

## **Tach Brook Country Park Vision and Objectives**

### **Vision**

To create a country park at Bishop's Tachbrook providing green space for informal recreation, opportunities for habitat creation, walking and cycling links between parts of the local community and flood alleviation.

Initially, it is important to secure the area and establish it as a recognised green space, providing access and recreation, as well as space for nature to thrive within the wider green corridor around the brook.

Ultimately, the park will provide wider facilities including a community hub/visitor centre and greater links to the community. This will expand its quality as a recognisable country park and offer the opportunity to use a green space to people within the wider area. This enhancement will include opportunities to increase the initial area, through additional green space and wider commercial links, as well as infrastructure to enable access to the nearby school and other areas via foot or cycle and away from public roads.

### **Objectives**

#### **1 Establish the country park (Phase 1)**

- a) Obtain full planning permission to ensure the use of the site is established as a country park.
- b) This phase of the work relates to establishing the local green space as expressed in the Local Plan (2011-2029). In addition, it will include an area of 2ha woodland and the shared facilities at the proposed Oakley Grove School.
- c) To ensure a cohesive set of community facilities is created, this stage of the work will be undertaken in parallel with the development of the proposed Oakley Grove School that will be adjacent to the country park.
- d) Create site infrastructure in accordance with the agreed masterplan.
- e) Ensure that the delivery provides opportunities for later enhancement of the site remain open throughout this delivery stage.
- f) Open the site as a facility for the local residents.

#### **2 Enhance the country park area (Phase 2)**

- a) To advance the vision for the Bishop's Tachbrook area by developing further infrastructure that offers access links via the green areas and away from public roads.
- b) To develop the country park further by embracing the opportunity to include more green space linked to the original country park.
- c) To develop the country park further by enhancing its quality to include additional facilities such as a community hub/visitor centre.
- d) To enhance the benefits of the country park further by continuing to work with the local community to create linked commercial and recreational facilities that are appropriate to the existence of a country park.