

Inside the Beech hanger



LANDSCAPE PROTECTION
Important landscape elements will be protected and where possible enhanced. These include the Beech avenue (left), small patches of native calcareous grassland (above) and views out over Bushfield Down to Winchester Cathedral (right).



Winchester Cathedral

LANDSCAPE PROPOSALS

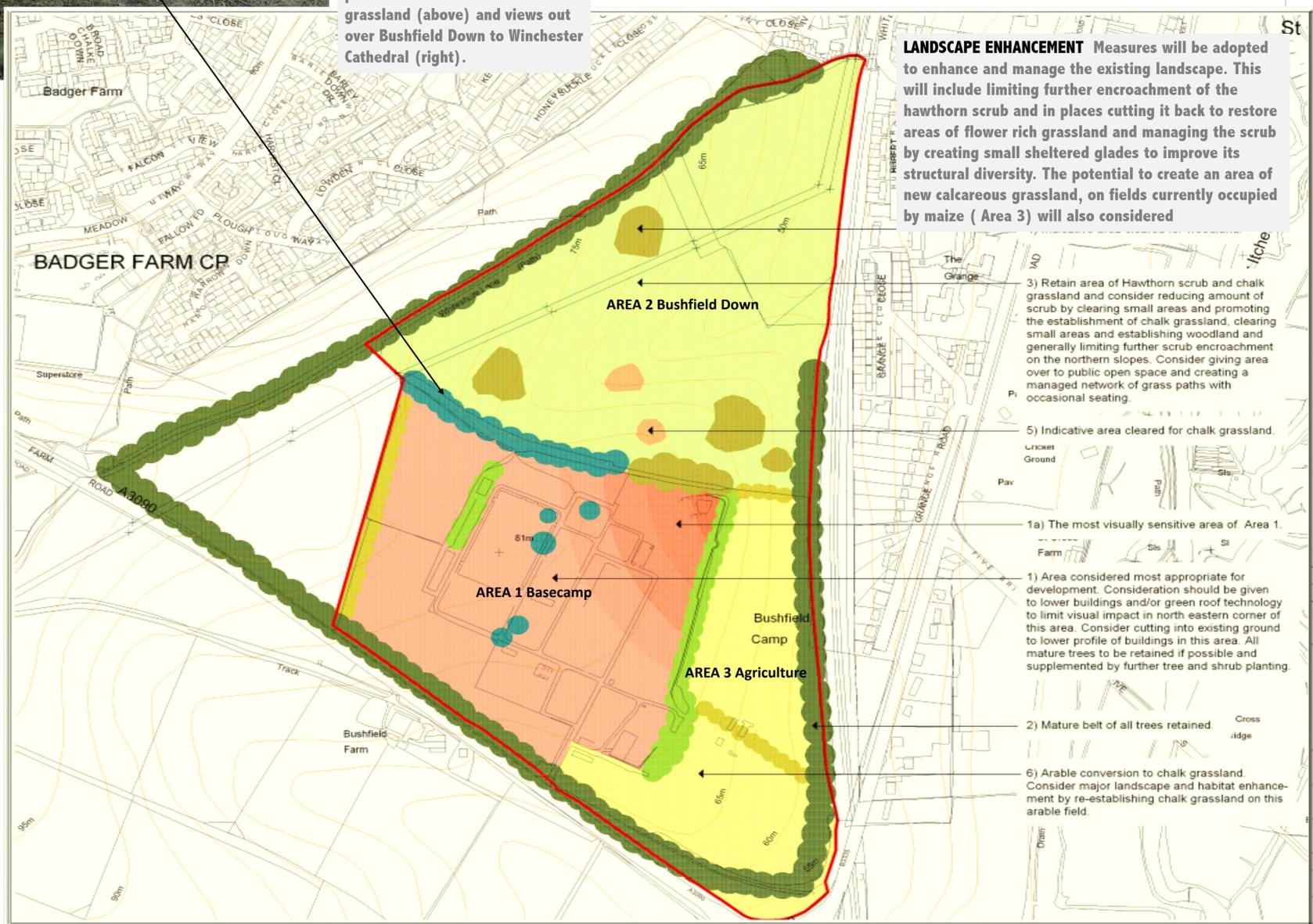
Basecamp, character Area 1 Basecamp, the site of Bushfield camp itself remains the only feasible area of the site that can be developed without creating substantial adverse landscape and visual impacts.

It is relatively level and, most importantly, is enclosed by belts of trees which substantially reduce visual impact of any development.

Nonetheless, visibility studies have shown that the north eastern corner of this area will be the most visually sensitive and mitigation measures outlined below, should be deployed to limit any adverse impacts.

Bushfield Down, character Area 2, will be retained, and enhanced and promoted for open public access and enjoyment.

Agriculture, character Area 3 will be converted to calcareous grassland to improve biodiversity and help meet the strategic landscape objectives of the Winchester District Landscape Character Assessment



LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT Measures will be adopted to enhance and manage the existing landscape. This will include limiting further encroachment of the hawthorn scrub and in places cutting it back to restore areas of flower rich grassland and managing the scrub by creating small sheltered glades to improve its structural diversity. The potential to create an area of new calcareous grassland, on fields currently occupied by maize (Area 3) will also be considered

- 3) Retain area of Hawthorn scrub and chalk grassland and consider reducing amount of scrub by clearing small areas and promoting the establishment of chalk grassland, clearing small areas and establishing woodland and generally limiting further scrub encroachment on the northern slopes. Consider giving area over to public open space and creating a managed network of grass paths with occasional seating.
- 5) Indicative area cleared for chalk grassland.
- 1a) The most visually sensitive area of Area 1.
- 1) Area considered most appropriate for development. Consideration should be given to lower buildings and/or green roof technology to limit visual impact in north eastern corner of this area. Consider cutting into existing ground to lower profile of buildings in this area. All mature trees to be retained if possible and supplemented by further tree and shrub planting.
- 2) Mature belt of all trees retained.
- 6) Arable conversion to chalk grassland. Consider major landscape and habitat enhancement by re-establishing chalk grassland on this arable field.

LANDSCAPE MITIGATION Green technology measures can be used to reduce the visual impact of development in the area pinpointed for development. This could include green roofs (far right) and vertical green walls (right) both of which reduce the potential for reflective surfaces and at the same time improve conditions for biodiversity. Ground modelling will also be used at key points to lower the profile of the development.



Green wall Deansgate station Manchester



Green roofs of proposed development near Watford, Herts