

THE VISION FOR BIRCHWOOD LAKES

A SUSTAINABLE VACATION COMMUNITY.



THE VISION

The vision for Birchwood Lakes is to create a sustainable and inclusive community centred on holiday accommodation and a hotel complex where visitors can relax in a natural biodiverse environment.

This will be achieved within a carefully managed landscape and nature conservation framework, combining the needs of people and wildlife by integrating the built and natural environments in a managed setting. In this way, the buildings will integrate with a network of connected habitats. A framework would form green corridors re-connecting the site with the landscape beyond the restored quarried zone.

LANDSCAPE AND ECOLOGY

- A rich and varied ecological setting will provide a high

quality visitor experience consistent with the Biosphere Reserve objectives.

- An inter-disciplinary approach has ensured that the landscape, new habitats and built form have been designed holistically to achieve the optimum outcomes consistent with the core principals of the Biosphere Reserve.
- Existing areas of key habitat are to be retained and enhanced to achieve a net gain for biodiversity.
- A new publically accessible Nature Reserve and associated visitor centre/ cafe is proposed at Higher Venn Cross.
- The landscape and nature conservation framework compliments the built environment, enhances biodiversity and re-connect the wider landscape.

FACILITIES

Opportunities for improved public access, heritage interpretation and increased recreational use would be realised. The site will have abundant facilities to enable visitors to use across it's 156 acres, such as wildlife walks, cycle routes, bushcraft areas, tennis court and multi-use games area, adventure play, canoeing, fishing, combined with heritage, wildlife and geological interpretation for the local environment.

Visitors will be a mix of owners and short-term holiday lets. In the 'low' season for tourism the development will appeal to retired and older generations wanting an active holiday combined with learning new skills. The project would generate inward investment, local jobs, new tourist attractions/facilities and underpin local businesses, benefiting local communities such as Landkey and Bishop's Tawton.

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