



Pollok Country Park is a 361 acre country park located in Glasgow's Southside managed by Glasgow City Council. It is Glasgow's largest park and the only Country Park within the city. The park is rich in rural history formerly being part of the Old Pollok Estate and ancestral home to the Maxwell Family. The Transforming Pollok Country Park Project being developed by Glasgow City Council and Glasgow Life aims to enhance the visitor travel experience to and within the park in order to ensure it remains a liveable and accessible place that can be enjoyed by all visitors.

With the Burrell Collection set to re-open in spring of 2021, it is anticipated that there will be a significant rise in visitor numbers to the park. In order to support this increase, the Transforming Pollok Country Park Project will introduce an Active Travel Management Plan throughout the park to improve access to its attractions. The improvements to travel routes and infrastructure will maximise the benefits of investments at Pollok House and the Burrell Collection as well as promote the park as a prized and vibrant destination within Glasgow.

The project aims to deliver Pollok Country Park as an enriched focal point destination within the city. The key principle of the redesigned access and orientation strategy is to direct vehicular traffic away from the centre of the park by implementing an Active Travel Management Plan to deliver;

- Improved public transport links
- Improved active travel networks
- Improved park infrastructure
- Improved navigation and wayfinding methods

In conjunction with transport improvements, the project will focus on enhancing the main gateways of the park to improve connections to surrounding communities. A key aspiration of the project is to create a vehicle free park* with the main focus of proposals being to encourage visitors to leave personal cars at home by;

- Improving the infrastructure to public transport hubs
- Prioritising pedestrian and cyclist access within the park
- Actively managing vehicles within the park to prevent uncontrolled parking
- Positively link the park to the active travel network to make the park easily accessible both on foot and by bike.

While it is recognised that there will be a requirement for a certain level of car parking within the centre of the park, the main provision of car parking will be on the periphery of the site. Through various landscaping installations and points of interest along the route, people will be encouraged to walk to attractions and enjoy the variety of green space within the park.

* as far as reasonably practicable.



The Burrell Collection is undergoing a £66 million refurbishment, upgrading the building's fabric and safeguarding its future, alongside a complete redisplay of its internationally significant collection.

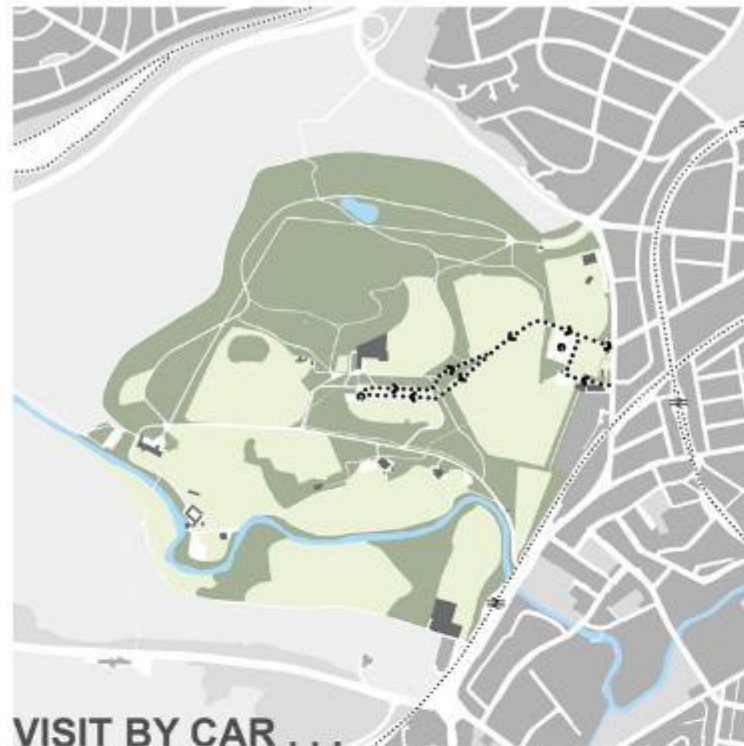
When it opened in this beautiful setting in 1983, the Burrell Collection helped put Glasgow on the map as a major cultural city. The building was Category A listed in 2013 in recognition of its outstanding architecture.

The Burrell Renaissance Project will re-establish The Burrell Collection, bringing its wonderful treasures to life for a new generation of Glaswegians and visitors alike to enjoy when it reopens in Spring 2021.



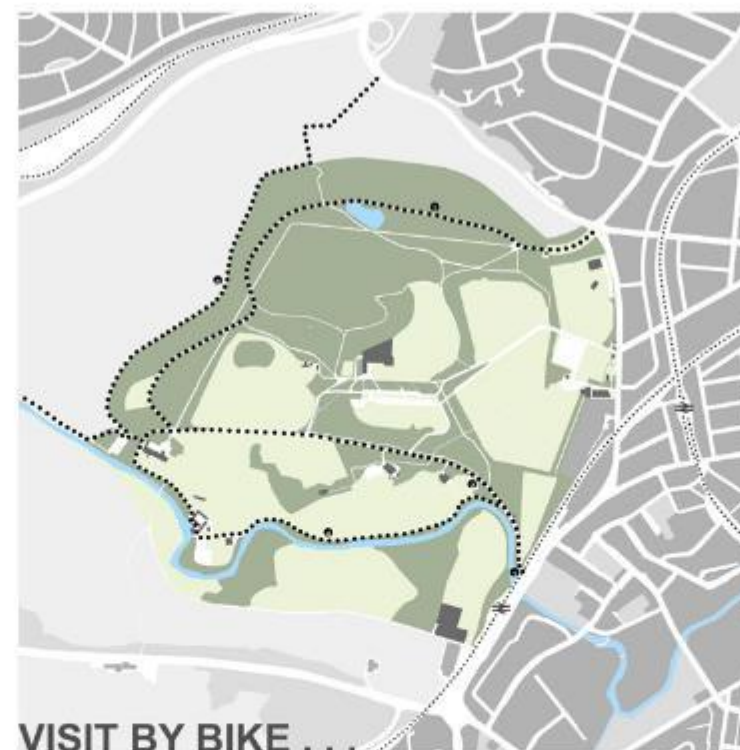
VISIT ON FOOT . . .

- 1 An improved visitor journey from the public transport hub at Pollokshaws West.
- 2 A new, lit shared surface entrance will be created at the Pollokshaws Road entrance. Vehicles on this surface will be restricted to authorised access only.
- 3 A new, lit segregated path will provide pedestrian access to the centre of the park from Haggs Road (approx. 10 minute walk)
- 4 The existing woodland path will be upgraded and will provide lit pedestrian access to the Burrell Collection from Pollokshaws Road and nearby public transport links at Pollokshaws West (approx. 20 minute walk)
- 5 The existing pedestrian riverside path will continue to provide access to Pollok House from Pollokshaws Road and public transport links at Pollokshaws West Railway station.



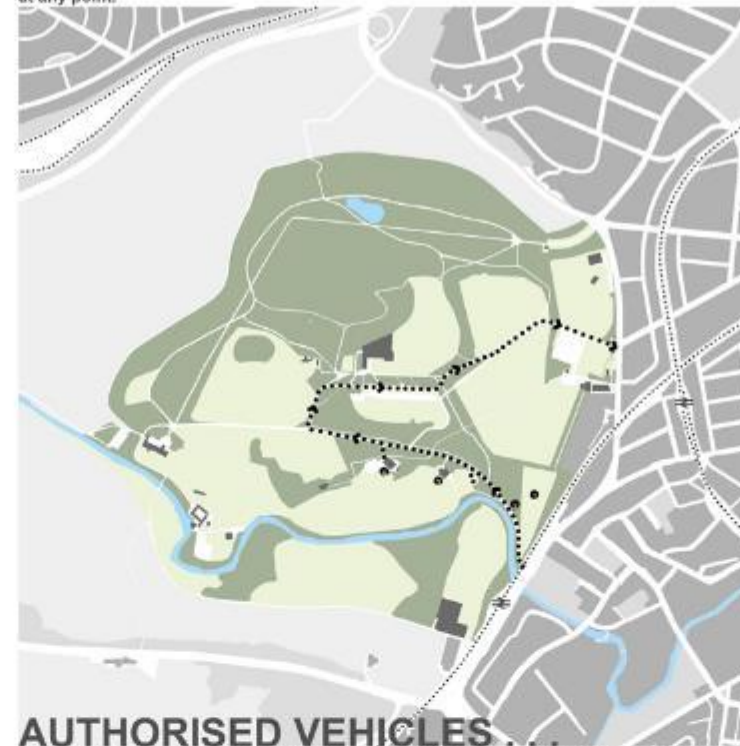
VISIT BY CAR . . .

- 1 A new perimeter car park will be provided for visitors to the park. The car park will be accessed from an improved existing entrance from Haggs Road.
- 2 The existing Burrell Collection car park will remain and provide additional parking within the centre of the park if required.



VISIT BY BIKE . . .

- 1 The new shared surface will provide a cycle route from Pollokshaws Road.
 - 2 A designated, two way cycle route will begin after the shared surface area. This route will be demarcated with road markings and signage and will be shared with one way authorised vehicle traffic only. It will enable a safe route for cyclists travelling west to east which is not possible at present.
 - 3 The existing local cycle route leading from the Titwood Road / St Andrews Drive entrance at the north east of the park will remain.
 - 4 The existing cycle route through the park will remain, with the National Cycle Route 7/75 providing the main access route from the north of the park.
- All cycle routes will give cyclists access to the park attractions without the need to dismount at any point.



AUTHORISED VEHICLES . . .

Access will be prioritised for pedestrians and cyclists. One way vehicular access from Pollokshaws Road will be provided for a limited number of vehicles throughout the park.

- 1 Sir John Stirling Maxwell allotment plot holders
- 2 Residents of the park for whom access is relevant
- 3 Poloc Cricket Club
- 4 Strathclyde Police Dog Centre

This route will also be for the use of park service vehicles and the shuttle bus service. Appropriate traffic calming measures will restrict vehicle speeds to 10mph while taking cognisance of cyclists.



VISIT BY BUS OR COACH . . .

- 1 A drop off / pick up point will be provided for taxis and private coaches at the new perimeter car park area.
- 2 A drop off point will be provided for private coaches /and mini buses for access to Pollok House.
- 3 A drop off / pick up point will be provided for private coaches and mini buses for the Burrell Collection.
- 4 A controlled coach park area will be provided within the existing Burrell Collection car park for pre-booked coaches and mini-buses.

This infrastructure will also support the potential for a public service bus to drop off in the park in future.



A FUTURE SHUTTLE BUS . . .

Proposals are being developed for a seasonal shuttle bus service operating within the park as well as a Southside tour bus route that stops in the park.

- 1 Pollokshaws Road entrance
- 2 Central park
- 3 The Burrell Collection
- 4 Pollok House
- 5 New perimeter car park

The shuttle route between the perimeter car park and Pollokshaws Road proposes to use the existing road network external to the park to prevent the need for additional turning areas within the park grounds.



CURRENT CAR PARK ARRANGEMENT

The current arrangement of the vehicular route allows uncontrolled car parking within the park. This uncontrolled parking impacts upon visitor experience and safety, and diminishes the importance of the park as a green space for leisure and nature conservation.

In addition to the environmental and aesthetic impact that the uncontrolled current parking arrangements have on the park, the large volume of vehicles parking on main vehicle routes restricts other park users, the safety of visitors as well as emergency vehicle access.

Cycle routes are blocked by parked cars and vehicles regularly restrict access to pedestrian routes.

During peak periods and events, the lack of controlled parking results in long delays for visitors both entering and exiting the park by car, coach or bus.

To ensure the proposed park infrastructure can operate effectively, it is necessary to implement a managed parking solution to prevent unrestricted parking throughout the site.

Key:
● = one parked vehicle



PROPOSED CAR PARK ARRANGEMENT

The key principle of the redesigned access and orientation strategy is to direct vehicular traffic away from the centre of the park by implementing an Active Travel Management Plan

- 1 A new perimeter car park will be constructed on the former red blaes pitches near Nether Pollok. The fully surfaced car park will accommodate a combination of 280 standard and accessible parking bays and will be lit to allow safe return to parked vehicles. A sustainable drainage system (SuDS) will be incorporated into the car park design to appropriately distribute surface water.
- 2 The existing Burrell Collection car park will remain. The current line markings will be revised to allow for five designated mini-bus only spaces. New lighting will be installed to the exiting car park to allow safe return to parked vehicles.
- 3 The existing coach parking at the Burrell Collection will remain and provide parking for ten coach vehicles.
- 4 Nineteen newly created accessible car parking spaces will be provided to the front of the Burrell Collection building.
- 5 The Riverside car park next to Pollok House will be maintained.

All car parks will operate as pay and display, there will be no free parking provided outwith Blue Badge spaces. The level of car parking charges is yet to be finalised, however initial calculations have assumed a charge of £2 for 4 hours and £3 for all day.

Additional physical measures will be put in place to prevent unauthorised parking along park roads, in laybys and other non-designated areas.

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PROPOSED SURFACE WORKS

The key principle of the redesigned access and orientation strategy is to reduce traffic and unrestricted parking in the centre of the park. The new proposals allow for one main vehicular access route as indicated:

- ① The upgrade of the junction at Haggs Road opposite Herries Road to provide a new main entrance point for vehicular traffic.
- ② A new, paved shared surface for pedestrians, cyclists and authorised vehicles will be created along Pollok Avenue from the existing Pollokshaws Road entrance. This entrance will no longer support private vehicle access.
- ③ The existing road will be resurfaced and a new pedestrian footpath constructed adjacent to the vehicular route.
- ④ The existing road at Nether Pollok will be resurfaced and provide a one way vehicular route into the park.
- ⑤ A new one way road will be constructed on the existing open space to provide access to the Burrell Collection car park.
- ⑥ The existing vehicular route will be widened to support two way access to both the new and existing car parks.
- ⑦ The existing pedestrian path between Pollokshaws Road entrance and the Burrell Collection will be resurfaced and any steep gradients or vertical steps will be removed.
- ⑧ A new pedestrian path to the Burrell Collection will be created by clearing existing foliage.
- ⑨ A new, fully surfaced car park will be constructed at the perimeter of the park to reduce the number of vehicles driving through the park and prevent unauthorised parking.
- ⑩ All vehicles will exit the park via the existing exit point onto Haggs Road.
- ⑪ Wayfinding signage will be provided throughout the park at all key decision points.



Current junction at Haggs Road
View from the South



Current junction at Haggs Road
View from the North

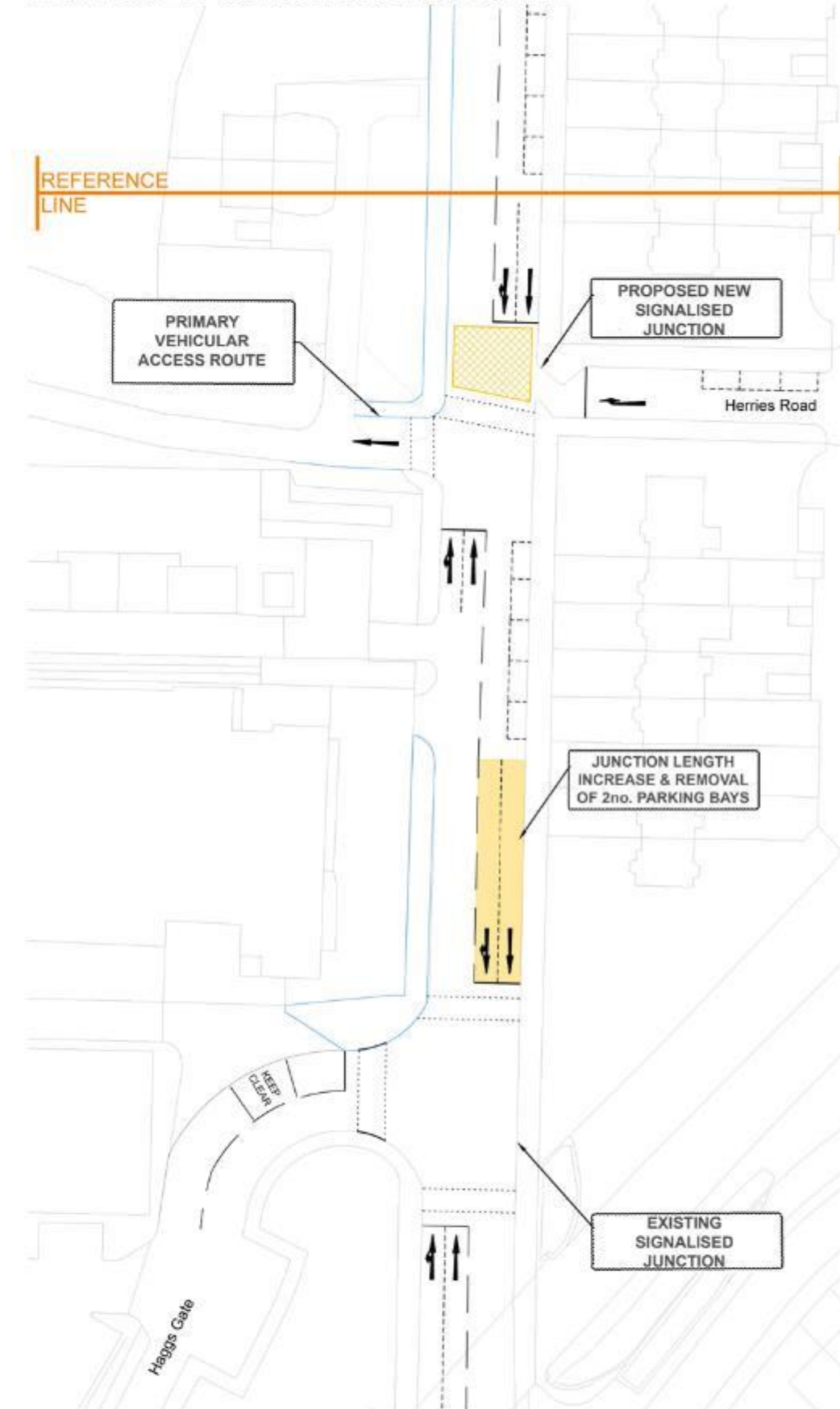


Current entrance at Haggs Road
View from Shawmoss Road



Current entrance to Nether Pollok Playing Fields

PROPOSED JUNCTION WORKS ...





MANAGED ACCESS ...

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New controlled barriers will be installed at strategic points throughout the park to provide controlled access for limited authorised vehicles only. Turning heads will be provided as required to allow unauthorised vehicles to turn safely.

Proposed barrier locations are as follows:

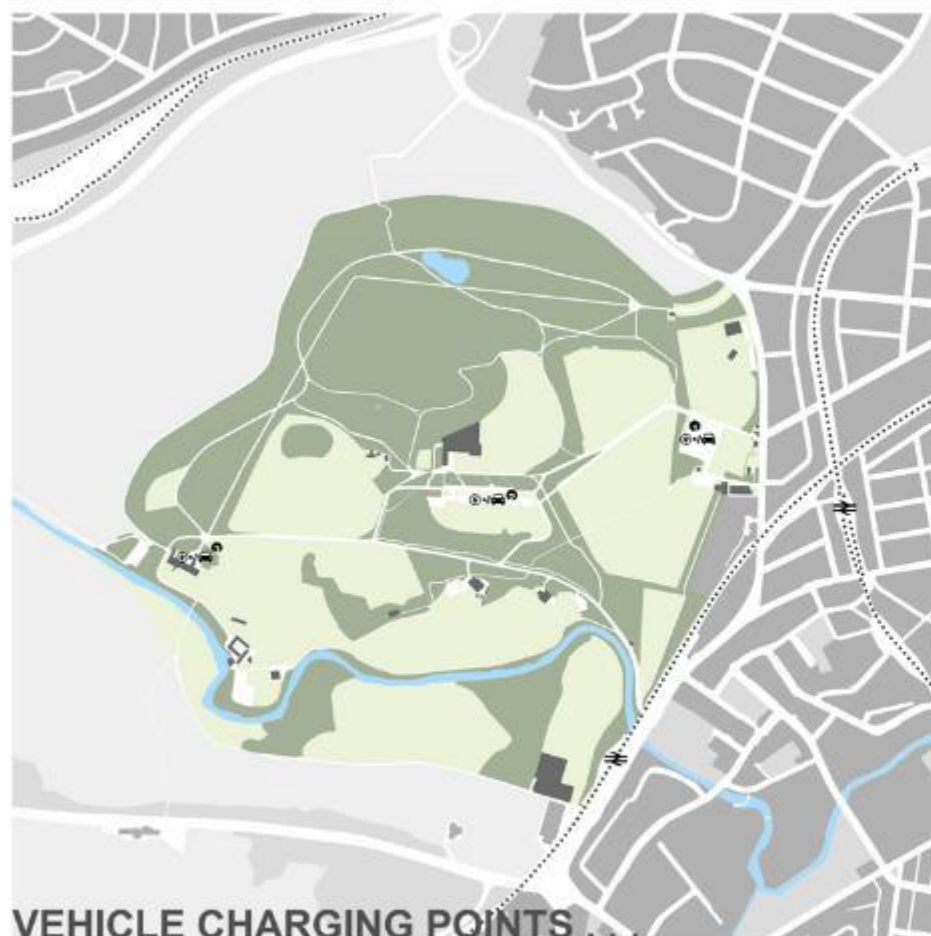
- 1 Access for Sir John Stirling Maxwell Allotments, Poloc cricket club, park residents and park service vehicles.
- 2 To allow passage of service vehicles to Pollok House.
- 3 To control access into the coach park area for pre booked coaches.
- 4 Access for service vehicles, Police Dog Unit and buses/coaches to the Burrell Collection via existing road network.



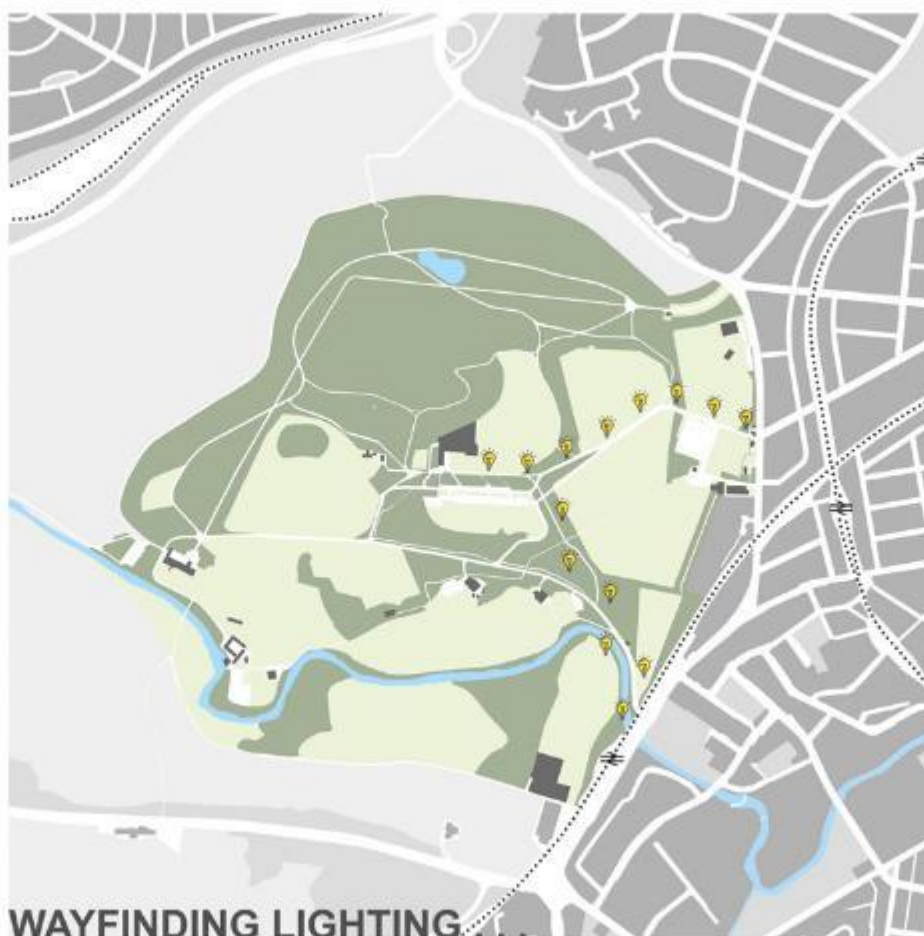
PROPOSED TREE WORKS ...

- 1 The existing, semi mature lime trees will be removed to allow for the construction of the new two way vehicular access road. An equivalent avenue will be replanted along the new road alignment.
- 2 Existing encroaching foliage will be cleared to provide a direct pedestrian route to the Burrell Collection, avoiding mature heritage trees.
- 3 Existing encroaching foliage will be cleared to allow for the construction of the new one way vehicular access route to the Burrell Collection car park, avoiding mature heritage trees.





VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS ...



WAYFINDING LIGHTING ...



ACCESSIBILITY ...



Electric vehicle charging points will be provided within car parks.

- ① Eight regular car charging spaces
- ② Sixteen regular car charging spaces
Two mini-bus charging spaces
Two coach charging spaces
- ③ Two standard car charging spaces (one for staff vehicles and one for disabled visitor vehicles)

To future proof the car park areas, the project will include the infrastructure to charge 40% of the total number of spaces.



New, environment appropriate luminaires will be installed along the resurfaced pedestrian routes to provide way finding lighting a specified period of time after the park's main attractions close.



New seating and covered rest points will be provided along all pedestrian routes to promote car free accessibility to The Burrell Collection.



PROJECT AESTHETICS . . .

The new works within the park will provide an opportunity to upgrade the existing materials currently implemented throughout the site.

A variety of high quality hard landscaping will be selected to create smooth finishes, with the main routes being accessible for visitors with impaired mobility. These hard finishes will sit alongside carefully selected soft landscaping.

The overall vision of the project is to deliver a high quality green space within the city, which is accessible to all. Through various landscaping installations and points of interest along the route, people will be encouraged to walk to attractions and enjoy the park's diverse mix of green space.



Newly formed and resurfaced road will be constructed in high quality tarmac. Speed bumps and traffic calming measures will be in place as required.

The new shared surface along Pollokshaws Avenue will be constructed as a paved surface to differentiate from vehicular routes

The new peripheral car park at Nether Pollok will have a smooth, high quality tarmac surface with appropriate line markings for standard, accessible and electric vehicle parking, as well as designated marked drop off points for buses and coaches. A sustainable drainage system (SuDS) will be incorporated into the car park design to appropriately distribute surface water.

A new avenue of lime trees will be replanted along the new main access road.

Existing encroaching foliage will be cleared to provide a direct pedestrian route to the Burrell Collection, avoiding mature heritage trees. An assessment of the requirement for replacement planting will be undertaken as a key component of the emerging project.

The existing woodland path will be upgraded and any steep gradients or vertical steps will be removed. Safe crossing points will be provided at all junctions with roads with appropriate markings and tactile surfacing.