## **AGENDA ITEM 6**

## Annexe C: Table of Opportunities

Opportunity/Initiative	Benefit/Outcome	Resource/cost	Potential funding source
Production of a Site Management and Development Plan to set out aspirations for the future of the site	Clear and shared vision for the site to guide the future development and maintenance of the site. Community engagement and local support	Staff time – existing resources – with input from partners	N/A
Designation of the north part of the site as a Local Nature Reserve	Improved biodiversity and management Raise the profile of the site Generate opportunities for community engagement and education Increased opportunities for grant funding	Staff time – existing resources – with input from partners (DWT and Natural England)	N/A
Refurbishment of the Adventure Play Area, which is a constant target for vandalism and the timber components are vulnerable to damage.	Improve the attraction of the site to visitors Improve local play facilities Reduce maintenance costs in repairs	Capital cost of new equipment £20k	External grant funding/s106 Leisure pot
Improve access and provide seating, interpretation and signage throughout the site, including gateway features. A DDA Audit highlighted the need for additional seating on the site and the signage and interpretation is in need of an update.	Raise visibility and profile of the site to local people and tourists Meet requirements of DDA Improved accessibility into and throughout site Improve facilities for site users Increase numbers of site visitors Visitors to the site are better informed	Capital cost of design of interpretation (3 panels £5k) and supply & installation of furniture plus path improvements £35k	Forestry Commission England Woodland Grant Scheme (EWGS) 80% contribution for Access Grant
Redevelopment of the Gallery Grid area, which has suffered from repeated vandalism and requires intensive maintenance. Potential to create a community orchard here in line with the original vision.	Improved appearance at a key entrance to the site Reduce maintenance costs in repairs Opportunity for community engagement Help meet National Forest Tree Planting targets	Preparation of area and cost of supply/planting of trees £15k	External funding from e.g. National Forest or Woodland Trust grant schemes
Creation of an Orienteering course linked to the Get Active in the Forest programme and School Sports Partnership.	Improved links to schools and orienteering groups Raise profile of site as venue for events Additional resource for Get Active Attraction for site users	Mapping, setting out the course and waymarking by Orienteering club £1500	LSP funding or external grants identified by Get Active

Investigate revenue- generating activities such as sale of timber from woodland thinning programme	Income generation from natural resources Contribution to the woodland economy Maintained and controlled management of Woodland	Staff time – existing resources	Revenue funding available for Woodland Management via EWGS
Develop partnerships and improve community engagement, volunteering/training opportunities and schools links	Strengthen existing partnerships (NFC, BTCV, Groundwork, FC) Identify and develop new partnerships Explore new opportunities for working to benefit partners and the site Develop stronger community links, eg Friends of Group or similar Increase opportunities to maximise resources and attract grant funding	Staff time – existing resources	