



# Congleton Town Council

Historic Market Town

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Dear Resident,

### RE: Change of Maintenance Schedule

In the UK, our insect populations have suffered drastic declines, which are set to have far-reaching consequences for both wildlife and people.

With a third of our food crops, and as many as 87% of other plants pollinated by insects there is a lot to lose. Much of our wildlife, be it birds, bats, amphibians, small mammals or fish, rely on insects for food. Without them, we risk the collapse of our natural world.

Currently Congleton Town Council mows the open space near to your property every fortnight. Any obstacles are trimmed around and the grass is cut short. This does not allow flowers to bloom and wildlife to flourish.

We are going to try a different approach. We are going to look into adding wild flowers in the grass and allow it to grow naturally which will make it an attractive space for people and wildlife. We will alter the grass and flower mix to one of a more diverse character and allow them all to grow to their full potential. It will still be mowed twice a year – in the spring and autumn – to get rid of dead vegetation and prevent the plants from growing too tall.

We hope you will support our plans to protect our environment, however, if you are not in support of this proposal, or have any questions, please contact me, by 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021. My email address is [Ruth.Burgess@congleton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:Ruth.Burgess@congleton-tc.gov.uk). You can also write to me at Congleton Town Hall – see the address at the top of this letter.

Yours Faithfully,

**Ruth Burgess**

**Streetscape Development Manager**



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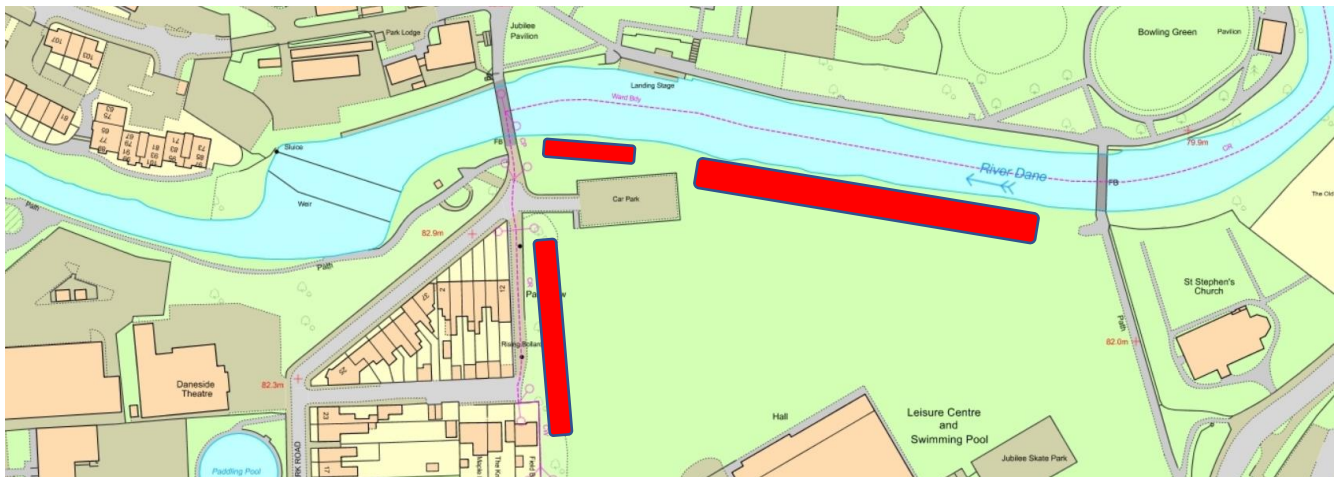


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## Proposed Plan – Hankinson Field Open Space



The proposal for the Hankinson Field Site would be the following: Allowing more space to more natural habitats with a reduced mowing regime around the back and riverside perimeter edges of the open space. This would include a reseeded wildflower strip around the edge of the site (up to 3m in width). This means the middle of the site would be maintained as amenity grassland, whilst making some improvements for wildlife. With this proposal we are hoping that both the public as users of the open space and wildlife will be able to enjoy the site together allowing play in the middle and wildlife habitats on the perimeters.

Key :

 - Native Wildflowers



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