

Derriford Park: A self-supporting social enterprise

Situated three miles to the north of Plymouth's city centre and with large areas of under-utilised land, Derriford is poised for significant growth. In a masterplan for the wider area, LDA Design identified the opportunity for a park to support both new and existing communities.

The subsequent feasibility study confirmed the viability of not only delivering a 140-hectare community park, but also its potential to be run as a self-supporting social enterprise. The feasibility study was followed by a delivery plan which developed the financial model and then by a masterplan, which looked in more detail at what the space could offer.

The masterplan sets out a vision for a regionally-important park to include the One Planet Centre, a destination for environmental learning, a new city farm, and an agricultural and horticultural college. There would be more than 15 kilometres of new footpath and cycle routes. The proposed site also features allotments and community gardens, forest school space, a treetop high-wire course, and local nature reserves set within the Forder, Bircham and Seaton valleys. A series of highly positive market testing discussions were held with parties who are interested in being involved in the delivery and running of the park.



Client
Plymouth City Council

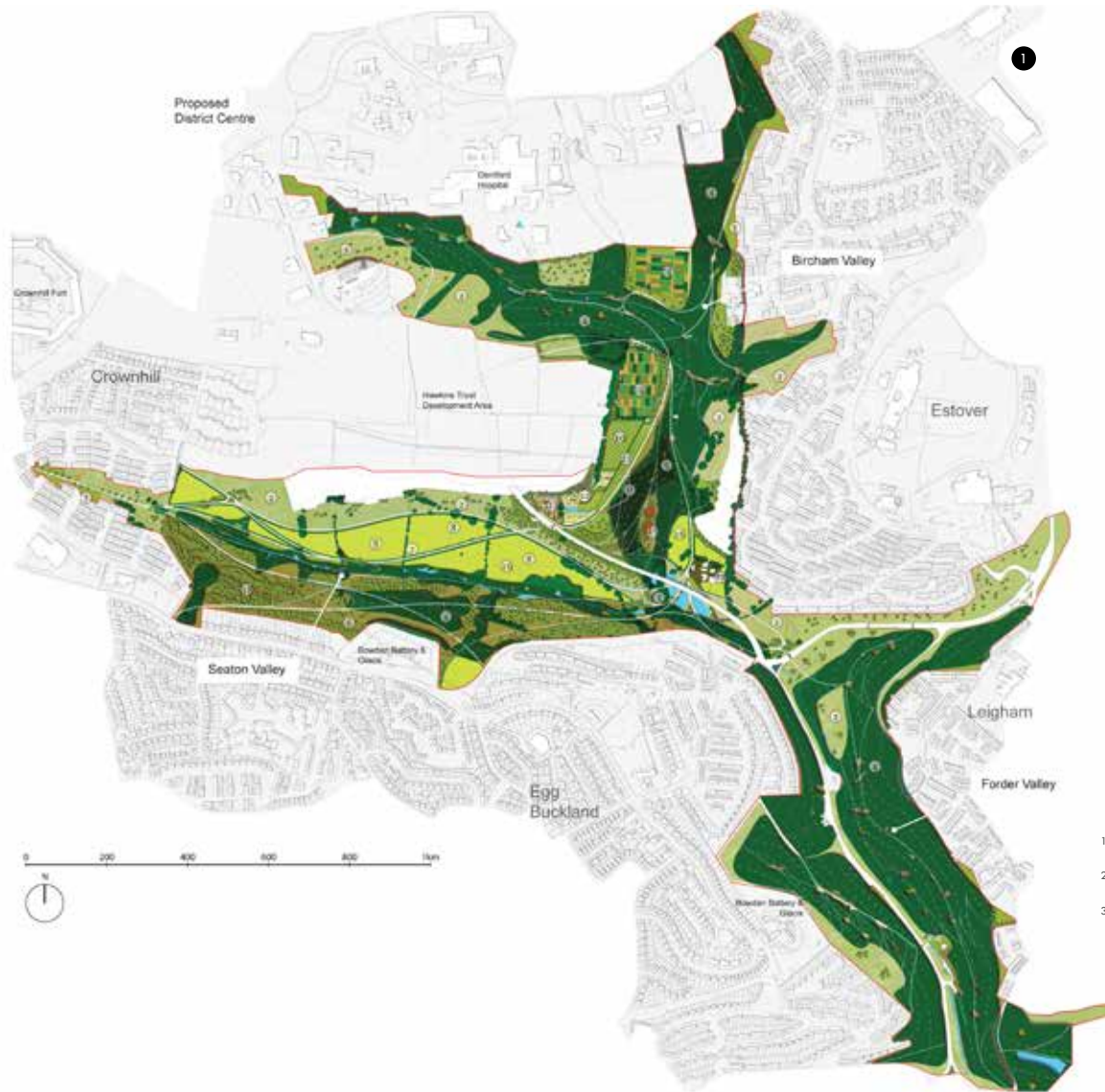
Location
Plymouth, Devon

Partners
Gardiner and Theobald

Services Used
Landscape Architecture, Planning

Area
140 ha

- ¹ One Planet Centre
- ² Seaton Valley
- ³ Forder Valley



- 1 Masterplan
- 2 Bircham Valley
- 3 The One Planet Centre community garden