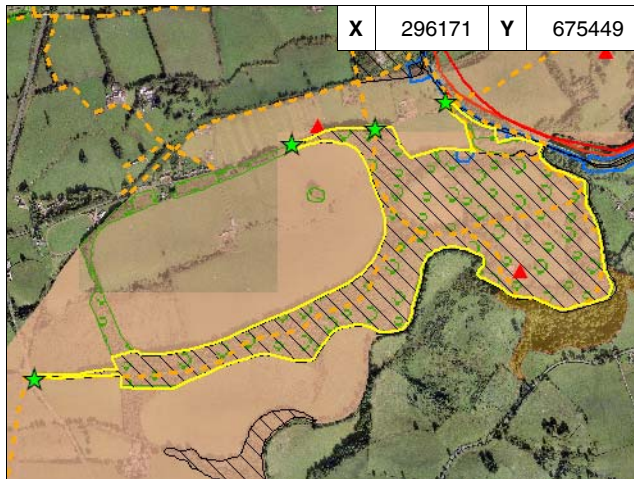


Site Number	227	Site Name	Muiravonside Country Park
Location			



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Hierarchy	2 - National	Typology	Public Park and Garden
Area (Ha)	64.8	Ownership	Council

Surrounding Environment	Bounded by farmland & the union canal		
Access Points	Multiple (Map Correct)	Access Type	Public

ELEMENTS		FACILITIES	
0 = Absent	1 = Minimal	2 = Evident	3 = Abundant
Bog / Marshland	1	Benches	2
Amenity / Ornamental Planting	1	Bins	2
Formal Paths	2	Dog Litter Bins	2
Informal Tracks	2	Lighting	0
Mown Grass	2	Fencing	2
Long Grass	2	Walling	2
General Hard Space	2	Signage	2
General Soft Space	2	Play Facilities	2
Soft Tiling / Play Surface	2	Storage Huts	0
Scrub / Regenerating Woodland	2	Kick-about Areas	2
Shelterbelt	0	Sports Pitch	0
Avenue Trees	0	Public Toilets	2
Formal Water Feature	0	Disabled Access	2
Informal / Natural Water Feature	2	Car Park	3
Deciduous Woodland	0	Cafe / Restaurant	2
Mixed Woodland	3	Other Building	2
Coniferous Woodland	0	Other:	0
Canal Basin	2		
Roadside Planting	0		
Parkland Trees	2		
Other:	0		

Public Park and Garden	Amenity Open Space	Playspaces
Yes	No	Yes
Sports Area	Natural / Semi-Natural Greenspace	Green Corridor
No	Yes	No

QUALITY SCORES - SITE	Included	Score
Accessibility	YES	4
Health and Wellbeing	YES	4
Cleanliness and Maintenance	YES	3
Biodiversity and Nature Conservation	YES	5
Cultural Heritage and Local History	YES	5
Community Involvement	NO	2
Design and Aesthetic Qualities	YES	4
Marketing	NO	3
Management	NO	3
Average Quality and Fitness For Purpose Score		4.2

Main benefits of the open space
Recreational resource. Good for health & education. High levels of biodiversity - mature woodland. Cultural history. Quiet & tranquil. Provides a wide variety of spaces & walks (open grassland/woodland/riverside). Good facilities such as visitor centre, cafe, public toilets, play area. Excellent disabled access. Good connections with the union canal.
Main detractors of the open space
Fly tipping, inappropriate use by BMX/trail bikes/cars. Invasive, non-native vegetation (sycamore, bracken, knotweed, rosebay willowherb etc).
Main design opportunities
Management plan to address long term opportunities for management and design of site. Improve maintenance of planting & paths. Improve access down to the river. Add more lighting in most popular areas. Add better signs on the roads. Mill laid could be restored for self generation.
Main design constraints
Size and remoteness of site from main catchment areas.
Recommendations / Observations / Strategy
Prepare management plan to address long term opportunities for management, design and sustainability of site. Manage as a country park for nature conservation with a clear access strategy. Maximise opportunities for education and informal recreation. Maximise potential from links to the canal. Habitat management. Great Crested Newt pond needs attention and possible new pond creation opportunity.

Finalised Draft Local Plan Comments
Additional Comments
Local Wildlife Site. Biodiversity Priority Site.