

## Chorleywood – Proposed Wonder Wood Frequently Asked Questions

All documents referred to within the FAQs can be located on the website:

<http://www.threerivers.gov.uk/page/chorleywood-wonder-wood>

Question	Comments
1. How will it <b>look</b> ?	<p>Please see Proposed Wonder Wood Layout Plan and Tree Plan on the website.</p> <p>Please note this is subject to further amendments and will be updated as this progresses</p>
2. What are the <b>timescales</b> ?	<p>This is a complex project, which makes it difficult to confirm exact timescales. There are a number of areas still to be worked through, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Formal discussions with Chorleywood Parish Council</li> <li>- Consultation with children, families, the wider community and community groups (planned for May/June 2018)</li> <li>- Planning application to both Three Rivers District Council and the Planning Inspectorate (If a Public Inquiry were required, this could add 6 months to the overall project timescales)</li> </ul> <p>This document will be updated as timescales become clearer.</p>
3. How will the design take into account the <b>wildlife</b> ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The design will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Support an insect habitat - the tree trunks are a natural habitat for a host of insects.</li> <li>○ Wildwood UK also have experience of the Wildwood Dens becoming a habitat for some amphibians.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Slow worms will be protected during the process</li> <li>• An Ecological Impact Assessment has been conducted and provides mitigation advice to protect existing flora and fauna habitats. The full report can be viewed on the website. Particular reference points within the report include: 4.13, 4.14, 4.17, 4.19, 4.21, 4.27, 4.28, 4.29-4.31, 4.34, 4.36, 4.39, 4.40, Section 5 and 6.1</li> <li>• Further work with a qualified Ecologist will be conducted as part of the project work</li> <li>• Consultation will also take place with Natural England and local wildlife societies to assess their views</li> <li>• Some members of the local community have concerns around the impact on the wildlife and these concerns will be captured as part of the consultation process</li> </ul>

<p>4. What about the <b>trees</b>? What about the <b>ivy</b>?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The tree report details early stages of Chalara (Ash Die Back) – these will need to be carefully assessed to ascertain whether they can be saved with the right maintenance or may require removal.</li> <li>• The Parish Council's Management Plan focuses on enhancing grassland and tree removal may encourage further grassland habitat to grow</li> <li>• Most trees will be retained, especially the existing tree line around the perimeter and the larger trees.</li> <li>• Ivy is an important habitat within the Parish Council's Greenspace Action Plan for the Common. It will therefore remain a vital habitat in this area</li> <li>• Further information on tree removal will be provided once available</li> </ul>
<p>5. The <b>location</b> is not ideal due to the proximity of the <b>railway line &amp; road</b>?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The shrub land at the front and to the sides of the site will be kept to form a natural barrier</li> <li>• The play zones are set back from the access road</li> <li>• Users of the Wonder Wood must be mindful of the access point and station access road</li> <li>• There is a fence between the Wonder Wood and the railway line, as well as existing shrub land and trees</li> <li>• Children gain enjoyment from watching trains go past</li> </ul>
<p>6. There isn't going to be a <b>fence</b> which is dangerous.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The shrub land at the front and to the sides of the site will be kept to form a natural barrier</li> <li>• The play zones are set back from the access road</li> <li>• Users of the Wonder Wood must be mindful of the access point and station access road</li> <li>• Fencing is not allowed on the Common</li> </ul>
<p>7. What about <b>health and safety</b> of the site and the <b>access</b> to it?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A pre-inspection of the safety of the Wonder Wood will be conducted by the Play Inspection Company</li> <li>• Safety surfacing will be included under the equipment</li> <li>• A post-installation inspection of the safety of the Wonder Wood will be conducted by the Play Inspection Company</li> <li>• The site will be regularly monitored and inspected by qualified staff from TRDC</li> <li>• A crossing will be provided to allow safe access into the Wonder Wood.</li> </ul>
<p>8. What about access for those with <b>additional needs</b>?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An inclusive assessment has been conducted by Play Consultants and can be viewed on the website</li> <li>• The site is next to the station car park (chargeable) with disabled parking bays</li> <li>• Equipment for those with additional needs are located close to the entrance of the site and includes log seating nearby</li> <li>• Formal footpaths will not be included – this is not allowed on common land</li> <li>• The entrance to the site will be wide enough to allow access for double buggies</li> </ul>

<p>9. Why a <b>Wonder Wood</b>?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It would be a meeting point for children and their families</li> <li>• This meeting point will aid children’s development in social skills</li> <li>• The Wonder Wood provides an opportunity for developing gross motor skills</li> <li>• Enables risky play within a safe environment</li> <li>• Local children feel they do not have somewhere to go with their friends</li> <li>• Encourages those to access the common who may not have done so previously</li> <li>• Marries play and nature together, which can nurture understanding of wildlife and fragile ecosystems</li> </ul>
<p>10. Why are <b>more Wildwood Dens</b> needed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback from school children shows that the proposed design offers different play opportunities than the existing Wildwood Dens</li> <li>• The Wonder Wood includes opportunities for those with additional needs (basket swing, hammock, xylofence and other sensory experiences)</li> <li>• The Wonder Wood caters for varying ages and abilities (differing heights, challenges, sensory play etc.)</li> <li>• The existing Wildwood Dens are on the north side of the common, these would be positioned on the south side of the common</li> </ul>
<p>11. Chorleywood is much bigger than the village area surrounding Lower Road, so <b>why is it located here</b>?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are two Wildwood Dens on the A404 side of the Common, serving the north of the Parish</li> <li>• The Swillet play area serves the south of the Parish (due to be upgraded)</li> <li>• The proposed Wonder Wood would cater for the central area of the Parish</li> </ul>
<p>12. What are the <b>views</b> of the local <b>children</b>?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three Rivers District Council has been working with the local school councils from the 4 primary schools within the Parish of Chorleywood. They are in the process of producing a video which showcases their views on the scheme and has been led by the children themselves. Once completed, the video will be circulated on social media sites and on the main Three Rivers District Council website.</li> </ul>
<p>13. What is the view of <b>Chorleywood Parish Council</b>?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As landowners, Chorleywood Parish Council is yet to discuss the play space provision and will do this once they have all of the information required.</li> </ul>
<p>14. Who will be responsible for <b>maintaining</b> it?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three Rivers District Council will be responsible for maintaining the site</li> </ul>
<p>15. Where can we <b>park</b>?</p>	<p>There will be NO additional parking included as part of this project. Existing car parks are located at:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ferry Car Park, Lower Road (free)</li> <li>• Chorleywood Station Car Park (charge payable)</li> </ul>
16. How can we <b>walk</b> to the site?	Please see the proposed location plan and crossing document and possible walking routes for details located on the website
17. What about putting in <b>footpaths</b> ?	There will be no additional footpaths included as part of this project.
18. What about <b>traditional play equipment</b> ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traditional play equipment is not suitable for this site.</li> <li>• Please see Proposed Wonder Wood Layout Plan and Tree Plan on the website.</li> <li>• Please note this is subject to further amendments and will be updated as this progresses</li> </ul>
19. What about <b>toilets</b> ?	There will be no additional toilets included. The nearest public toilet is located within Chorleywood Library on Lower Road.
20. What about <b>further development</b> on the Common?	There are restrictive measures in place at both a local level and nationally to prevent development on Common Land.

*This is the most up to date information regarding the proposal for the Wonder Wood and will be updated as the project develops or if anything changes relating to legislation.*