



Bold Forest Park Area Action Plan

Community Information and Consultation Events

12-13th April 2012
at St Helens Town Centre Church Square
Visit our exhibition stall at the Easter Garden

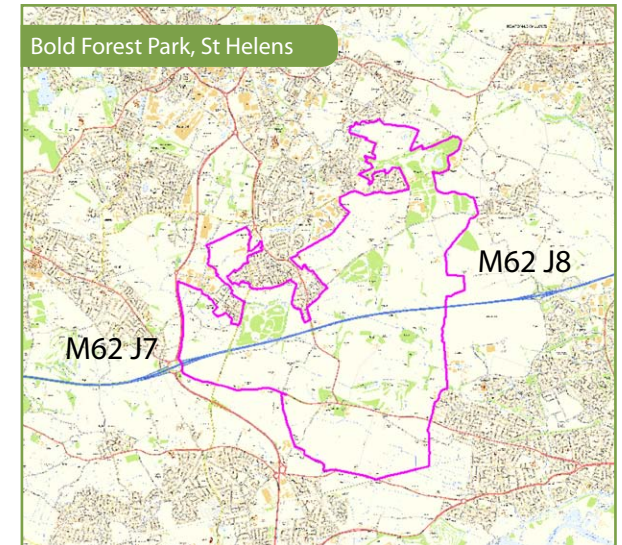
Free pony rides for children between 10am - 1pm

14th and 21st April 2012
at venues timetabled below
Come and speak to us on the Tour Bus!

Saturday 14th April	
10am - 12 noon	Chester Lane Centre & Library Chester Lane Community Centre, Sutton Manor, St Helens, Merseyside. WA9 4DE
12.30 pm - 4pm	Tesco Extra St Helen's Linkway, St Helen's, Merseyside. WA9 3AL
Saturday 21st April	
9am - 2pm	Bold Heath Garden Centre Mill Lane, Bold Heath, Widnes. WA8 3UU
2.30pm - 4pm	St Michael's Parish Hall Chapel Lane, Burtonwood. WA5 4PS

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If you cannot attend these drop-in events, you can obtain further information and feedback any comments by contacting Anita Longworth at URS on 0161 237 6901 or Anita.Longworth@urs.com

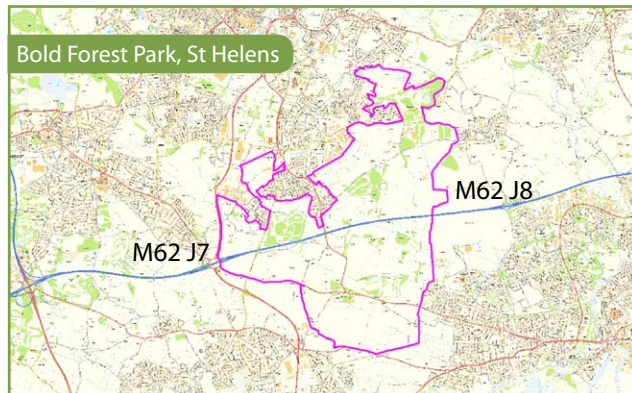
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Area Action Plan - What is it?

St Helens Council and its partners The Mersey Forest, St Helens Chamber, The Forestry Commission and the Bold Parish Council are preparing an Area Action Plan to guide development within an area of the borough called the Bold Forest Park (see plan below).

The Bold Forest Park area is located to the south of St Helens, straddling the M62 between Junctions 7 and 8. At its heart are areas of community woodland planted at the former colliery sites of Colliers Moss, Clock Face and Sutton Manor. The proposed park boundary also takes in woodland at Wheatacre, Maypole and Griffin Wood, a wider area of urban fringe farmland and of course 'The Dream'.



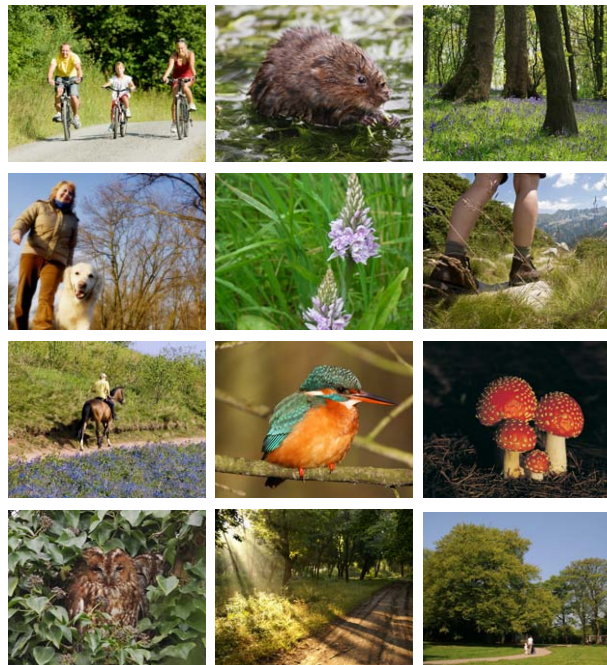
The Councils' hope to use the Forest Park idea to stimulate development and diversification of businesses in the area. The visitor economy will be a major focus, but there is potential for other businesses to be developed, provided these are in keeping with the local area.

This work is at the early stages - building up an evidence base to support future proposals. St Helens Council has commissioned consultants URS to assist them by gathering "economic intelligence" about the area.

The purpose of these consultation events is to explain the Council's early thoughts and findings and to seek feedback on these.

What would the Council's like to achieve?

- Improve the network of paths for walkers, cyclists and horse riders, so that people can enjoy these open areas and reach them easily and safely from nearby urban areas.
- Decide where visitor car parking is needed.
- Look after the woodland areas - because they are important to many people for many reasons – for recreation, education, health and nature conservation;
- Provide facilities to encourage local people and those from further afield to visit the area.
- Support local businesses in the area and create opportunities for others.
- Protect important plant and animal species which live in the area.



What would YOU like to see in this area?

Recreational activities

- Walking/running/ cycling routes
- Public art trail
- Cycle hire
- BMX/mountain bike/quad biking
- Skateboard facilities
- Fishing
- Boating/Canoeing
- Horseriding
- Paintballing
- Climbing/climbing walls
- Adventure play



Facilities

- Allotment areas/ community gardens
- Educational facilities
- Camping/ caravanning facilities
- Visitor centre
- Independent local shops
- Improved pathways, signage and access
- More car parking
- Toilets and Cafe
- Litter and Dog bins



Events

- Educational events
- Family fun days
- Sports events
- Gig/concerts
- Outdoor theatre/ cinema
- Health walks
- Agricultural shows

