

Bersted Brooks Park
Public consultation concerns

Concern	Consultation Response
<p>Increased demand for parking and issues with vehicle access for residents on the Bersted Park estate. Seasonal parking area at Shripney Lane causing issues for residents.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas for additional seasonal parking were identified on the draft concept masterplan. These have since been reviewed and removed where not supported. • The existing car parking provision is proposed to be expanded subject to planning approval. • There is an option to amend the proposed site boundary and move focus away from Bersted Park. • Coach parking at the Bersted community centre could be reviewed with a view to replacing with additional car parking. • ADC can assist in liaising with WSCC to progress adoption of highways. This will enable the potential of residents permits to be considered in future.
<p>Increased anti-social behaviour / unauthorised access</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing accessibility across the site will encourage a wider range of people to use more of the site, and therefore improve natural surveillance. Increasing ownership and sense of pride in site can discourage anti-social behaviour. • Design proposals will open up lines of sight and views.
<p>Increased future flooding and drainage issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The masterplan proposals include wetland planting to improve flood resilience of the site and natural flood management interventions. • Hydrology surveys would be required ahead of any works to inform design improvements. Plans would be reviewed by ADC's Engineers to ensure they are appropriate. • A response to concerns around the maintenance and protection of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) was provided to the Environment Committee (Public Question Time) on 7 September 2023). In summary proposals will not impact on the existing SuDS provision and will need to comply with government guidance. Link to full response: Public Pack)Public Question Time Schedule - Environment Committee 07 September 2023 Agenda Supplement for Environment Committee, 07/09/2023 18:00 (arun.gov.uk)
<p>Increased dog fouling, litter, fly tipping</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design through management of the site will create opportunities to discourage human activity in certain locations. Specific areas can be designated for dog walking while other areas are left wilder. • Review of bin locations.

Lack of resource for current and future maintenance of site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposals are accompanied by management principles, which will require changes in maintenance regimes and additional resource to implement.
Focus of masterplan should be on Bersted Brooks not Bersted Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed site boundary has been amended to move focus away from Bersted Park.
Impact on nature and biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aim of the project is to enhance habitat creation and biodiversity. Nature only zones will restrict human activity in some areas and benefit wildlife.
Café facilities will create issues with litter and need for toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is an opportunity in future to locate mobile catering unit at Bersted Brooks car park.
Safety of boardwalk / viewing platform design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The design and routes of boardwalks would be subject to assessment and engineering advice, to ensure the selection of appropriate materials and implementation of correct maintenance regime.
Unnecessary removal of trim trail items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The consultation plan identified that some items of trail equipment would be relocated. The results showed there was limited appetite for change. Equipment will continue to be managed in current location and subject to routine replacement depending on its condition.
Practical safety of crossing point/bridge on A259 and the associated cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The A259 is a major barrier to crossing between the open spaces. A bridge would serve as a crossing point but as a long-term aspiration and be subject to future funding.
Funding for the scheme being insufficient / should be used elsewhere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals would be delivered over a long period. Current funding will enable the delivery of early works, but other funding will need to be explored for longer-term works. The masterplan would need to be updated to reflect this.
The impact on covenants and legal issues arising from previous agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A response to concerns relating to restrictive covenants linked to the transfer of public open spaces was provided to the Environment Committee (Public Question Time) on 7 September 2023). In summary ADC will comply with its obligations under all covenants agreed to. Link to full response: (Public Pack)Public Question Time Schedule - Environment Committee 07 September 2023 Agenda Supplement for Environment Committee, 07/09/2023 18:00 (arun.gov.uk)