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# An Access Plan for Newhailes



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To 11<sup>th</sup> December 2009

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### **What is this Access Plan for?**

The purpose of this Access Plan is to resolve any issues relating to outdoor access within the designed landscape at Newhailes and help us plan for the future. The National Trust for Scotland's strap line is "a place for everyone" and we hope this plan will help us improve outdoor access facilities for *all* our visitors, and make the estate more welcoming to those who may not currently visit. It should help us find a balance between the needs of *all* estate users whilst protecting this historic designed landscape and its wildlife.

### **What is the Scottish Outdoor Access Code (the Access Code)?**

This plan is informed by the Access Code. Following the Land Reform (Scotland) Act of 2003, Scottish Natural Heritage produced the Access Code to give comprehensive guidance to visitors to the outdoors and land managers about their rights and responsibilities. It has three key principles:

- Respect the interests of other people
- Take responsibility for your own actions
- Care for the environment.

Copies of the full Code can be found in your local library, or more information can be found at [www.outdooraccess-scotland.com](http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com)

### Summary of proposals in this Access Plan

This Access Plan sets out a number of proposals on how we can improve access to the outdoors on the estate for all the different visitors, and for conservation. These are summarised below:

Number	Proposal	Benefit
Proposal 1	Upgrade the path network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better paths mean visitors will stick to them and not damage ground flora off paths.</li> <li>• Paths will be less muddy and slippery.</li> <li>• Better orientation panels and way markers will encourage wider use of official paths.</li> </ul>
Proposal 1a	An all abilities path and more seating.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makes the estate more accessible for the less mobile and for pushchair users.</li> </ul>
Proposal 2	Introduce a “Green Dog Walkers Scheme”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The scheme means people pledge to clear up after their dog. Seeing that many dog walkers are members of the scheme will be positive peer pressure on those who don’t pick up.</li> <li>• Estate should be cleaner for all users.</li> <li>• Gives us an opportunity to get to know dog walkers better.</li> </ul>
Proposal 3a	Set up an “under close control (to heel) or on lead” zone for dogs in areas with ground nesting birds and lots of children’s groups all year. NB – “off lead” areas will be provided.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better breeding success for the endangered Skylark and other birds.</li> <li>• School visits and children’s events interrupted less frequently by out of control dogs.</li> <li>• Good for visitors nervous of dogs.</li> <li>• Less danger to dogs from land management operations or vehicles in these areas.</li> </ul>
Proposal 3b	Set up an “under close control (to heel) or on lead” zone for dogs in areas with ground nesting birds and lots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better breeding success for the endangered Skylark and other birds.</li> <li>• School visits and children’s events interrupted less frequently by out of control dogs.</li> <li>• Good for visitors nervous of dogs.</li> <li>• Less danger to dogs from land management operations or vehicles in these areas.</li> </ul>

	of children's groups between March and October. NB – "off lead" areas will be provided.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More flexibility for dog walkers out of season.</li> </ul>
Proposal 4a	Secure unofficial entrances to Magdalene wood (red area, Map A) and remove BMX track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduces anti social behaviour of digging up woodland and littering.</li> <li>• Ground flora could regenerate.</li> </ul>
Proposal 4b	Fence Magdalene wood (red area, Map A) off and put up signs saying this is to allow flora regrowth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduces anti social behaviour of digging up woodland and littering.</li> <li>• Ground flora could regenerate.</li> </ul> Problems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compliance with Access Code.</li> </ul>
Proposal 4c	Allow Magdalene wood (red area, Map A) to become a "sacrificial area" where the BMX track goes unchallenged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fewer conflicts with bikers.</li> </ul> Problems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NTS would not be taking care of the area.</li> <li>• Legal liability issues.</li> <li>• Excludes other visitors from the area.</li> </ul>

### **The consultation**

We want to know what you, as our visitors or members, think about these proposals. Please come along to one of our consultation sessions held at the Newhailes Stable Block on:

- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 3 – 8pm
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 3 – 8pm

Or you can send us your comments sheet to:

- [accessplan@nts.org.uk](mailto:accessplan@nts.org.uk)
- Ranger, National Trust for Scotland, Newhailes, Newhailes Road, Musselburgh, East Lothian, EH21 6RY
- The consultation runs until 11<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

## An Access Plan for Newhailes

### **Background to property**

Newhailes is situated at the boundary between Edinburgh and East Lothian, which it falls within, on the edge of Musselburgh.

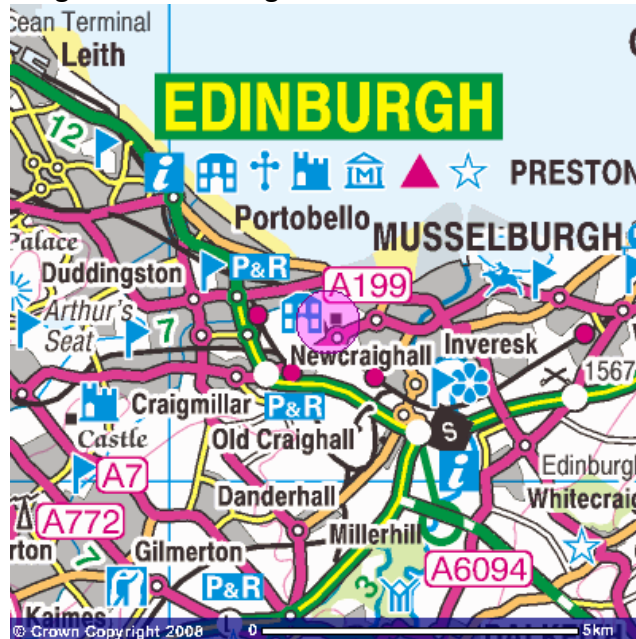


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The property consists of an 86-acre estate of woodland, grassland, gardens, a villa, stables and garden buildings. The house was begun in 1686 and set within a designed landscape and gardens. Newhailes is associated with the Dalrymple family, leading figures in the Scottish enlightenment, who improved upon the house and landscape in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century.

The landscape is on the Inventory of Historic Gardens and Designed Landscapes, where it is stated that Newhailes is “of outstanding value as a work of art”. Several buildings within the landscape are B listed.

The trustees of Sir CM Dalrymple gifted Newhailes to the National Trust for Scotland (NTS) in 1997 and the NTS began a policy of open access to the estate. Last year there were nearly 140,000 visitors to the estate.

### **Features and Attractions**

Currently the House and Visitor Centre (VC), situated in the Stables, are open to the public at Easter and five afternoons a week from May to the end of September. There is a coffee shop and gift shop within the VC, open at the same times.

Footpaths allow access around the estate to visit the B listed landscape features such as the Shell Grotto and the Teahouse (a semi ruined summer house) without charge.

The estate plays a large part in the greenspace of the local area and is valued by people as a place to enjoy less urbanised surroundings. The woodland is one of the largest pieces of woodland in the local area and along with the grassland is a haven

for a variety of wildlife. Two breeding species, Bullfinch and Skylark, are listed by the RSPB as having “red status” in the UK. Skylark are listed because they have suffered a  $\geq 50\%$  drop in breeding population in the last 25 years and they are a species of European Conservation concern. Bullfinch have also suffered a  $\geq 50\%$  drop in breeding population in the last 25 years<sup>1</sup>.

The presence of the Ranger Service is an attraction for some visitors who come to attend guided walks or children’s fun days. It is also the main attraction for the schools that visit.

### **Known Sensitive Areas**

As the house is A listed and the buildings, features and walls on the estate are B listed these are all sensitive areas. Map A is marked with areas known to contain ground nesting birds such as Skylark and Meadow pipit.

### **Path network**

Map B shows the path network at Newhailes. Many paths are maintained, to a varying quality, by the estate staff but there are several other unofficial paths kept open by people regularly walking them despite the lack of maintenance. In addition to these there are also desire lines, mainly short cuts between other paths, or to vantage points for views of the estate buildings. These are not heavily used, and some are probably there due solely to dogs using them.

The condition of the paths is shown in map C. One main path from the main gate to the north gate is very well maintained with a hard surface. Whin dust is used to maintain this. It is the most used path on the estate, either from visitors who wish to view the historical features along it or local people cutting through the estate. Most other paths are either cut grass or dirt; these can become muddy in places after periods of heavy rain. A path condition audit is currently being developed as part of the Trust’s Lowland Path Project and will be used in future.

There is not a great deal of furniture associated with the paths at Newhailes. At each entrance point there is a large board explaining a little about the estate and with a map showing a number of colour coded routes. These routes are not all circular. There are a few way markers for these routes but they are inconspicuous and not in very good condition (see map C1). This poses a problem for those of impaired vision. It is doubted that many visitors would notice them or use them. The one exception to this is “the dog walk” around Lodge Park, which has posts with white markers around it. These are maintained by the estate team.

The orientation board at the North gate entrance is certainly inadequate as it has no “you are here” marker and offers a list of facilities, such as shop and café, but doesn’t tell you where these can be found on the estate. Both entrance boards also contain out of date access information and designate a path as “all ability” which actually contains a steep gradient. Along some of the paths there are interpretation panels in the shape of books giving information about the history of the estate. Currently some of these are difficult to read as they are in need of maintenance.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: the Population Status of Birds in the UK: Birds of Conservation Concern 2002 – 2007, produced by governmental nature conservation agencies and environmental NGOs

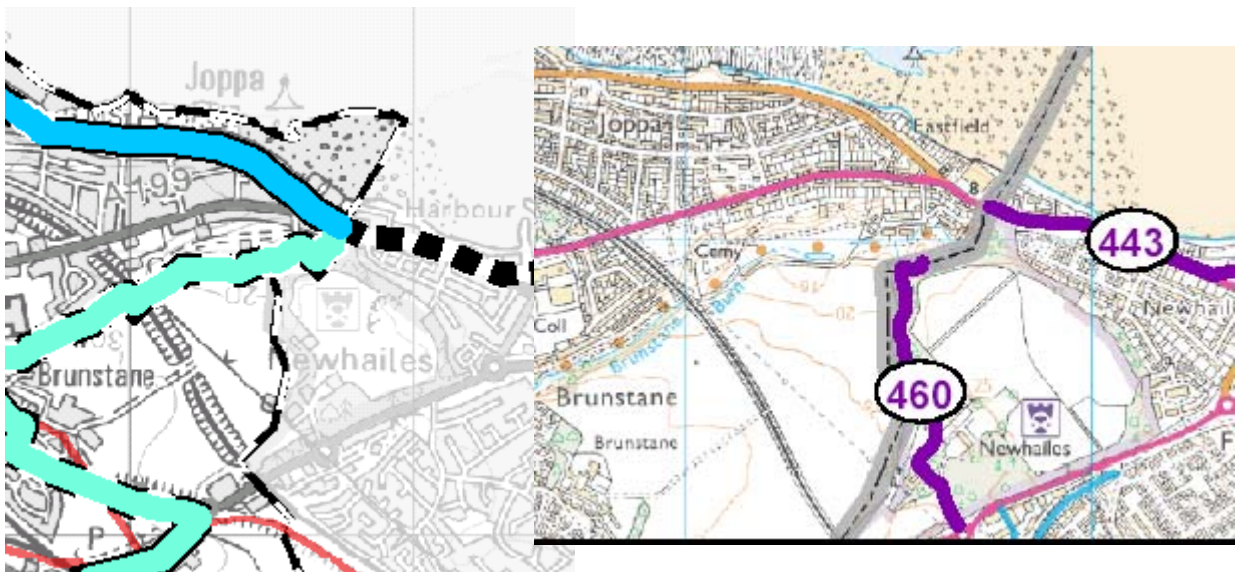
Benches are not provided along the walks though there is a picnic area with benches on the drying green near the house and stable block.



Out of the way route marker in Sheep Park and example of condition of waymarkers.

### Linkages to other path networks

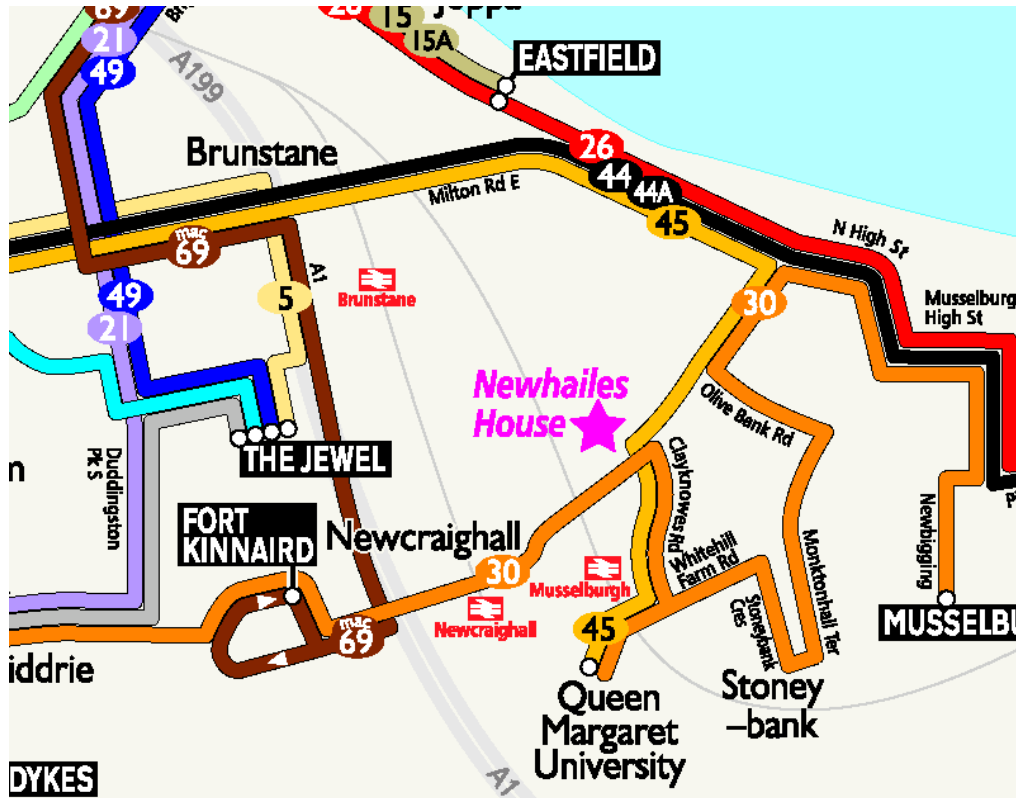
The path between the main gate and the Tea House is a proposed core path for East Lothian. This path is particularly valuable as it is a link to the Edinburgh City Council Core path network where it exits the estate at Brunstane (Edinburgh core path 5, Innocent railway). At this point it joins with the Brunstane Burn cycle path, which offers links to National Cycle Network 1.



An extract from Edinburgh City Council Core Path Plan (Left), showing path 5 Innocent Railway (aqua) and Path 6 Firth of Forth (blue) and East Lothian Core Path Plan (Right), showing proposed core path 460 going through Newhailes Estate.

### Access to site / promotion

Access to the site is through two gates: the Main Gate with access for pedestrians and cars, and the North Gate with access for non motorised transport only. Tourists and some locals enter through the Main Gate and the North gate is mainly used by local people.



Extract from Lothian Buses Route Map showing buses serving Newhailes – the 44, 45, 26 and 15 are accessible from the North Gate. Location of Brunstane, Musselburgh and Newcraighall Stations also shown.

The site is promoted through NTS channels, e.g. the website, Guide to Properties and Your Guide leaflets. Events at the site are also promoted by adverts or press releases in the local papers and the local library and by inclusion in the Outdoor Diary publication. Newhailes is marked as a visitor attraction on the main Lothian Buses route map, to be found at bus stops throughout the centre of Edinburgh, though in practice most bus drivers can't tell you which stop is for Newhailes and haven't heard of it.

### Visitor numbers

Visitor data is collected through people counters on both gates. The data from these is calibrated using a factor derived from manual counts that take account of things like cars carrying more than one visitor, dogs activating the counter and staff and commercial access. There is also information on the number of visitors the House itself each year (season running from Easter to end of September).

Year	Visitor numbers to estate	Visitor numbers to House
2004 (from 26 Feb)	116,741	Unavailable
2005	135,014	Unavailable
2006	141,143	Unavailable
2007	139,175	7734
2008	Not yet available.	6307

From this data we can see that Newhailes has high visitor numbers. Visits to the estate rose steadily from 2004 – 2006 and there was then a very small drop in 2007. However, a drop of less than 2000 could be seen as quite stable figures considering the large numbers involved.

From studying the data it is clear to see a marked drop in visitor numbers out with the opening season of the House, which can also be described as the summer season. Numbers at the North Gate, mainly used by locals, still show a marked fall. This is particularly noticeable once the clocks change and the evenings are dark. Numbers tend to increase during holiday periods, e.g. showing a spike at Christmas time when people have free time during daylight hours to visit. Weekends usually show more visitors, though this is much less noticeable during the warmer months with lighter evenings.

Nearly all visits are during the day, though the estate is used by a very few at night. This is likely to be people cutting through on their way home from a night out, or young people using the estate for their own purposes (see visitor classification table, pg 12).

### **Visitor classification**

Please see page 12 for the visitor classification table.

It should be noted that no visitor survey has been carried out at Newhailes. Given the large numbers of visitors one would certainly be beneficial.

As seen by the visitor numbers, sightseers (those who visit the House and the estate for its cultural heritage value) make up about 5.5% of visitors (2007).

Saunterers and strollers probably make up the largest number of our visitors, with the vast majority within this category being dog walkers. This category includes both Access Code compliant and non-compliant dog owners. Being Access Code compliant at a place such as Newhailes would include picking up and removing dog faeces and preventing the dog causing alarm to others by keeping it on a lead, or close to heel when others are around. Families with children make up a smaller part of this group. From personal observation I would suggest that a slightly higher proportion of these visitors are female.

Educational users are also a significant proportion of visitors and a sector that is increasing year on year:

Year	Number of schoolchildren visiting on organised lessons with Ranger Service.
2004	423 (May – Dec)
2005	501
2006	803
2007	1014
2008	1220

There are a small number of local people who visit solely to use the garden centre and coffee house.

The recreation seekers can be split into two groups: Access Code compliant and non Access Code compliant. The first group is made up of joggers and cyclists who use the paths on the estate as part of their exercise regime. The second includes

children and young people (mainly aged 8 to 14) who have created their own BMX track by digging up a quiet corner of the estate at Magdalene wood (red area, Map A). In both groups most recreation seekers are male. They visit year round.

The evening and night visitors are generally young people aged roughly 15 – 19 who enter the estate to sit and drink or camp. They are male and female and visit in the summer, especially around holidays.

It is worth mentioning who doesn't visit the estate. The lack of a flat all abilities route and benches mean that those with mobility impairments (1 in 10 of the population, so a significant number in the area) probably avoid visiting. Anecdotally speaking it seems that very few people belonging to the Black and Minority Ethnic community visit us. Whilst Edinburgh and Musselburgh are not the most diverse communities in the UK there are still sizeable BME communities in the city. Other feedback to the estate has been that some older people and some families with small children will not visit the estate due to the large number of dogs.

### **Visitor impacts and issues arising**

#### **Path network:**

1. Dirt tracks in some places have worn down to such an extent that tree roots have been exposed.
2. Sections of path in the parks become quite churned up and slippery.
3. Large areas of the woodland lacks ground flora, and flowers are damaged due to people and dogs going off path.

#### **Litter**

4. Litter increases whenever teenagers use the estate to meet and drink. They produce large volumes of litter, some of it hazardous.
5. Significant amounts of dog waste is also bagged but then subsequently dropped as litter.
6. General litter dropping is quite low level.

#### **Vandalism**

7. Damage to historic stonework of Tea House and stones thrown through windows of the House.
8. Damage to roofs and doors of outbuildings.
9. Creation of the BMX track in Magdalene wood (red area, Map A) could also be classed as vandalism. Little remaining ground flora in this part of the wood. Damage is also caused to the trees in the area due to wood being cut for building and graffiti cut into the bark.
10. Fire sites are occasionally discovered.

#### **Dogs**

11. Dog mess can be found not only in the middle of woods or grassland, but also often on the paths. There is a related problem of people putting their dog waste in a bag and then leaving it hung in a tree or on a fence post or leaving it at the side of the path.
12. Dogs not kept under control by their owners. In a public open place like Newhailes the Access Code states that dogs should be kept under close control or on a short lead (defined as less than 2m) to avoid causing concern

to others. Under close control is defined as a dog that responds to commands and is kept close at heel.

13. Disturbance of bird life. In spring and summer this includes the Skylark, which is protected by the Wildlife and Countryside act 1981 (as amended), meaning it is a legal offence to kill or injure an adult, or to damage or destroy an active nest or its contents. All birds nests are covered by this act, but ground nesting birds are particularly at risk. In winter Curlew feeding in the parks are also vulnerable as they will be constantly disturbed whilst trying to feed.
14. Disturbance of other wildlife such as foxes or squirrels.

### **Conflicts resulting from these issues**

These issues cause conflicts between user groups, specifically:

<b>Issue Number</b>	<b>Which conflicts arise?</b>
4	Youths drinking can intimidate other visitors.
9	BMX riders conflict with staff who are trying to maintain safety, paths and environment of estate for other visitors.
11	School groups unhappy about level of dog mess.
11	Equipment and staff clothing are frequently soiled by dog mess.
11 / 12	Families with children can be worried by dogs and / or dog mess
12	School lessons are frequently disrupted by loose dogs that run amongst the children and scare some of them.
12	Older visitors can feel intimidated by dogs that bark and jump up.
12	Staff have to halt land management operations due to uncontrolled dogs.
12	Conflict arises within the dog walkers group when uncontrolled dogs attack other dogs or jump up at other dog owners.

Several education initiatives and leafleting campaigns have been tried on the estate to address the dog related issues, with little effect. As the largest user group at Newhailes many dog walkers feel it is “their” place and do not really consider that others use the estate. Some react aggressively to any request or information about controlling their dog. When spoken to most feel that it is not their dog that is the problem (“he’s just being friendly” or “he loves kids”) and find it difficult to understand the feelings of those who are nervous of dogs or just don’t like them.

### **Positive impacts from visitors**

- Report wildlife sightings to the Ranger.
- Give information about others engaging in anti social behaviour on the site.
- Visitors who become members or pay to park contribute to the running of Newhailes.

### **Legal obligations**

The Trust has legal obligations under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003. These include not hindering or unnecessarily discouraging access. When land management operations are taking place, for example, signage is erected only for the time needed and removed as soon as the operation is finished.

We also have responsibilities under the Disability Discrimination Act to try and allow access for all. Most paths at Newhailes are relatively flat and allow good access to a range of people. Recommendations regarding improving the access for disabled visitors include:

- More seating around the walks.
- An accessible path offering views of the house and wider estate
- Decrease number of out of control dogs who may knock over a frail person.
- Lengthen and reduce gradients where this would not detract from original designed landscape.
- Clearly designed and easily read information panels and waymarkers.

Whilst Newhailes estate does not have any nature conservation designations we must still try and protect wildlife on our land. All birds' nests are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), but those that are ground nesting, such as the Skylark, are especially vulnerable. Research from Australia found that even controlled dog walking adversely affected the numbers of birds seen (a reduction of 41%), meaning that feeding and nesting behaviour would be significantly disturbed in areas with high use by dog walkers<sup>2</sup>.

The landscape is on the Inventory of Historic Gardens and Designed Landscapes, where it is stated that Newhailes is "of outstanding value as a work of art". Several buildings within the landscape are B listed.

### **Limiting factors**

Newhailes has limited budget and staff to effect any changes or improvements to Access such as path improvements or education campaigns:

- 3 full time estate staff (all of whom also cover other properties)
- 1 seasonal member of estate staff
- 1 full time Ranger
- 1 full time Learning Officer who can help with education campaigns.
- Property Manager will have very limited time to assist with education campaigns.

In addition the estate has access to the following sources of volunteer work:

- 5 property volunteers (each from 0.5 to 3 days per week)
- NTS Conservation Volunteer parties, currently about 6 days per.
- NTS Corporate Challenge projects.

### **What next?**

There is not an option to "do nothing". Without work the path network will deteriorate under increasing visitor numbers and conflicts between user groups will increase, possibly excluding some visitors from the estate.

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<sup>2</sup> Four-legged friend or foe? Dog walking displaces native birds from natural areas, Banks PB, Bryant JV, Biol. Lett. 22 December 2007 **vol. 3 no. 6** 611-613,

Possible actions:

**Upgrade path network (Proposal 1) –**

- Improved paths should encourage visitors to stick to paths and reduce damage to ground flora.
- Health and safety would also improve as paths become less slippery.
- Better visitor information at entrances and waymarked routes should also encourage better use of wider estate and official paths.
- An all abilities path could be developed and seats could be placed around the estate to comply better with the DDA (*Proposal 1a*).

**Specific short term objectives**

What: upgrade 240m of paths through east grove and 300m paths through the dog walk using compacted type 1 (20mm stone to dust mix) and whin dust at cost of roughly £895

Measurable: upgrade 540m of path

Lead by: Estate Team

When: 2010 if funds available.

**Longer term objectives**

What: replace and redesign orientation boards and way markers on new routes.

Unknown cost.

Measurable: Have two new orientation panels and way markers for at least 2 routes

Lead by: Property Manager & interpretation team

When: Has been put on Action List for 2010/11

**Reduce conflict caused by out of control dogs –**

- Continue partnership working with East Lothian Council dog warden, who currently occasionally visits the estate to speak with dog walkers.
- Introduce Green Dog Walkers Scheme. This is being piloted in Falkirk; dog walkers sign a pledge to always clean up after their dog and help others do the same by carrying spare bags and offering advice. They wear an armband and the hope is that peer pressure will help dog walkers do the right thing. The news from Falkirk is that they are hoping to launch a pack that will allow the scheme to become nationwide using the same logo to make it more recognisable. We have been accepted as a trial site for rolling out the scheme (*Proposal 2*).
- Set up an “on lead or to heel zone” in areas where most conflicts arise – e.g. where there are most children’s groups and where there are ground-nesting birds (see Map A). Dogs off the lead would have to be kept to heel. This could run all year (*Proposal 3a*) or from March – October (bird breeding season and peak children’s visit months – *Proposal 3b*). Lodge Park could be suggested as an area to allow dogs off the lead. This initiative could be launched in the press, with an event and with leaflets and maps available.

**Specific short term objectives**

What: produce leaflets detailing where on lead or to heel zone is and launch these in local press, with an event and by distributing to local dog walkers. We have noted our interest with those running the Falkirk scheme and they feel it would work well here.

Produce Newhailes armbands and have an action week (possibly starting at event) to sign people up. Offer these people some training and then run “thank you” events for them twice a year.

Measurable: through staff feedback monitor whether out of control dogs / fouling has decreased

Lead by: Ranger with input from property and countryside staff.

When: Leaflet launched with finalised Access Plan. Green dog walker scheme also to be started once Access Plan adopted – we have been accepted as a pilot project by the Falkirk team and been given access to the artwork so we could start this any time.

### **Vandalism** –

This is more difficult as it is by its nature carried out by “anti-social” people less likely to respond to requests. Potential actions include:

- Secure unofficial entrances to estate in Magdalene wood and remove track (*Proposal 4a*).
- If possible under Access Code, fence Magdalene wood and explain through signage that this is to allow the woodland to regenerate (*Proposal 4b*).
- Allow it to become sacrificial area? However, this could entail huge health and safety problems and conflicts with NTS aims for the estate (*Proposal 4c*).
- Continue education in local schools about caring for greenspaces and heritage features.
- Work with Council’s anti social behaviour team and Police.

### **Specific short term objectives**

What: Decide on way forward. Erect fencing where necessary (at our boundary, see Map A, red area).

Measurable: Check regularly to make sure vandals have not entered and caused damage. Repair any new damage on discovery.

Lead by: Estate team

When: 2010.

### **Longer term objectives**

What: work with schools in local area to get them more interested in caring about their local area and possibly doing some on the ground conservation work.

Measurable: by number of school visits made by ranger.

Lead by: Ranger

When: 2010.

### **Conclusion**

It is clear that we must address some of the issues raised in this Plan in order for a wide range of visitors to continue to enjoy visiting Newhailes. A consultation with the public across the full range of our visitors will help us to assess the proposals and see which will bring the greatest benefit for the greatest range of people. It will also help us prioritise our work.

Please see the attached Summary of Proposals to help you. The consultation on this Access Plan is open from **October 12<sup>th</sup> 2009 to December 11<sup>th</sup> 2009**. Please send

your comments back to us by this date so they can be included. You can post the comments form to:

Ranger  
National Trust for Scotland  
Newhailes  
Newhailes Road  
Musselburgh  
East Lothian  
EH21 6RY  
Or email it to [accessplan@nts.org.uk](mailto:accessplan@nts.org.uk)

You can also drop in to one of our Access Plan Consultation Open Evenings in the Stable Block at Newhailes, on either **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 3 – 8pm** or **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 3 – 8pm** where you can meet National Trust for Scotland staff and have an informal chat about the Plan.

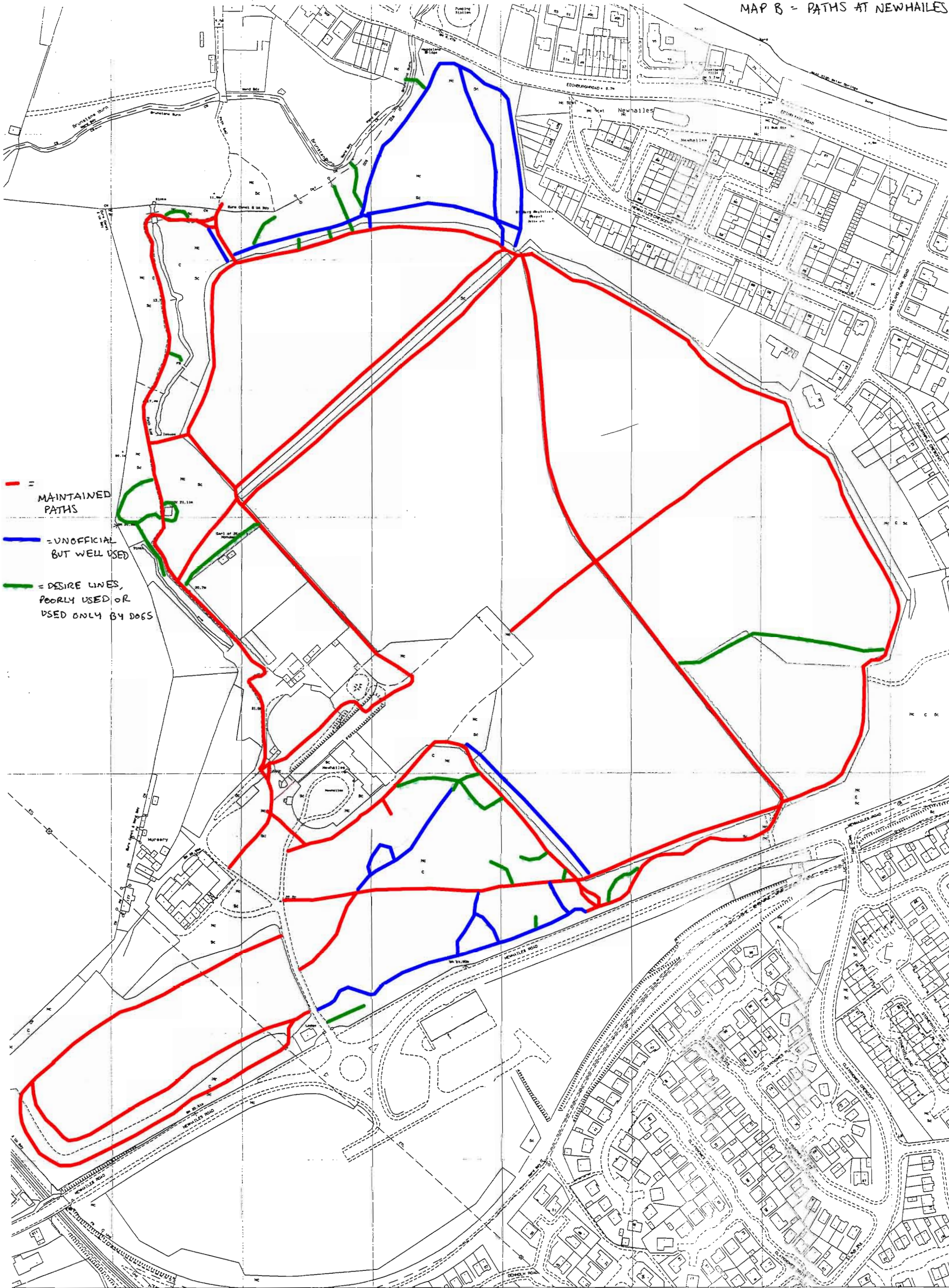
### Visitor Classification – Newhailes

Based on “Management for people”, SNH

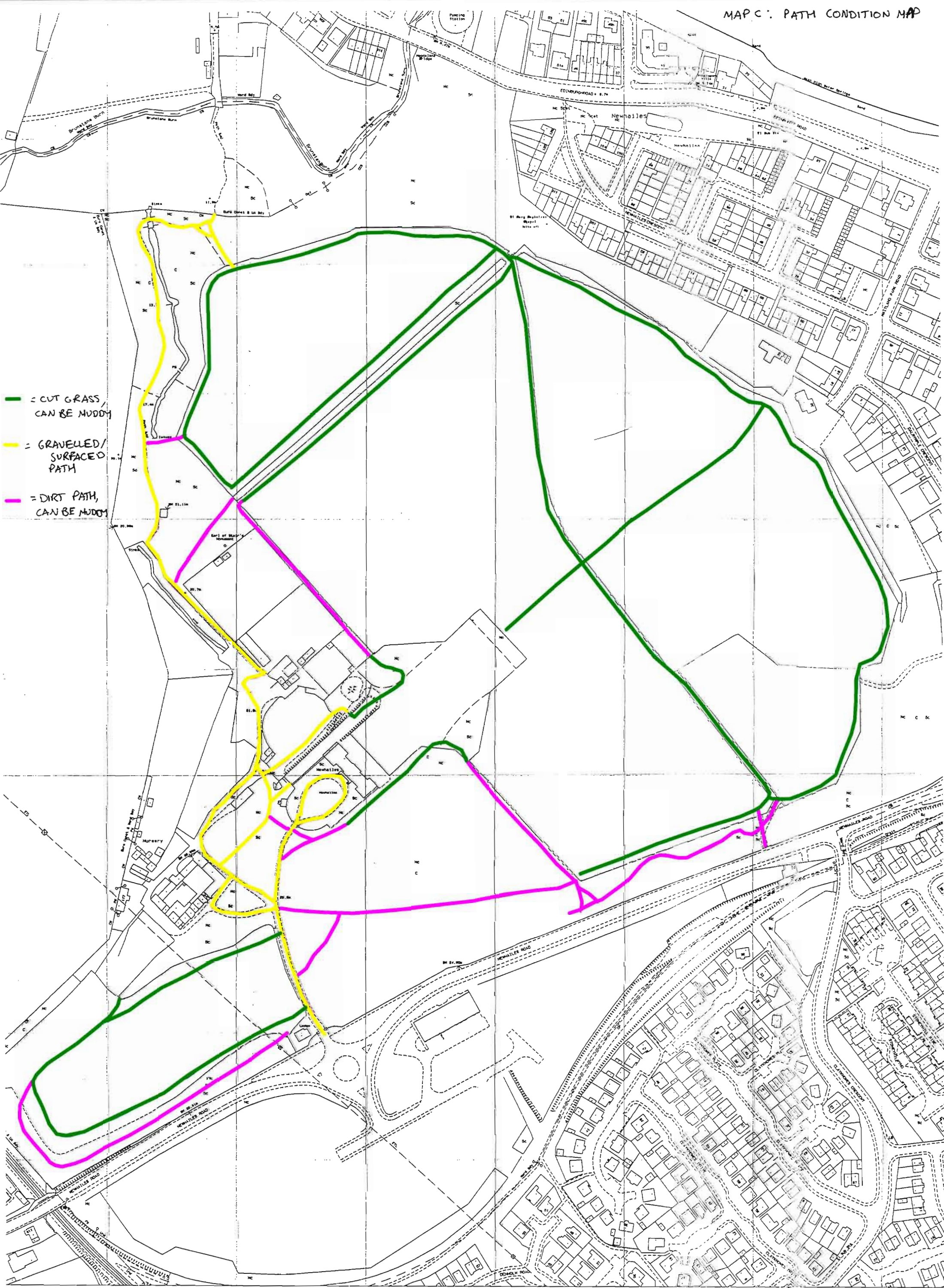
	<b>Site-seers</b>	<b>Saunterers / Strollers</b>	<b>Educational</b>	<b>Commercial</b>	<b>Recreation seekers</b>	<b>Evening / Night</b>
<b>Profile</b>	NTS / NT members Tourists Local people	Families Older people Children Individual adults	Schools Colleges Professionals Community groups	Local people	Individuals Small groups Young people Adults usually under 50 Usually male	Teenagers / young people
<b>Setting</b>	House Buildings on estate Café / VC	Estate	Woods Grasslands House Education room Buildings on estate	Café Garden centre Shop	Estate Woodlands	Tea house Estate
<b>Access</b>	Car Bus Coach Foot	Car Foot Cycle	Foot Coach Bus Car	Car Foot Bus	Foot Cycle	Foot Bus Cycle
<b>Activities</b>	Heritage visit Short walk Break	Walk Dog walk Family cycle Family picnic Informal games	Lesson – Ranger Walk – Ranger Lesson/walk – self led Tour – NTS staff	Buy plants Visit café	Jogging / running Cycling BMX	“Hanging out” Playing music Drinking etc Camping
<b>Facilities &amp; services</b>	Guided tour Toilets Café Good safe paths Car park	Clean, well maintained paths Picnic area Parking Dog bins Toilets	Education room Toilets NTS staff Activity programme	Garden centre Tea room Toilets	Paths in good condition Less visited areas where bmx-ers can create tracks undisturbed	Paths Benches / steps (used to sit on)
<b>Skill level</b>	Low	Self reliance encouraged, not expected	Self reliance encouraged, not expected	Low	Self reliant	Self reliant
<b>Equipment</b>	None	None	Some	None	Well equipped	Camping equipment
<b>Duration</b>	1 – 3hrs	1 – 2 hrs	Max 1 day, usually 2 – 4 hrs	1hr or less	1hr – ½ Day	A few hours to all night



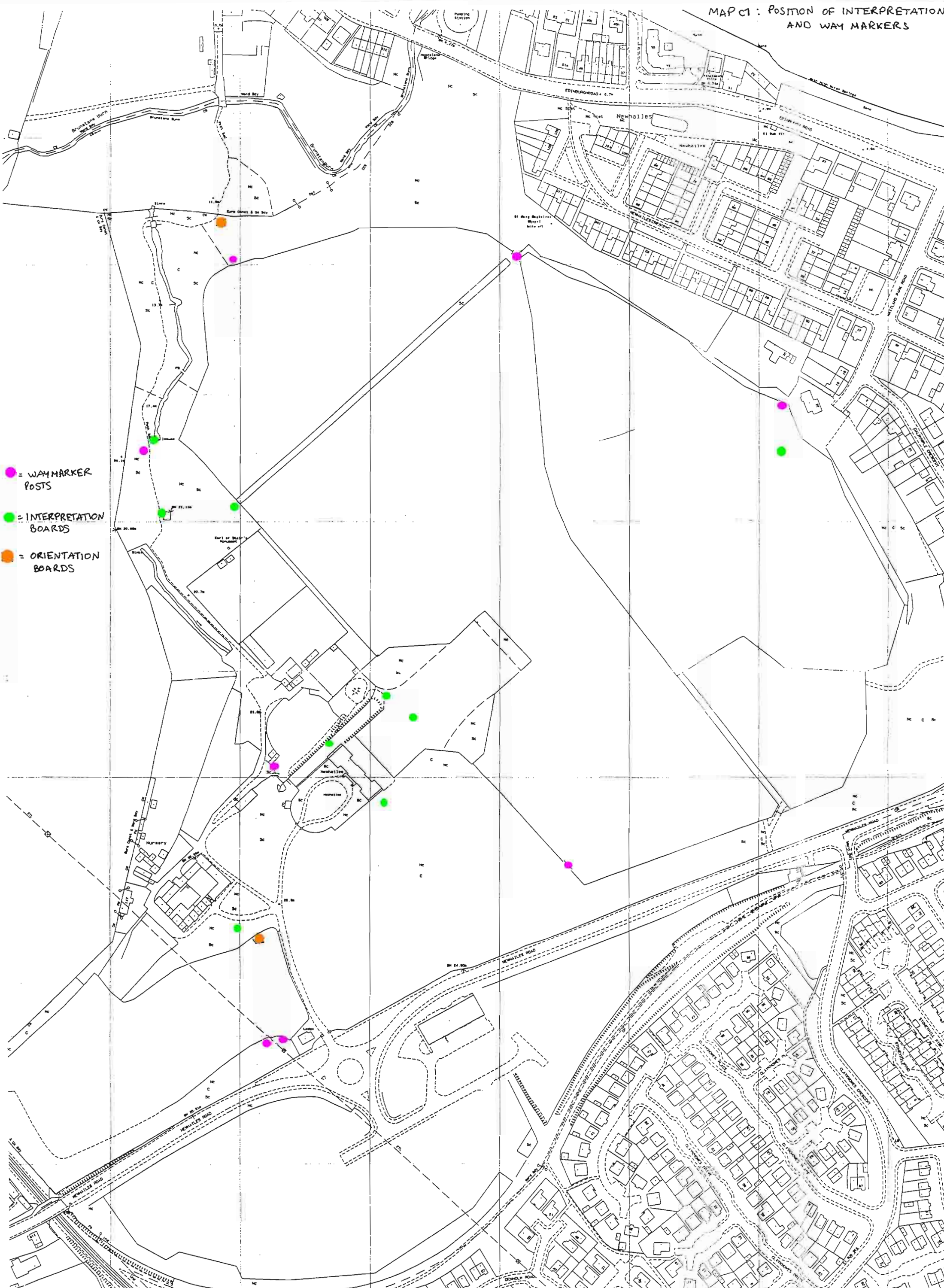
- = AREA OF UNOFFICIAL BIKE TRACKS
- = AREAS OF HEAVY EDUCATION USE
- = PICNIC AREA WELL USED BY FAMILIES
- = GROUND NESTING BIRDS OBSERVED IN THIS AREA 2008
- = PATHS IN HEAVIEST USE (ESP BY DOG WALKERS)



- = MAINTAINED PATHS
- = UNOFFICIAL BUT WELL USED
- = DESIRE LINES, POORLY USED OR USED ONLY BY DOGS



- CUT GRASS, CAN BE MUDDY
- GRAVELLED/SURFACED PATH
- DIRT PATH, CAN BE MUDDY



- = WAYMARKER POSTS
- = INTERPRETATION BOARDS
- = ORIENTATION BOARDS