

Proposals

1. Provide a footpath on the Northside of Church Road opposite the Town Hall where there is a gap in the existing footpath infrastructure.
2. Provide a footpath(s) along Church Road to the East of the Church to the access to possible future development lands.
3. Provide footpath along R125 outside the Rowlestown Business Centre.
4. Provide a North - South Pedestrian / Cycle Link through the Village from Church Road across the Broadmeadow River, across the R125, and into the possible future development lands, with a possible extension to Existing developments at the Rath to the south at a later date.
5. Provide a Pedestrian / Cycle link between the Old National School Site and the Proposed Broadmeadow River Ecological Corridor.
6. Facilitate the Removal of Bends on the R125 to the east of the Village Core Area to eliminate the Chicane effect on the carriageway and footpath.
7. Facilitate the FCC Proposed Ecological Corridor along the Broadmeadow River, through the Village and allow for its extension Eastwards & Westwards.
8. Facilitate the provision of Pedestrian / Cycle Route through possible future development lands.
9. Provide hard and soft landscaping and street furniture in Village area.
10. Provide bicycle parking facilities.
11. Maintain existing footpath infrastructure.
12. Provide Footpath along the R125 from the end of the existing Footpath to the Kettles Hotel, in Conjunction with Road Realignment

Rowlestown Local Area Plan, Traffic & Transport Assessment
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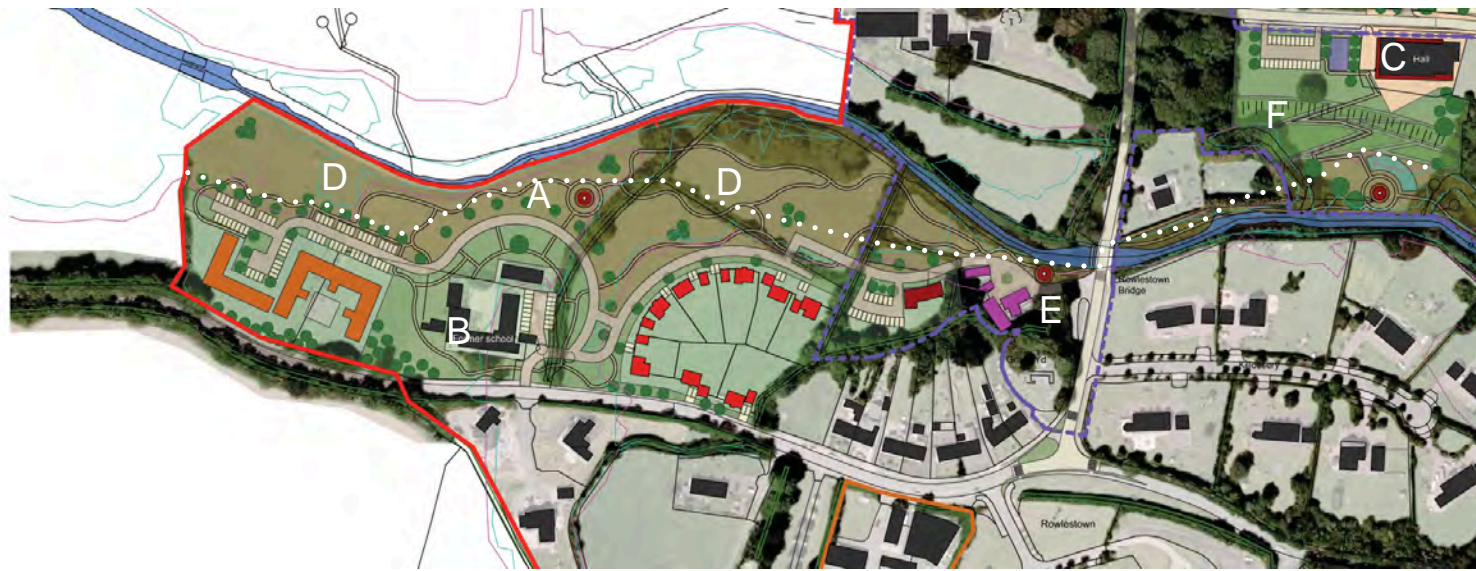
2.3 Broadmeadow River as healthy active recreation resource, and natural reserve

The river is perhaps the most overlooked amenity of the village yet it has great potential for gentle use. Creating a footpath along its passage through the village will make for an accessible exercise route. Ensuring that little change is made to the natural river's edge and undergrowth, and with minimal management, (typically on a twice a year basis to remove areas of impenetrable growth over time), will instigate a maintenance regime which might be undertaken as a community effort. There would be merit in creating a retention pond as an amenity as well as a holding zone for flood water, subject to viability. Above all, the recognition of the river as a natural reserve for biodiversity and natural environment should dictate the approach, with gentle interventions, to make the area accessible as an exercise route, hinting at, but not elaborating, amenities within the area. This route has the potential to initiate a continuous strategic route from Rowlestown to Swords and to the Broadmeadow Estuary.

2.31 Footpath and cycleway along the River

This proposal is for a simple footpath and cycleway, without defined edges and with surfaces which ensure adequate drainage, but avoid using cement-based material. There are countless models of this from existing established footpaths and cycleways, where those stretches which might be hazardous in very wet conditions include a boardwalk (as for example in Glendalough, where a footpath crosses marshy ground).

The footpath and cycle route is seen as a link to a series of events in sub-areas where there is space to accommodate them. None of these is seen to require a building, but may include shelter, exercise apparatus, performance platform.



2.31 Footpath and Cycleway along the River: Western end and Centre

The proposed footpath and cycleway follows the river on the southern side, behind the commercial enterprise centre and Old School, **A**. Either the Old School, **B** or the community centre, **C**, might be used as an exercise base; in the case of the school: using adapted space to provide gymnasium area and changing facilities. Depending on management, the areas of open ground may be used for sports installations such as high jump, long jump, short sprinting track and so on, **D**. However, this area is seen as the departure / arrival point of the riverside footpath; its character needs to be safeguarded, keeping any facilities within a 'natural' landscape. As the footpath and cycleway approaches the site of the old mill, **E**, it passes close to the river to emerge at the bridge. It is anticipated it will continue on the northern side after crossing the bridge and link up with the lands of the community centre, **F**, with a footpath only link up to the centre. This area is seen as another green space, a fairly steep escarpment, where outdoor installations of equipment might be considered, as an extension of the community centre's facilities; a "Healthy Hub" for active recreation.

A series of Integrated Projects for the Broadmeadow River

- Footpath and cycleway from western end to Rowlestown bridge to Lispopple bridge
- Active recreation proposals for play and outdoor recreation along the footpath and cycleway linked with indoor facilities at Old School / Community Centre.
- Retention pond and picnic area as amenity
- River as natural reserve for biodiversity and natural environment protection with 'extensive' approach to management
- Extension of River amenity as part of a strategic walking and cycling route to Swords as "Broadmeadow Regional Valley Park"