

BROMLEY FARM GREEN SPACES: DRAFT BIODIVERSITY PLANS 24-26



Native bluebell, Bromley Farm Woods

GREEN SPACES INCLUDED:

24 **Bromley Farm Woods**
25 **Bromley Farm Play Area**

26 **Windsor Place**

Also see Introduction, Appendix 1 with survey plans and notes for each site, and Appendix 2 with examples and references.

BROMLEY FARM WOODS

Site biodiversity plan 24



Bromley Farm Woods, tilted aerial photo 2021

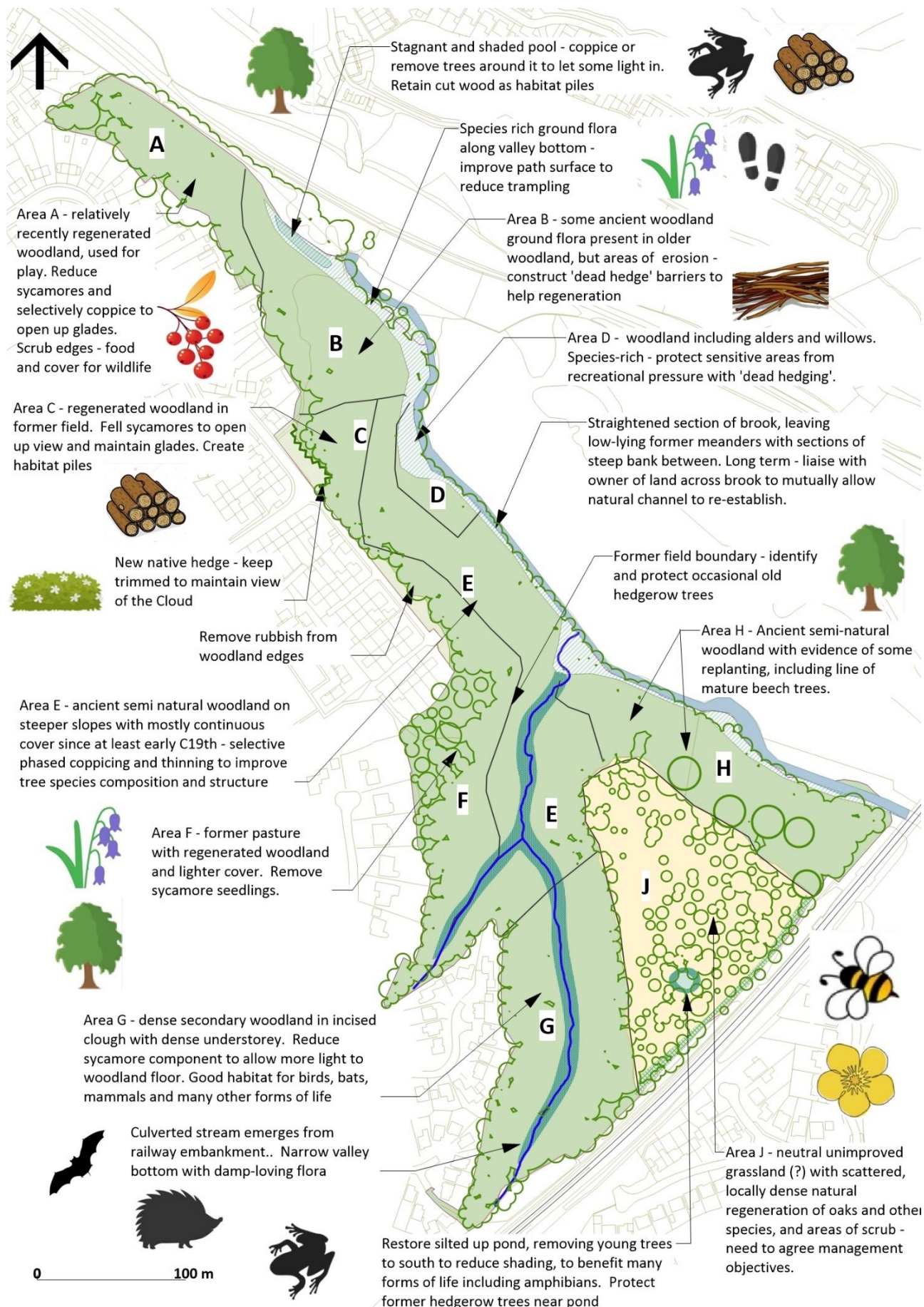
Biodiversity aims

Management of ancient woodland, areas of natural woodland regeneration, and lowland meadow developing into oak woodland so as to balance nature conservation with improved public access and damage reduction. The objectives for each area will need to be agreed following further assessment.

Site information

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| Location | To the east of the Bromley Farm estate, Congleton, accessed from Burns Road, Hutton Close, Hillary Avenue, and Biddulph Valley Way. |
| Description | Woodland on the southern slopes of the Dane in Shaw Brook valley, with informal paths |
| Total area | 10.33 hectares (25.5 acres) |
| Use | Informal recreation - walking and play. Much of the woodland is densely vegetated and steep, so is not easily accessible. Accessible areas are affected by localised erosion, rubbish and trampling |
| UKBAP Priority Habitats & Species | Lowland mixed deciduous woodland, lowland meadow. Specialist surveys needed to establish bird, mammal etc species present. Local Wildlife Site. |
| Biodiversity evaluation 2022 | High. Trend - varies, depending on the woodland compartment. |

Potential for biodiversity enhancement



BROMLEY FARM PLAY AREA

Site biodiversity plan 25



Bromley Farm Play Area, tilted aerial photo 2021

Biodiversity aims

Provide opportunities for conservation-related activities which would develop the ecological potential of the existing former field boundary hedgerows and trees and introduce new features.

Site information

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| Location | Cloud View, Bromley Farm Estate, Congleton |
| Description | Neighbourhood park with community centre building, parking, play and sports facilities set in mown grass with boundary hedging, trees and amenity shrub planting. |
| Use | Play area, local community use |
| Total area | 1.04 hectares (2.56 acres) |
| UK BAP Priority habitats & species | Hedgerow with hedgerow trees. Adjacent to woodland, also a priority habitat. Bromley Farm Woods is a Local Wildlife Site. |
| Biodiversity evaluation 2022 | Generally low or low-moderate (relative to 30 Congleton green spaces surveyed) but with some natural assets and potential. |



WINDSOR PLACE GREEN SPACE

Site biodiversity plan 26



Windsor Place green space, tilted aerial photo 2021

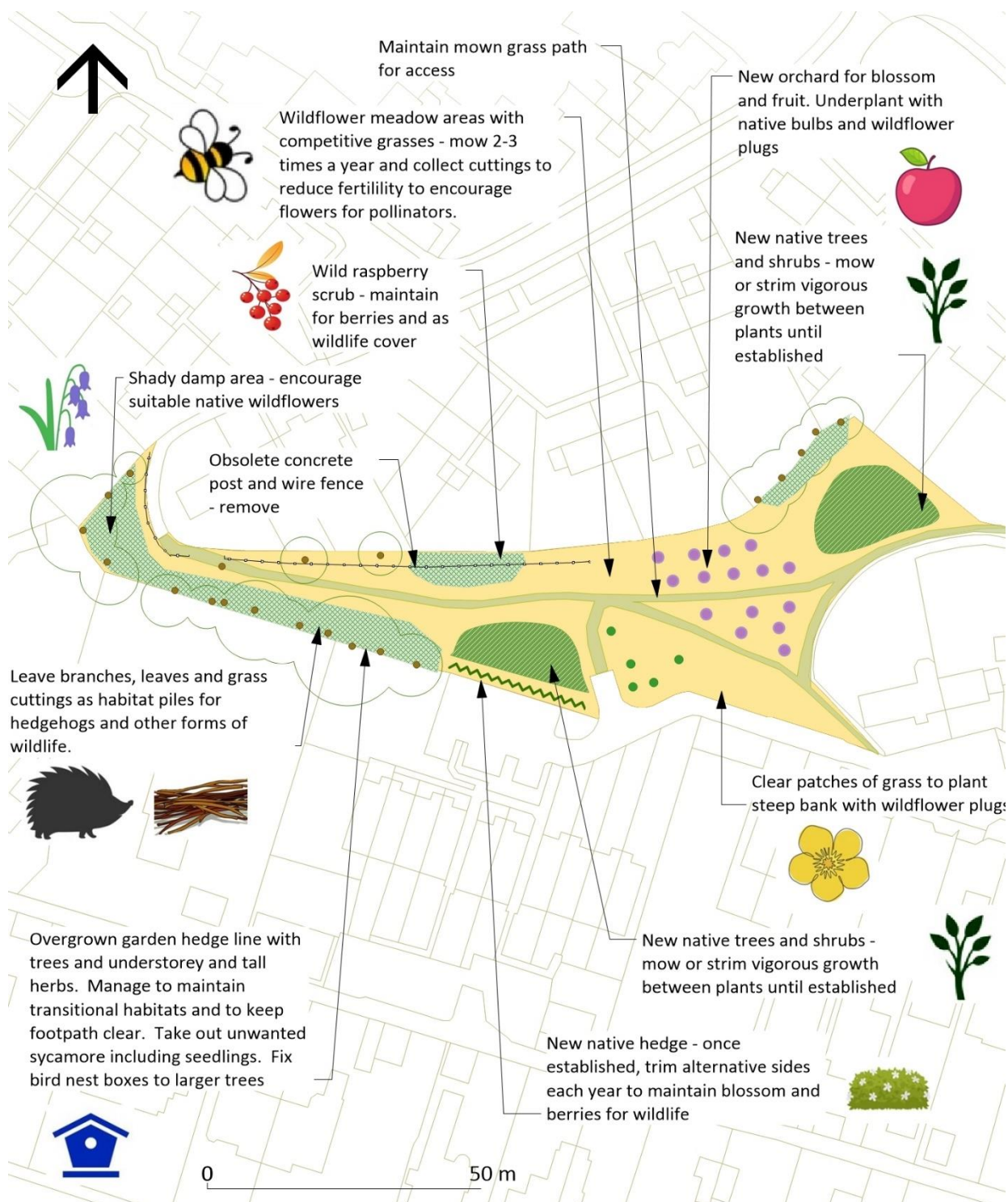
Biodiversity aims

Management of this neighbourhood nature reserve, with existing rough grassland and other habitats, for increased wildlife and community benefit.

Site information

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| Location | Off Windsor Place, between Bromley Farm estate and Park Lane, Congleton |
| Description | Informal open space Linear area, mainly rough grassland with boundary trees, hedges and scrub. |
| Use | Informal path through site is used mainly by local residents |
| Total area | 0.36 hectares (0.9 acres) |
| UK BAP Priority Habitats 2022 | Hedgerows - but none present are historic |
| Biodiversity evaluation 2022 | Moderate. Trend - improving, with grassland left to flower, new orchard trees and native trees and shrubs recently planted. One of Congleton Town Council's rewilding sites. |

Potential for biodiversity enhancement



Note

Proposals are based on a quick habitat survey carried out in April 2022. Additional data from people who use the site, local naturalists and others would be welcomed. These initial proposals are for discussion and consultation so are liable to change.