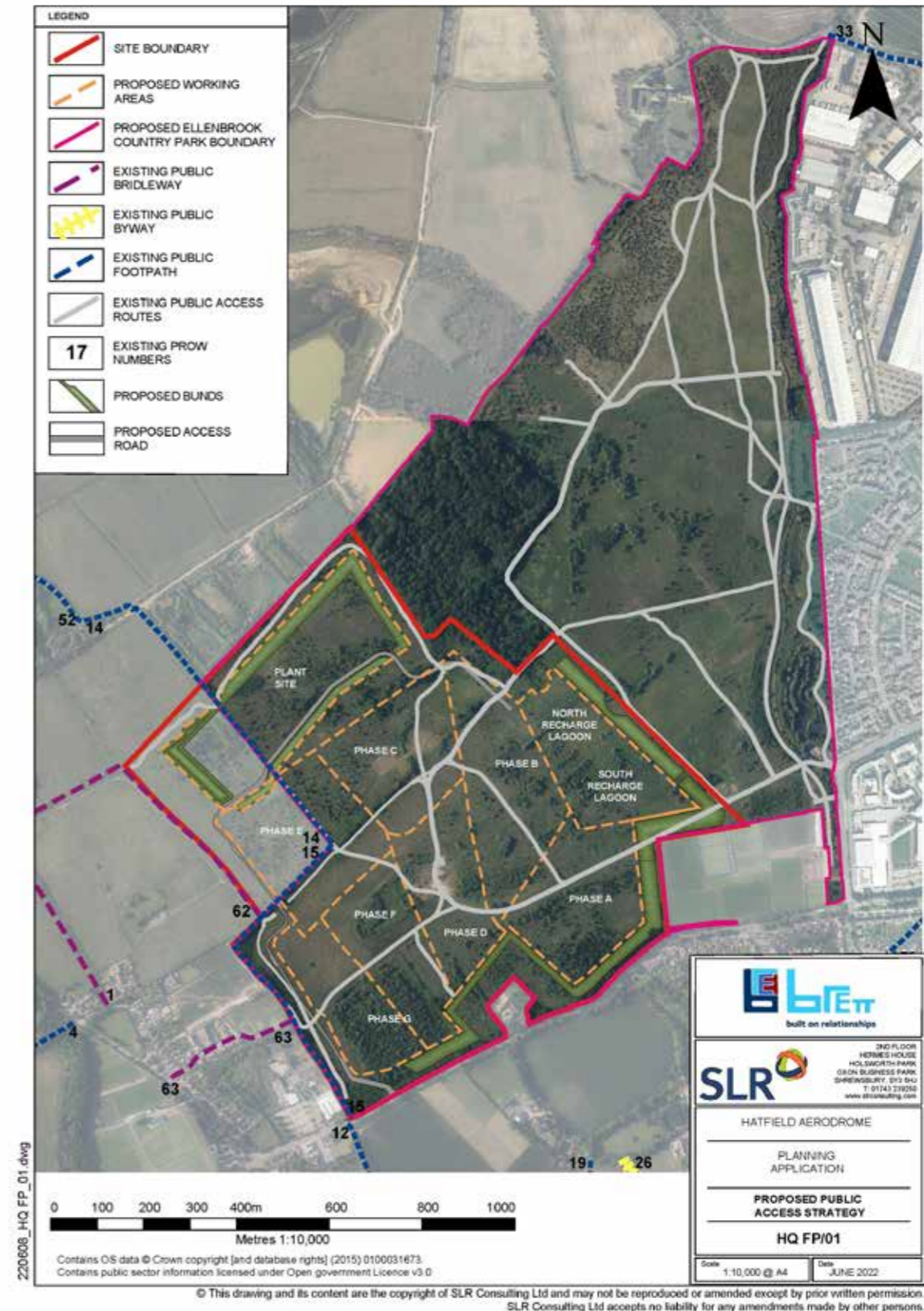
Once the various phases of the site have been restored, interpretation boards will explain the longer term aims for the area in terms of nature conservation and landscape management as well as any safety notices.



Phased Access Drawings

The proposed quarry phasing will manage and rotate the restrictions to access around the site. A series of drawings have been prepared to illustrate how the quarry development will link with the country park, showing how access is to be maintained and provided throughout the life of the scheme. Each phase of the scheme will last approximately 4-5 years.

This first drawing provides an overview of the areas to be worked and the relationship between this area and the rest of the county park.



Phase A



Legend

- SITE BOUNDARY
- SITE PUBLIC ACCESS ROUTES FOR OPERATIONAL PERIOD SHOWN
- EXISTING PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY
- INITIAL BRIDLEWAY
- MULTI USER ROUTES
- EXISTING PUBLIC FOOTPATH
- PROPOSED DIVERTED PROW ROUTE
- EXISTING PUBLIC ACCESS ROUTE
- EXISTING PROW NUMBERS
- PROPOSED BUNDS
- PROPOSED CROSSING POINTS
- PROPOSED WORKING AREAS
- WATER BODY / PONDS
- ACCESS ROAD
- HAUL ROAD
- RESTORATION WORKS/ PLANTING

The first Phase A area is shown here together with the existing and proposed public footpaths and bridleways and Public Right of Ways including the public access routes through the operational areas not being worked.

Phase B



Legend

- SITE BOUNDARY
- SITE PUBLIC ACCESS ROUTES FOR OPERATIONAL PERIOD SHOWN
- EXISTING PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY
- INITIAL BRIDLEWAY
- MULTI USER ROUTES
- EXISTING PUBLIC FOOTPATH
- PROPOSED DIVERTED PROW ROUTE
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- PROPOSED BUNDS
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- PROPOSED WORKING AREAS
- WATER BODY / PONDS
- ACCESS ROAD
- HAUL ROAD
- RESTORATION WORKS/ PLANTING

As Phase A area is gradually ceasing to be worked, Phase B area will start to become operational and the public access routes through the operational areas not being worked will be adjusted accordingly.

Phase C



Legend

- SITE BOUNDARY
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- INITIAL BRIDLEWAY
- MULTI USER ROUTES
- EXISTING PUBLIC FOOTPATH
- PROPOSED DIVERTED PROW ROUTE
- EXISTING PUBLIC ACCESS ROUTE
- 17 EXISTING PROW NUMBERS
- PROPOSED BUNDS
- PROPOSED CROSSING POINTS
- PROPOSED WORKING AREAS
- WATER BODY / PONDS
- ACCESS ROAD
- HAUL ROAD
- RESTORATION WORKS/ PLANTING

During Phase C, the first Phase A area will be in a restored state and public access routes will reopen and link with the other public access routes through the operational areas not being worked. Phases B and C areas will be worked on during this phase.

Phase D



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- RESTORATION WORKS/ PLANTING

During Phase D, Phases A and B areas will be in a restored state and public access routes will reopen and link with the other public access routes through the operational areas not being worked. Phases C and D areas will be worked on during this phase.

Phase E



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- SITE BOUNDARY
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- INITIAL BRIDLEWAY
- MULTI USER ROUTES
- EXISTING PUBLIC FOOTPATH
- PROPOSED DIVERTED PROW ROUTE
- EXISTING PUBLIC ACCESS ROUTE
- EXISTING PROW NUMBERS
- PROPOSED BUNDS
- PROPOSED CROSSING POINTS
- PROPOSED WORKING AREAS
- WATER BODY / PONDS
- ACCESS ROAD
- HAUL ROAD
- RESTORATION WORKS/ PLANTING

During Phase E which starts to work on one of the most westerly areas of the site, Phases A, B and C areas will be in a restored state and public access routes will reopen and link with the other public access routes through the operational areas not being worked. Phases D and E areas will be worked during this phase.

Phase F



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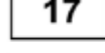






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During Phase F, Phases A, B, C and D areas, which amount to nearly two thirds of the overall site will be in a restored state and public access routes will reopen and link with the other public access routes through the remaining operational areas not being worked. Phases E and F areas will be worked during this phase.

Phase G

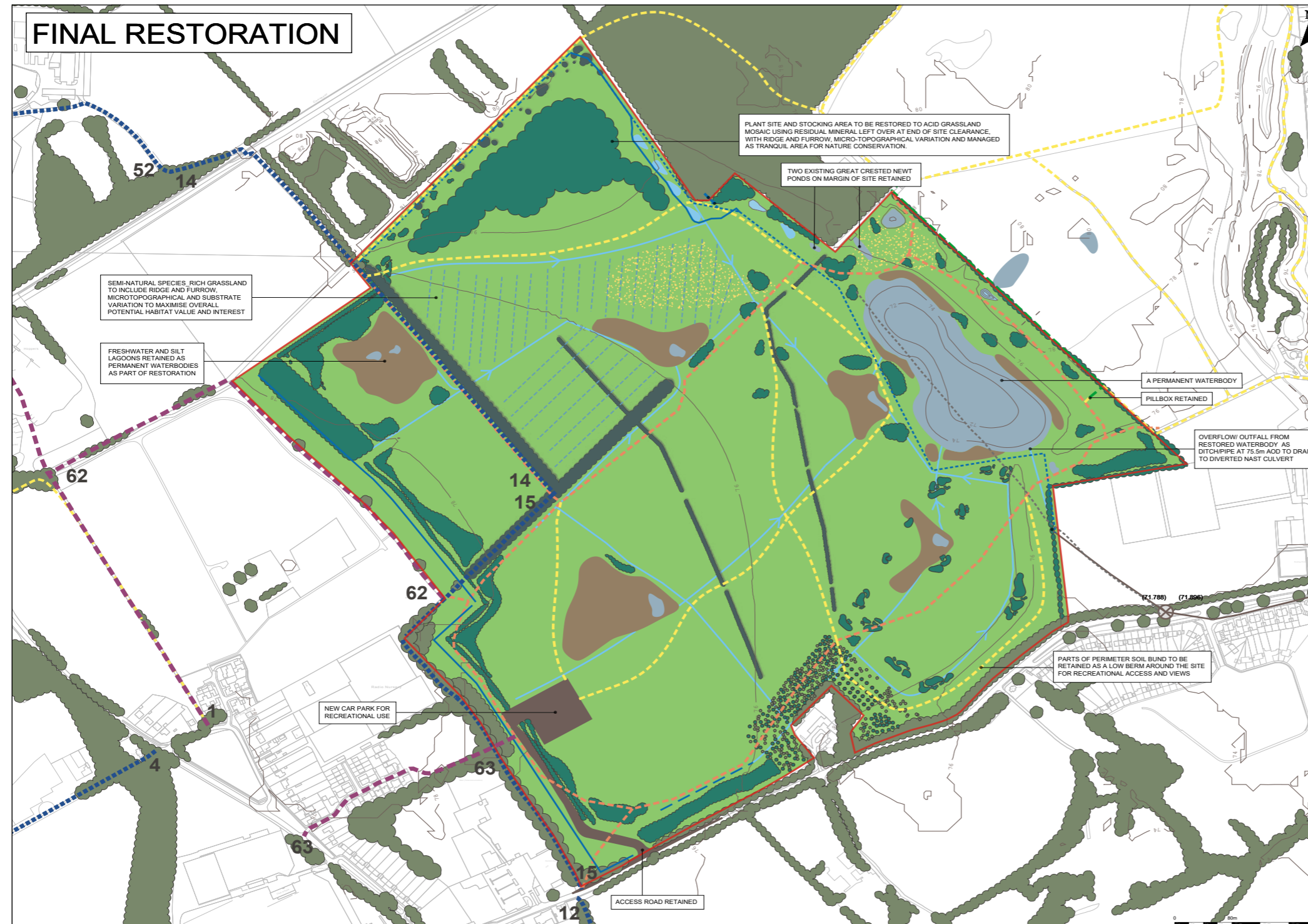


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-  HAUL ROAD
-  RESTORATION WORKS/ PLANTING

During Phase G, Phases A, B, C, D and E areas, which amount to approximately three quarters of the overall site will be in a restored state and public access routes will reopen and link with the other public access routes through the remaining operational areas not being worked. Phases F and G areas will be worked during this phase and then be fully restored and full site public access be returned.

Final Restoration Plan



Legend

-  SITE BOUNDARY
-  PROPOSED CONTOURS (2m INTERVALS)
-  EXISTING PUBLIC FOOTPATH
-  EXISTING PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY
-  BRIDLEWAY TO BE DEDICATED
-  PUBLIC ACCESS ROUTES
-  PERMISSIVE PATH
-  RETAINED ACCESS ROAD
-  PROPOSED OPEN DITCH/ SWALE
-  ADVANCE HEDGEROW AND TREE PLANTING
-  EXISTING TREES AND SHRUBS
-  PROPOSED HEDGEROW
-  PROPOSED SCRUB
-  PROPOSED MARGINAL VEGETATION/ REEDBED
-  WATER BODY / PONDS
-  UNIMPROVED NEUTRAL-ACIDIC GRASSLAND
-  CALCAREOUS GRASSLAND
-  PROPOSED RIDGE AND FURROW

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