



Design Brief

This document focuses on the transformations planned on site at Windmill Hill City Farm. It does not include elements of the wider project that will include gardens in the community (with partner sites) nor the trail that is intended to link them all together.

Aims

To create a welcoming green space as the main entrance to the City Farm that fits the ethos of the organisation, is accessible for all local community members and provides opportunity for people to get involved in enjoying green space.

To re-open and improve access to the nearby NCP car park so that those needing to drive to the City Farm have an additional safe and easy route into the site.

Ambition

The space that is currently car park should ...

- ◆ Be inviting and welcoming space and act as the principal gateway into the Farm.
 - Signposts the services and facilities available
 - Greater visibility of the farm animals and gardens
 - Safe separation of vehicles and pedestrians (particularly young children)
- ◆ Contribute to the gardens strategy of the organisation (be productive, beautiful, educational, inclusive, sustainable)
 - Provide recreational space (eg seating, gardening)
 - Use native, edible and wildflower species as a focus
 - Enhance the environment for wildlife
 - Include interpretive materials
 - Include cycle parking and easy access for cyclists
- ◆ Enhance access to green spaces for local people
 - Links the play area, community building and farmyard elements of the site together
 - Accessible planting schemes (eg sensory garden area)
 - Smooth, level paths connecting gates and buildings
 - Consideration of visually impaired people to navigate the space
- ◆ Provide sufficient motor vehicle access for essential services
 - Emergency service access
 - Parking for people with disabilities
 - Parking for mini-buses bringing disabled visitors or those with limited mobility
 - Provision for drop-off and pick-up (nursery parents or taxis)
- ◆ Improve the functional elements of the site
 - Re-site bins to enable easier access (ideally direct from the roadside)
 - Space for deliveries
 - Be easy to maintain

The access to the NCP car park should

- ◆ Give easy, safe access to the Clark Street side of the site
 - well-signed for access to the facilities
 - 'clean' underfoot (ie paved or gravel, not muddy)
 - lit when the site is open, particularly in the darker months of the year
- ◆ Provide security to the site
 - double gate to prevent animal escapes
 - self-closing inner gate to ensure young children don't wander out
- ◆ Clear up the area off-site in close proximity to the entrance to make it more inviting.