



Soil sampling and service checks will provide an opportunity to understand the location and species of trees appropriate to plant in this area. As well as trees, it is hoped that there will be areas of rewilding, where grass is left long and wildflowers can grow, along with a wetland area where a pond used to be established. Mowing regularity will be reduced between the trees during the spring and summer periods, allowing naturally occurring wildflowers to flourish, providing a valuable source of food for pollinators. Long grass also allows small mammals to travel across areas they previously may not have been able to, improving food sources for predators such as owls and birds of prey already seen on site. By understanding and managing the site with biodiversity in mind, the memorial woodland will flourish with wildlife, making it more attractive place for people to visit. Planting in the lower area of the site will strengthen the copse of trees already present, without compromising the views from the top of the site. Other features such as an orchard with fruiting trees species, will encourage wildlife diversity.

The overall area of the memorial woodland site is 4.4 hectares - this is not including the area with trees present. Leeds City Council and Leeds Hospitals Charity will be working together on this project to develop and maintain a memorial woodland.

The land will be leased to the charity from the council. Leeds Hospitals Charity will pay for the works through fundraising and gifts in kind from surrounding organisations. Leeds City Council will be supporting the scheme through the consultation period, and overseeing the development of the site, tree planting and ongoing maintenance.

A car park has been proposed for the site, which will be big enough for around 20 cars. Planning permission for the car park will be submitted in late 2021 with work hopefully beginning in Spring 2022.

Much of the area will be planted with woodland, creating an area of natural tranquillity and reflection. This will provide an area for the residents of Leeds to easily visit to remember their loved ones or appreciate the work of front line and key workers. However, the site is also open to all who may want to visit without a connection to the pandemic. If restrictions allow, the entire site will be planted by volunteers between December 2021 and March 2022. Leeds Hospitals Charity will also be looking for volunteers to support their management of the area with LCC as the trees grow over subsequent years (Year 2 onwards). Leeds Hospitals Charity will also be launching their fundraising page in September, where money can be donated towards the project to aid the development of the site. More information on opportunities to volunteer will become available following the end of the consultation period.

Natural techniques such as coppicing to maintain the woodland will strengthen the natural boundaries already present. This will also allow enhancement of the view towards the Leeds General Infirmary, without compromising healthy trees on the perimeter.

**KEY**

Site Boundary

Existing Road

Public Rights Of Way

Existing Woodland

Proposed Cycle Tracks

Proposed Mown Footpaths

Proposed Footpaths  
(existing tracks to be refurbished and new links to be created)

Proposed 1.2m Stock Fence

Proposed Car Parks  
There will be a number of small discrete car parking areas providing 15 to 20 spaces located throughout the site, these car parks will help to accommodate the numbers of visitors to the Leeds Urban Bike Park.

Proposed Tree Planting

Wild Flower Meadow

Proposed Pond Creation / Restoration

Orchard

Sculpture

Viewing Points  
These areas are elevated providing some excellent view points across the City of Leeds

Proposed Connection Point

Proposed Crossing

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Description

01	27.07.2021	Amended notes and key

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