Hinchingbrooke Country Park Joint Group

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HUNTINGDON WEST AREA ACTION PLAN PREFERRED APPROACH - DRAFT (Report by Countryside Services Manager)

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Following consultation on Issues and Options in June 2007 and Options in May 2008, a Preferred Approach for the Huntingdon West Area Action Plan is being prepared, and when approved by Cabinet will be made available for a 6 week public consultation.

2 HINCHINGBROOKE COUNTRY PARK PROPOSAL

- 2.1 The intention is that the draft area action plan will propose that the Hinchingbrooke Country Park should be enhanced and extended. A map (draft attached) will be included. The area action plan will indicate that the necessary funding might be sought through developer contributions. The area action plan's timeframe is to 2026 and the proposals are aspirational.
- 2.2 The possible improvements proposed to be included in an appendix are:
 - 1) Lease or purchase of additional land for the Country Park
 - 2) Lease or purchase of land for an overflow car park near Huntingdon Rd
 - 3) Improvements to the existing car park
 - 4) Countryside centre renewable energy, insulation and maintenance
 - 5) CCTV and Lighting
 - 6) Interpretation boards, waymarking signs and leaflets
 - 7) Play and recreation facilities
 - 8) Café improvements
 - 9) New toilet block
 - 10)Footpath improvements
 - 11)Ranger staff time

3 CONCLUSION

3.1 Members of the Joint Group are invited to consider this proposal and comment prior to submission of the draft to O&S Panel and Cabinet.

Draft Map of Hinchingbrooke Country Park

