

## **ATC Open Spaces Report – April 2025**

Since the last meeting we have received a series of very detailed reports (255 pages) from Sharon Bayne, with regard to the feasibility of the Anker project, covering, amongst other things, discussions with landowners and local organisations and businesses and the public's response to the survey, as well as detailed costings for a range of possible developments and much more.

NWBC have been very supportive in their responses, as have the Sports Club, but it has proved difficult to communicate with some of the other landowners

Sharon regards the 190 responses to the survey as a very solid outcome, with many respondents providing very useful and detailed ideas.

Working group members felt that an executive summary and recommendations document, plus a PowerPoint presentation for potential partners and funders would be valuable, and Sharon is providing these, at no additional cost.

At our last working group meeting we agreed that, once we had the above documentation, we would approach NWBC officers, with a view to initially developing the project the project on NWBC land, and then look for funding opportunities.

When I met Sharon Bayne this week, she agreed with this strategy, suggesting that a first step would be to upgrade the path that runs behind the Warwick Drive cul-de-sacs to the Royal Meadow. She also advised on important contacts for the project and stressed the urgency of having the NWBC nature reserve formally designated, in view of imminent reforms.

On the same morning Sharon addressed the North Warwickshire Disability Forum about our project. Her words were well received, with attendees keen to feed back to the Council. She has accepted an invitation to attend their July meeting.