

How can Illogan’s open spaces continue to support both people and nature for generations to come?

Illogan’s public open spaces are vital community assets, offering opportunities for wellbeing, recreation, and biodiversity, while helping to foster a strong sense of place. This project focuses on four key sites:

- Park Leven Public Open Space
- Rosemullion Gardens Play Area
- Park Bottom Playing Field
- Tolvaddon Park Public Open Space



Location Plan
The plan highlights the four sites under consideration in this study.

- A Park Leven
- B Rosemullion Gardens
- C Park Bottom Playing Field
- D Land at Tolvaddon
- E Illogan Recreation Ground (not part of this feasibility Study)

Illogan Park (E) serves as the parish's primary public open space and recreation ground, and houses the Parish council office and community room. This space is currently the focus of a simultaneous consultation for a redesign aimed at creating a well-being-focused space. The four sites included in this feasibility study have the potential to align with, or complement, the emerging vision for Illogan Park.



D Land at Tolvaddon



B Rosemullion Gardens



C Park Bottom Playing Field



A Park Leven

We want to understand what makes each of these open spaces special, and how they can be improved for everyone in the future.

This means looking at ways to make them safer, easier to get to, better for wildlife, and more welcoming for people of all ages. We'll also think about challenges like antisocial behaviour and protecting natural habitats.

Most importantly, we are here to listen to the community. Your ideas and experiences will help shape the future of these spaces. By working together, we can explore new play areas, stronger green spaces, and public places that bring people together in positive ways.

This aim of this project is to gather facts about the sites, collect community feedback, create design options, and set out a step-by-step action plan for each space.

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THOUGHTS AND
IDEAS TO THE PLANS
BELOW...

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Park Leven

The playing field is roughly kite-shaped, flat, and fully turfed, covering around 1,500 m², ideal for a variety of low- key informal recreational open space for community growing space.

A small cluster of recently planted ash trees occupies the south corner, (with one affected by a boring insect / pest to be removed), offering an opportunity to extend planting along the boundary.

Boundaries include an overgrown Cornish stone wall and hawthorn hedge to the northeast, a stone wall with timber panel fencing to the west, and timber fencing with dense vegetation to the south. Access is via a small timber gate and a secondary entrance from a nearby housing estate.

A large pylon with security fencing slightly impacts the visual amenity of the site.



View along eastern boundary toward trees and pylon.
(Dead Ash tree to be removed.)



View along eastern boundary toward northern entrance



View along southern boundary toward trees and pylon.
(Dead Ash tree to be removed.)



New sign/ welcome gateways at Park Entrances.

Accessible path through space.

Maintain open informal green grass space.

Opportunities for Orchard planting to park boundary to provide light screening to neighbours, with raised beds for Community growing garden space.

Opportunities for seating throughout

Woodland corner/ Wildlife Gardens. Remove dead ash tree- maintain other trees as woodland corner, with understory garden planting and opportunities for seating and relaxing space.

Screening to fencing around Pylon.

New sign/ welcome gateways at Park Entrances.



Edible fruit trees could form a small orchard along the western boundary. a small orchard for the western boundary.



Avenues of trees, with meadow planting to increase biodiversity



Low-maintenance seating and picnic furniture to create relaxing areas and space for people.



Raised planting beds to create accessible community growing areas for the local community. Natural edible planting spread around the site creating a 'theme' for the garden.

Rosemullion Gardens

Rosemullion Gardens sits within a small residential area, overlooked by nearby homes and bordered to the east by a footpath. The play area combines raised grass mounds, granite walls, and large stones to create a natural, informal landscape.

Timber animal sculptures (bird, caterpillar, bug) add character but show signs of weathering, and some equipment could be relocated or redesigned to better suit the wildlife theme. Mosaic tile paths are damaged, offering a chance for repair or creative reuse.

An open space with timber posts on the eastern side is well used and should be retained. Future design should strengthen the link between play and nature, adding equipment that complements the timber sculptures and granite features.



Sculptural seating at Park Entrances.



Play area is old and broken, in need of replacement



Open Kick about space is well-used.



New sign/ welcome gateways at Park Entrances.

Repair or replace seating and carved animal features, repair surfaces (Mosaics are broken and damaged) to seating areas, and clean up space.

Play Space: The current play area is broken and partly derelict, so it needs replacing. This is a chance to improve the space by repairing damaged equipment—like the swings—and adding new features for a wider age range. The slope could also be used creatively for slides and climbing activities.

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Maintain open kick- about space.

Wild Play, and Wildlife Gardens. Opportunity for natural play and gardens throughout the space, with nature trails, incorporating the carved wooden animals, with new wildlife art features.

Maintain Park edges- repair or replace fencing, and maintain planting.

New sign/ welcome gateways at Park Entrances.



Opportunity to incorporate sculptural elements to support wildlife could be incorporated with the existing equipment.



Groups of social swings provide relaxing and social spaces, especially to include girls and younger children.



Opportunity to replace existing derelict play equipment and introduce more adventurous play equipment that works with the existing topography, complementing the timber sculptures and features to deepen the connection between play and nature.



Pathways meandering through naturalistic planting.

Park Bottom

Park Bottom playing field is located at the end of Kennedy Close, just north of Illogan Downs. The site is around 3,200 m², with approx 500 m² car parking space to the north. The site can also be accessed off Rosenannon road to the west.

The site has contrasting topography: a flat eastern side well suited to play and recreation, and a steep western slope that is more difficult to use.

At the base of this slope are a bench and a well equipped play area. Key issues include some anti-social behaviour in the unmarked dirt car park, which encourages reckless driving, its current use as a turning circle, with some reported fly tipping in the northern corner. The play equipment is generally serviceable, though worn in places and missing swings, but continues to meet basic needs.



Existing play space



There is an opportunity for more trees to provide shade and shelter around the existing playspace, with more seating and rest points.



View from the play space looking north toward car parking area on Kennedy Close



New sign/ welcome gateways at Kennedy Close, Illogan Downs, and Rosenannon Road entrances.

Rationalise access and car parking spaces. Re-surface and clean up space.

New footpath links to create accessible loop routes around around park

There is an opportunity to **improve the existing play space**- repair broken and missing equipment, such as the swings, and add to play offer with more equipment for a wider age range. Play equipment could utilise the slope, for sliding and climbing.

Opportunity for more seating around open space, with planting and trees for shade, and shelter around play equipment, and in quieter spaces around the park.

Wetland/ wildlife planting to drainage basin in the corner of the park, for wildlife value.

Overhead powerlines



More seating opportunities for parents and families, is needed.



Work with the slope to create playful ramps along with accessible pathways access across the site.



Opportunity to add to existing play to create more adventurous play for older children, and introduce more natural play to the existing playground.



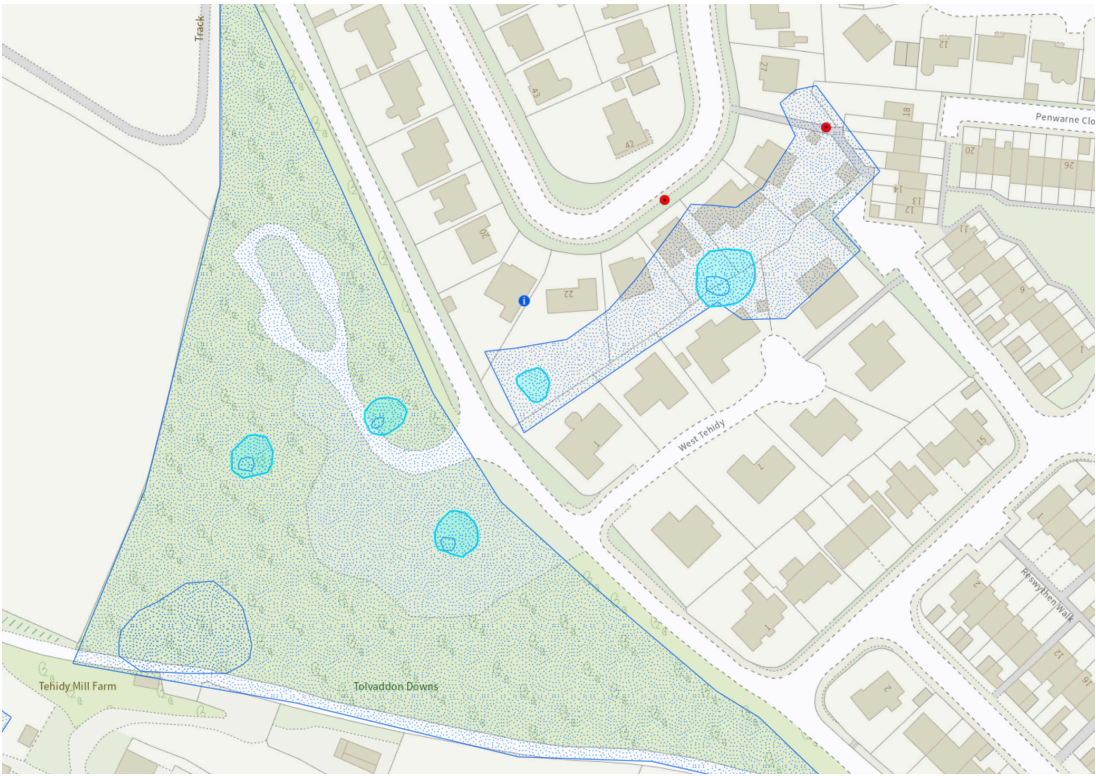
Wetland and low-maintenance wildflower planting to the lowest end of the site, creating an area of relaxation and enhanced biodiversity.

Tolvaddon Open Space

The Tolvaddon Open Space site is a triangle of land located on the southern road of West Tehidy, close to the A30. The land slopes steeply to the south toward the red river valley. Much of the slope is currently inaccessible bracken and bramble scrub. The site has historical value as the location of an unsuccessful copper mine from around 1860, marked today by concrete stumps with commemorative plaques.

Access to the site is a single track road off the main road. The site is currently used by some wild- campers, and attracts some antisocial behaviour with fly - tipping.

The landscape is largely overgrown with a small clearing and disused track, offering potential scope for regrading and new walking or cycling routes.



This is the site of the 'Wheal Emily Henrietta', a small and unsuccessful copper mine, worked before 1860 as Tolvaddon mine.



Wild campers currently occupy the site



Bench seating in the open grass space is currently used by families, and offers sweeping views across the valley



Rubbish tipping on the roadside.



Concrete post recognising the sites mining heritage

Possible **new footpath link** off road

Rationalise **access and car parking**.

Heritage Interpretation: An opportunity to improve interpretation that explains and educates people about the site's mining and industrial heritage.

New sign/ welcome gateway

Opportunity for **more seating** around open space to take in **views**.

Maintain **existing open grass areas**.

Opportunity for **natural play features**, stump walk; balance beams; ropes

Bike and walking trails. Explorative secondary trails across the slope through the wooded/ scrub areas. Possible link to the Red River Trails.

Potential new PRoW. Camborne & Illogan Reference number WCA 476- (Definitive map modification order applications, Cornwall Council)



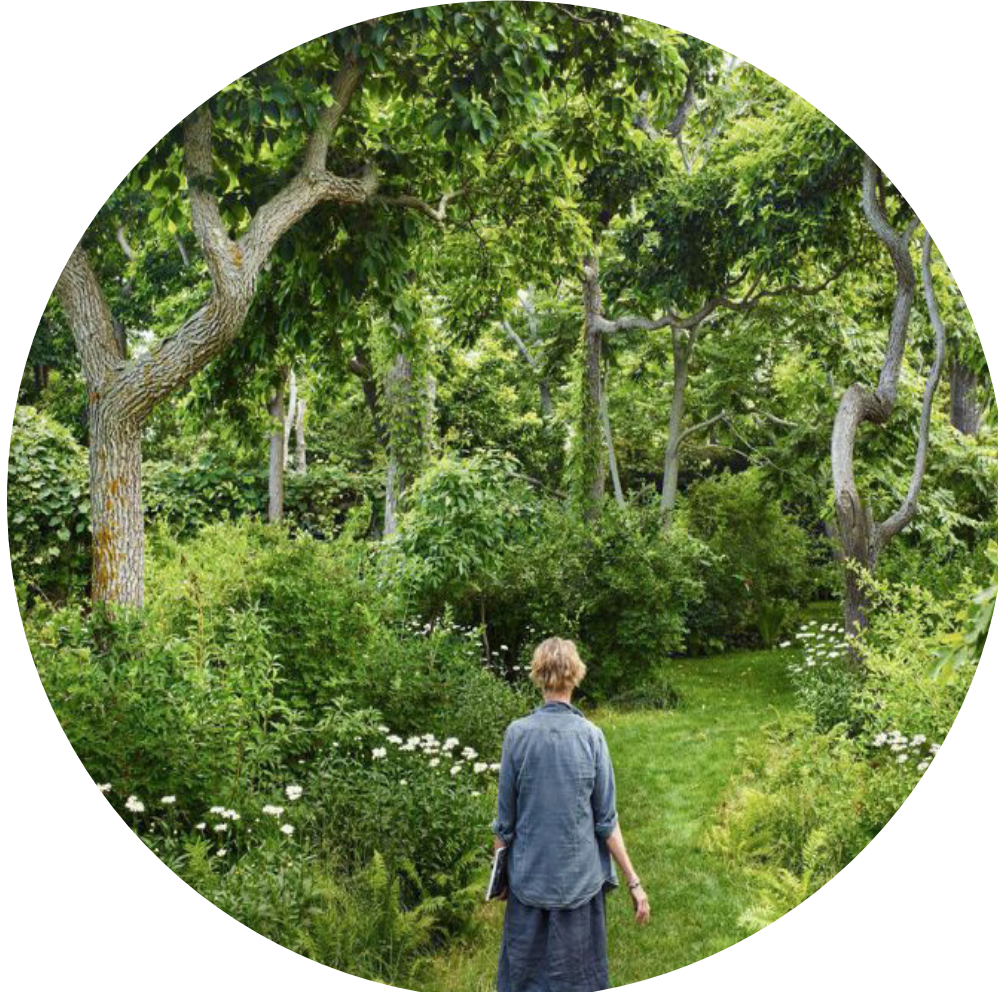
Opportunities for more active walking and cycling routes



Natural elements to create play features, and encourage positive activity



Create more opportunity for adventurous play and spaces for youth.



Low-maintenance wildflower planting through trees and woodland to create enhanced biodiversity and better space for people.