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Brymbo Heritage Project Net Biodiversity Planning Statement

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 This planning statement is with reference to the current Brymbo Heritage Project planning application P/2024/0206 through Wrexham County Borough Council Planning Authority for the – New Car park; Brymbo Iron and Steelworks Heritage Centre, New High Street, Brymbo, Wrexham

1.2 This planning statement is in response to the consultation comments provided by the Emma Broad - WCBC Ecologist.

1.3 The Brymbo Heritage Project has strict funding constraints where a planning decision is required before the end of June 2024 as agreed with the National Heritage Lottery Fund and also the land ownership transfer agreement where if this date is not met the project will lose this funding.

2.0 Net Bio diversity

2.1 The application contains proposals for a new car park on the site at Brymbo Heritage ironworks to serve the proposed Heritage Project and visitor site. The area of the proposed car park is situated to the front of the site which currently is constructed from clean over burden which has allowed for plants to grow within its area which include Yellow Trefoil and Black Medick.

2.2 To mitigate the negative bio diversity effects of the proposed car park to this area Brymbo Heritage Trust have identified an area within the larger site but outside the application red line boundary at Millers Field which is south of the site as identified on the image below.



2.3 Brymbo Heritage Trust have recently started to look at this area of the site to develop an exciting community green space. The plan is to enhance the area known as Miller Field to become a vibrant hub for Natural History, recreation and education. An area of this development will be to provide a large wild flower meadow which with the right development of a management plan has

been identified as an opportunity to restore the area lost for the car park proposals.

2.4 The project is in its earlier development and an Ecologist has just been appointed to work with BHT to develop the plans. Survey work is due to start later this month but below are current photographs showing the habitat of the grassland area.

2.5 The attached information sheets provide more detail of the site and plans for the larger area of Miller's Field which will also add to the Net Bio diversity benefit of Brymbo Heritage Project within its wider proposals.









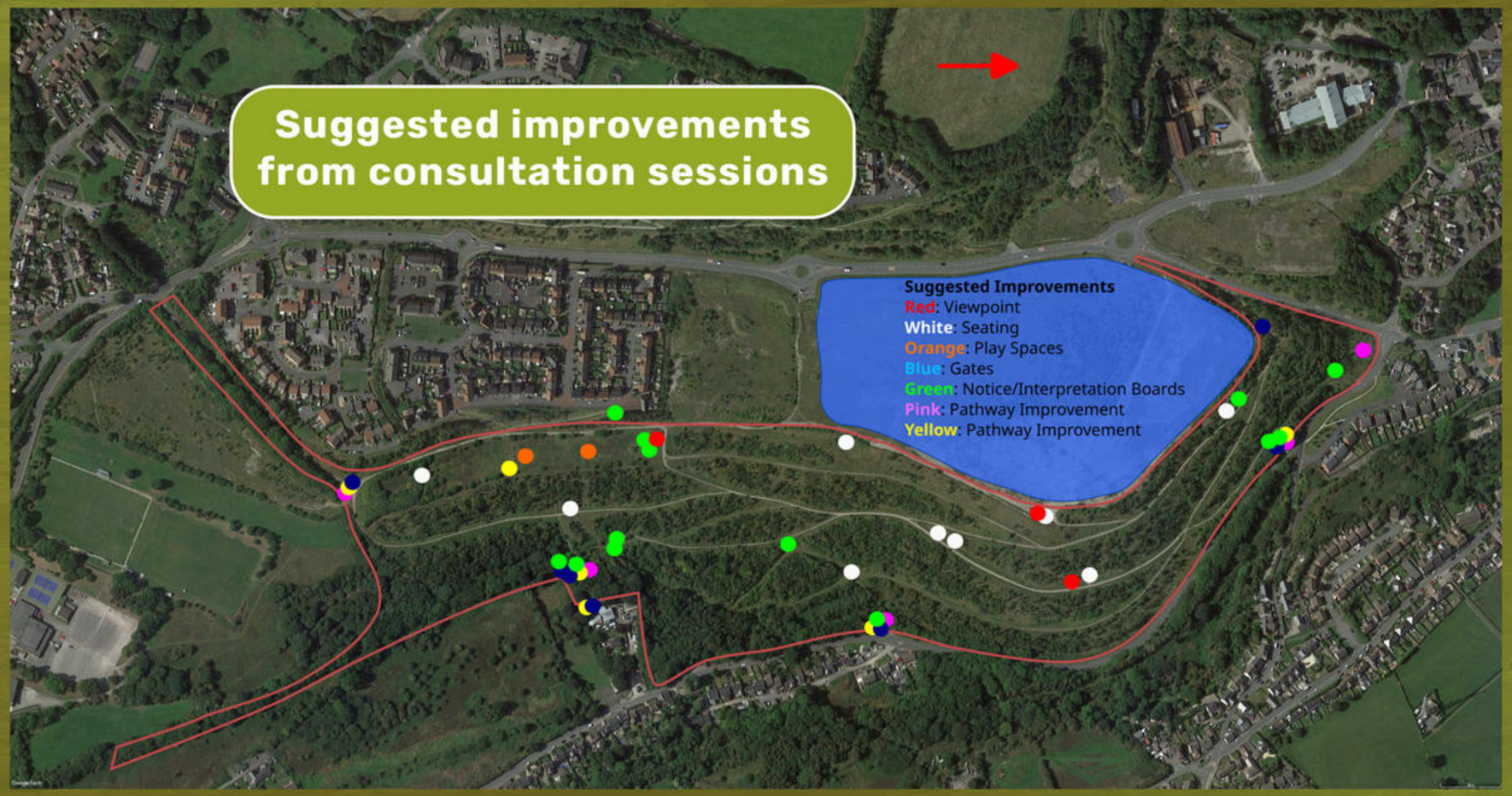




3.0 Appendices

Brymbo Heritage would like to inform you of exciting developments underway in your local green space. As part of our ongoing Roots to Shoots program, we've engaged with the surrounding communities and schools to gather insights on desired enhancements for the Brymbo & Lodge Valley Park area.

Sixteen hectares of reclaimed land, Brymbo & Lodge Valley Park is teeming with biodiversity, varied habitats, and opportunities for both recreation and education. Already cherished by dog walkers and local children alike, we've implemented several subtle yet impactful changes over the past year:



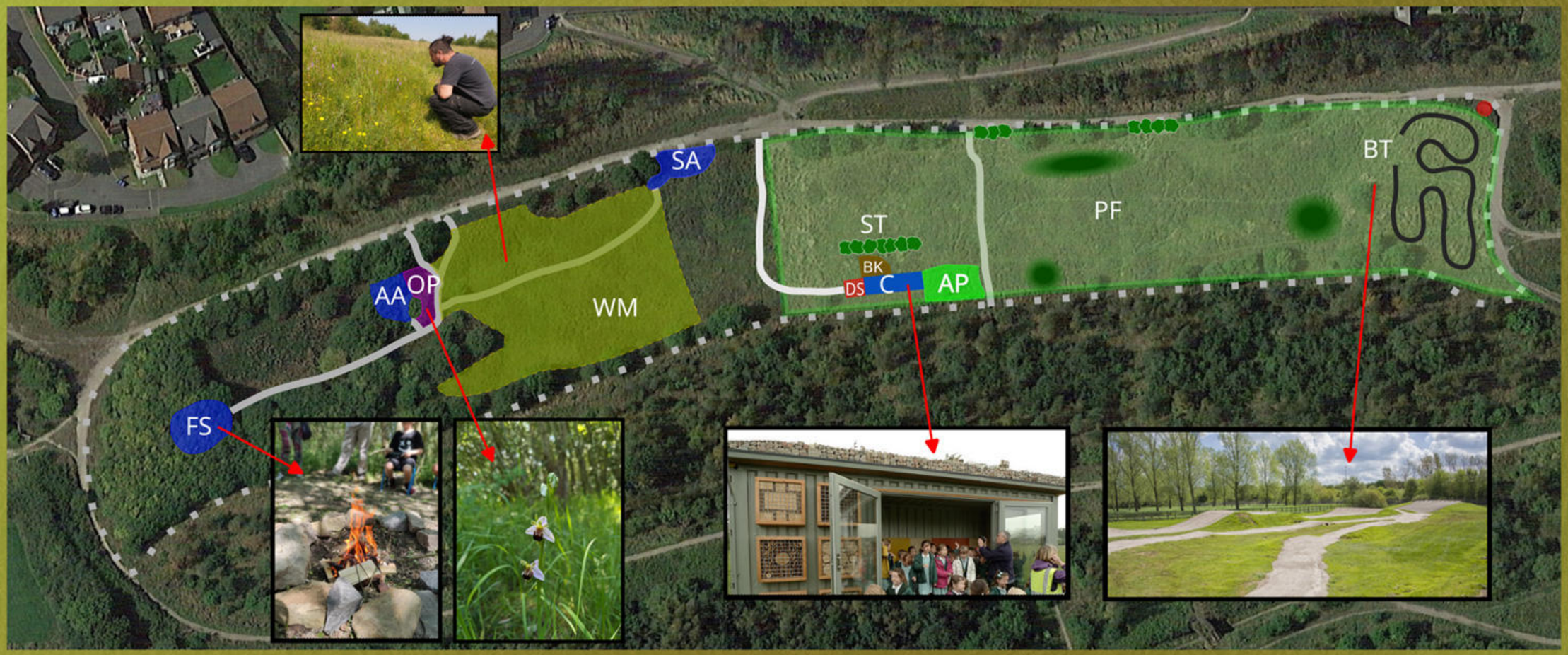
Preservation Efforts: We've meticulously dead-hedged a portion of Miller Field to safeguard its remarkably diverse wild orchid population.

Sustainable Practices: Embracing eco-conscious methodologies, we've explored the effectiveness of scything as a sustainable field management technique, minimising environmental impact while maintaining the area's natural beauty.

Educational Spaces: A dedicated area suitable for forest school sessions has been established, fostering experiential learning amidst nature's wonders.

Community Engagement: Numerous play sessions have been run as part of our play development program, encouraging active participation and establishing a deeper connection with the environment.

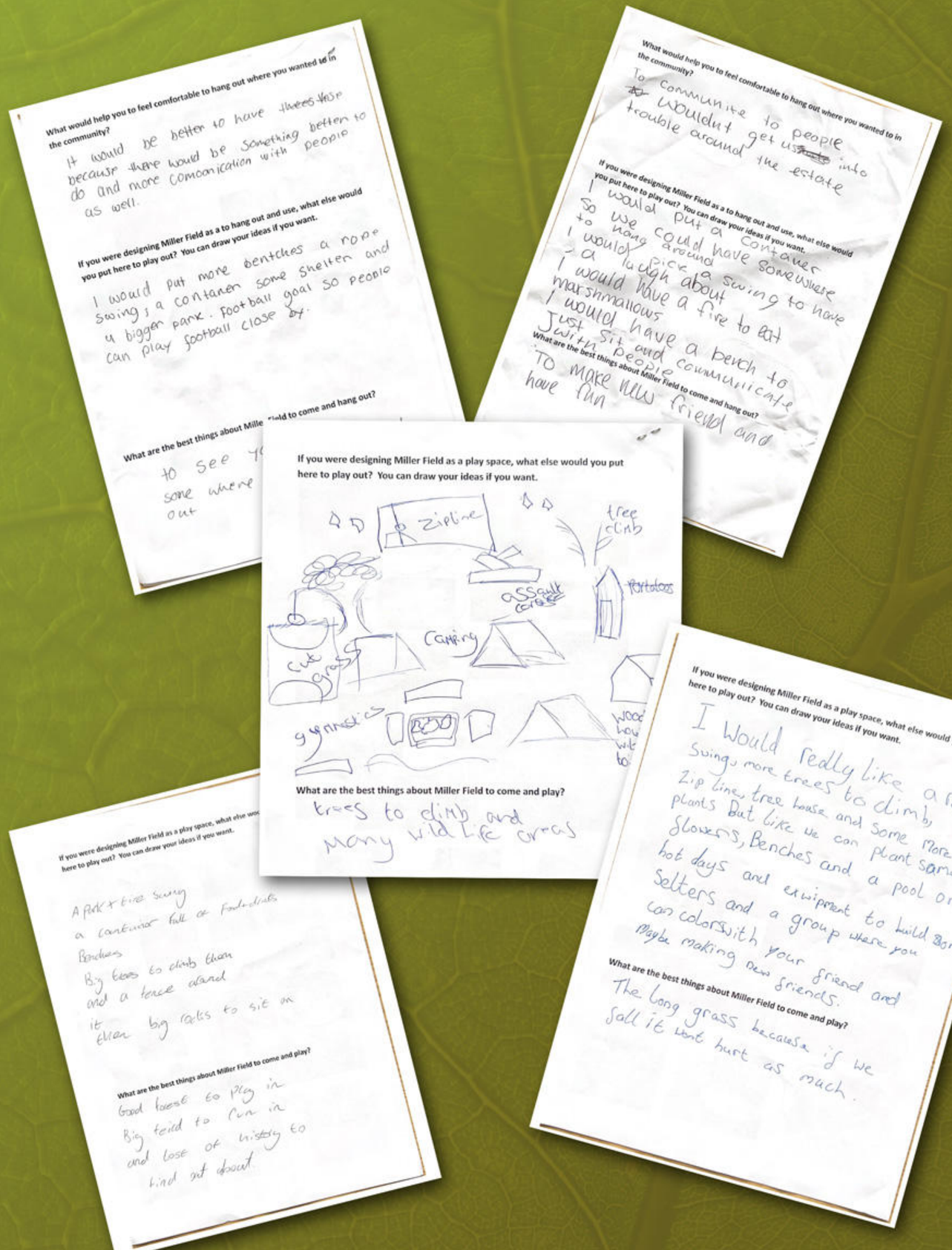
We've crafted a plan to enhance Miller Field, ensuring it becomes a vibrant hub for recreation and education.



FS – Forest school area AA – Activity area OP – Orchid preserve WM – Wildflower Meadow SA – Staging area
ST – Screening treeline C – Container DS – Decked social area BK – Outdoor bushcraft kitchen
AP – Adventure playground PF – Playing field BT – Bike track

Using the information we have gathered from consultations, school sessions and interactions with the community through volunteering events we have put together a plan for a more persistent presence on Miller Field with the goal of providing access to regular play & education sessions for kids as well as natural history-oriented events for all members of the community to participate in. Alongside drainage & pathing improvements, tree and habitat management, the installation of notice and information boards as well as seating, viewpoints and rest areas our proposed plans for Miller Field will provide positive and sustainable improvements to the area that result in a valuable and unique community asset.

SOME OF THE FANTATSIC FEEDBACK FROM LOCAL CHILDREN



THANK YOU!

Your support and feedback has been invaluable throughout this journey, and we're excited to continue collaborating with you to further enrich our shared green space.

If you have any questions, would like to show support or let us know of any concerns, please contact us here:

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