



NORTH LEVERTON WITH HABLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

April 2025 - Monthly Progress Report – Land at Hablesthorpe

We are delighted to share this month's update on the development of the land at Hablesthorpe. Significant progress has been made as we continue to explore the best approach for this exciting community project.

Key Activities:

1. **Local Focus:** A key criterion throughout this process has been to prioritise resources and companies that are as close to the village as possible. This approach not only supports the local economy but also helps to build a stronger sense of community ownership for an area so close to home.
2. **Research on Landscape Professionals:** We have been investigating local landscape architects and designers to better understand the process of engagement and their areas of expertise.
3. **Consultations and Site Visits:** This month, we conducted an in-person onsite meeting with one landscape designer, as well as two additional online consultations with other designers. These discussions provided valuable insights into potential design approaches for the land.
4. **Learning and Assessment:** Throughout this process, we have been deepening our understanding of the design process and carefully assessing the benefits and challenges of engaging a landscape designer to shape the space effectively.
5. **Collating and Comparing Quotes:** We have gathered quotes from three established businesses. Efforts have been made to ensure these quotes are comparable in scope and detail, enabling the council to make an informed decision moving forward.

Next Steps

1. **Council Engagement:** We will assess the council's interest and readiness to engage a landscape architect or designer. This will include discussions to gauge perspectives and gather feedback on the proposed approach.

2. **Decision-Making:** If there is agreement to proceed, we will conduct a thorough review of the quotes from the three shortlisted businesses. Each quote will be examined to ensure clarity on scope, cost, and deliverables.
3. **Progress Planning:** Based on the council's decision, we will outline the next steps, determining how and when to initiate the engagement and move forward with the project implementation.

This progress has provided a solid foundation for the next steps in bringing this project to life. We remain committed to ensuring the final design reflects the needs and aspirations of the community.