

WELCOME

Harrogate Spring Water is preparing to update the Reserved Matters planning application to extend their facilities off Harlow Moor Road. Following community feedback, Harrogate Spring Water has entered into an agreement to purchase around two acres of adjoining land, if planning permission is approved, on which new publicly accessible community woodland would be created to replace the woodland impacted by the development.

This additional land, together with improved on-site landscaping, means the development proposals will see around 1,500 new trees planted on and adjacent to Harrogate Spring Water headquarters.

The plans include:

- A significant investment in land behind the current facilities on which new publicly accessible community woodland will be planted
- Around 1,500 new trees will be planted on land within and adjoining the site
- A new extension to our headquarters and the creation of around 50 new permanent jobs
- A new planting commitment which will achieve a 3 for 1 overall increase in tree planting on land within and adjoining our headquarters.

Before an updated Reserved Matters Planning Application is submitted to North Yorkshire Council, the proposal is being shared with the community. Please review the consultation materials and have your say by completing a feedback form and submitting it in the feedback box.



BACKGROUND

In 2017, Harrogate Spring Water secured Outline Planning approval to extend the production facility at Harlow Moor Road. This Outline Planning permission requires a further 'Reserved Matters' application for details of the proposed layout, scale, appearance, and landscaping. The Reserved Matters application was originally submitted in 2020, and we are seeking to revise that application.

Why do we need to extend?

Harrogate Spring Water is proud to be a successful local business that represents the town at venues such as the Royal Albert Hall and Royal Ascot.

We are proud of what we have achieved, but we continue to strive for improvements.

We have reviewed a range of options and concluded that an on-site extension of our headquarters will enable the future growth of Harrogate Spring Water and provide new jobs and investment in Harrogate.

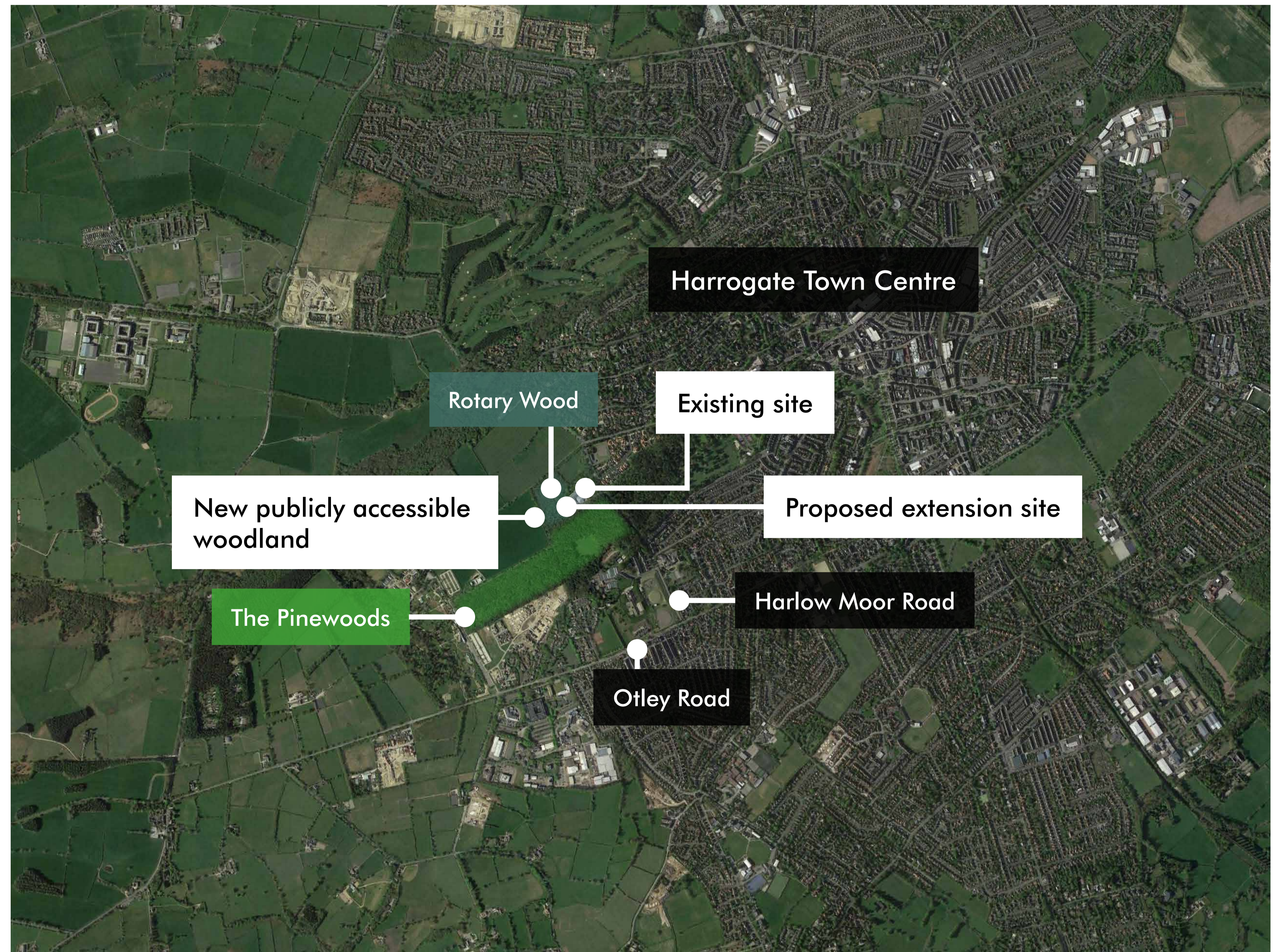


THE SITE

Harrogate Spring Water is headquartered off Harlow Moor Road in Harrogate. The building includes our main production facility, headquarters, and accompanying office space.

The previous Outline Planning approval proposed an extension of the headquarters into Rotary Wood (also known as Centenary Wood), which was planted in the early 2000s. The Pinewoods is a further woodland area which is located adjacent to Rotary Wood.

Through previous consultations feedback was centred around the impact on the Rotary Wood. Harrogate Spring Water has therefore entered into an agreement, if planning permission is approved, to replace the woodland impacted by the development.

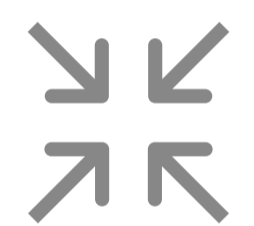


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THE PROPOSED EXTENSION

Our new proposed facility extension incorporates feedback received from the previous consultation which indicated that the development should ideally be unobtrusive and landscape-led.

Key information about the proposed facility extension:



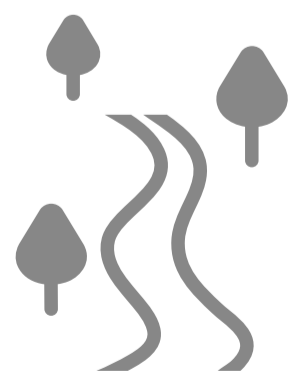
The expansion is 4,800 sqm – 30% smaller than the 2019 proposal



Additional trees and landscaping will be included within our site, next to the extension



Extension to be designed with softwood boarding, timber elements, and metal cladding to promote a sympathetic and clean appearance



New and improved footpaths to increase accessibility to the new woodland behind our headquarters

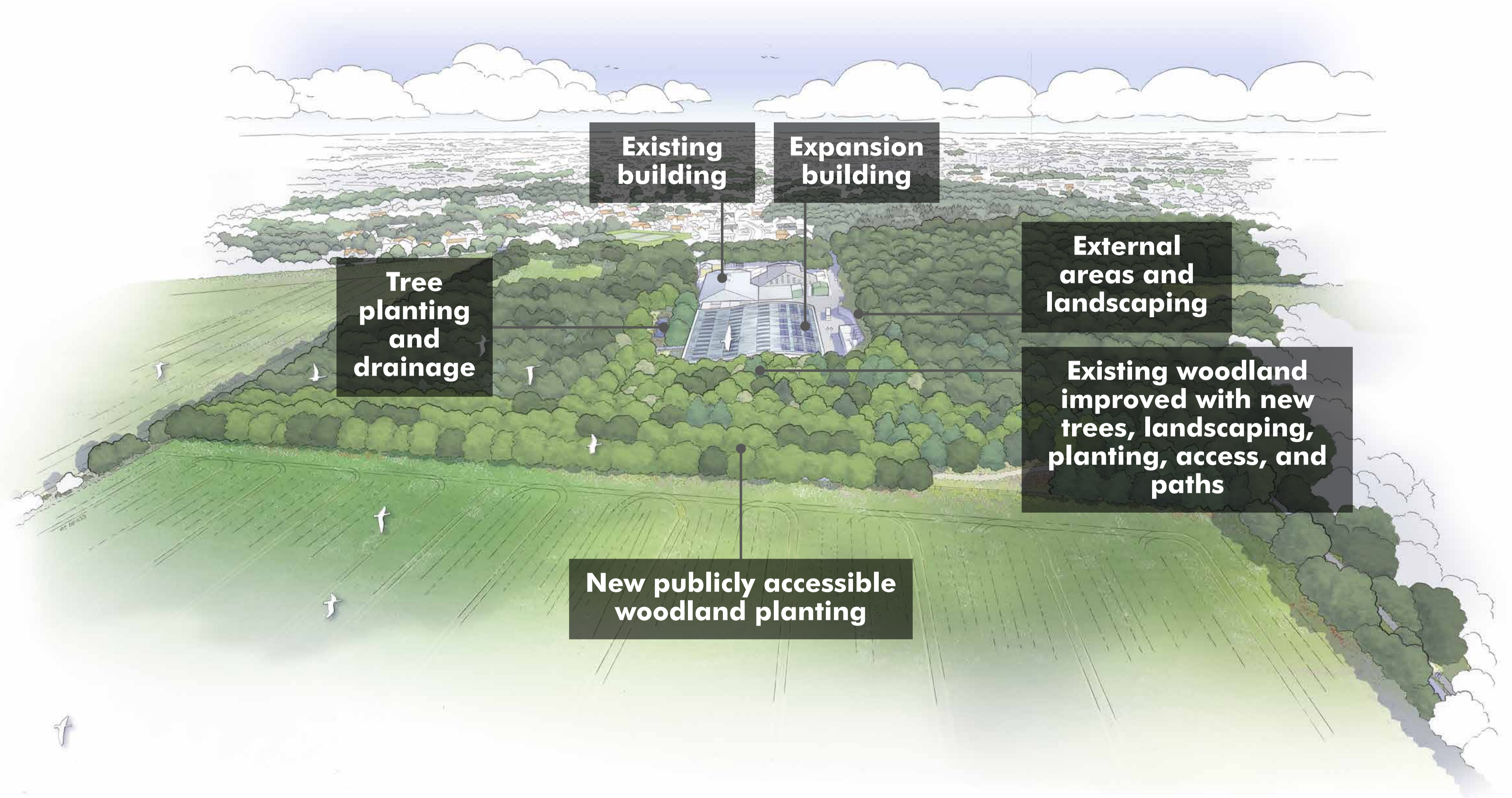


NEW PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WOODLAND & LANDSCAPING



Significant work has taken place to identify local land which can be planted with new trees and be publicly accessible for the community.

We have agreed to purchase land to the rear of the site, which would be used to deliver the new accessible woodland.

This new proposal is an environmental commitment, delivering around 1,500 trees (a 3 for 1 overall increase in trees) on land next to our headquarters. This will include the planting of around 260 trees on-site and around 1,200 on the new land behind our headquarters.



LANDSCAPE MASTERPLAN

-  Site boundary
-  Offsite boundary



KEY BENEFITS

After consulting extensively with the local community, our updated proposals deliver significant benefits outlined below:



Delivering a multi-million pound investment in the future of Harrogate Spring Water



Creating around 50 new local jobs at our headquarters, and around 20 construction jobs during the delivery of the extension



Boosting the local economy by around £2.3m a year



Sustainable growth of a proud local company which exports the Harrogate brand right across the UK and beyond



Planting around 1,500 trees on land within and adjoining our headquarters



Increasing tree planting around our headquarters, with a 3 for 1 overall increase



Aiming to deliver an overall net gain in biodiversity of around 10 percent



Creating a publicly accessible woodland for the community to enjoy

HARROGATE SPRING WATER IN THE COMMUNITY

As a custodian of the town's famous water, we're firmly committed to the people of Harrogate and the continued legacy of our historic spa town. We proudly support a number of local community events and charities with financial donations, free stock and through volunteering initiatives.

As part of our commitment to the environment, we will be planting around 1,500 new trees across Harrogate district over the next 2 years in conjunction with a trusted tree planting initiative. This is separate and additional to the woodland planting proposed in our extension project.



HARROGATE SPRING WAS THE FIRST COMPANY IN NORTH YORKSHIRE TO GAIN B CORP CERTIFICATION IN FEB 2020

What is a B Corp?

B Corps are a group of businesses acting in a sustainable and transparent way, achieving the **highest environmental and social standards**.

Every B Corp organisation undergoes a rigorous independent business impact assessment, looking at all parts of the business, from our people and customers to our governance and charity work. We are required to recertify every three years to demonstrate a **continuous improvement** mindset.

How many B Corps are there?

We are amongst only 1,500 in the UK and over 7,000 globally.

All Danone waters in the UK & Ireland are proudly B Corp certified.

Certified



This company meets the highest standards of social and environmental impact

Corporation

SINCE BECOMING B CORP, WHAT IMPROVEMENTS HAVE WE MADE AS A BUSINESS?

We continue to **optimise packaging efficiencies within our supply chain** wherever possible.

- Since 2021 we have removed over 90 tonnes of material, reducing our CO2 emissions by more than 360 tonnes
- Since 2021 we've reduced the film weight by more than 43 tonnes and reduced our carbon emission by more than 110 tonnes

Since 2020, our Harrogate site has **been powered by 100% renewable energy**, resulting in zero Scope 2 carbon emissions (Scope 2 are emissions that a company causes indirectly when the energy it purchases and uses is produced)

All our folk lift trucks are now electric which has resulted in a reduction in our CO2 emissions by more than 35 tonnes

We work with our partners and customers to **promote a circular economy**, helping to divert recyclables from going to landfill. To date, 3.16 T of PET plastic has been recycled at Ascot Racecourse, equivalent to 166,000 bottles

We've improved employee benefits including medical insurance and volunteering opportunities

ENVIRONMENTAL CARE IS AT OUR CORE

Our bottles* are made with UK post-consumer plastic – we don't import from Europe, we use the plastic you recycle at home!

*excludes cap and label

We pioneered using rPET and have used >50% recycled plastic in our entire range since 2018!

100% RECYCLABLE BOTTLES



100% OF COUNCILS COLLECT PET BOTTLES



Electricity at our facility is generated from **renewable sources**, resulting in zero Scope 2 carbon emissions

Factory operations



Keeping our water miles as low as we can with 99% of raw material sourced within 108 miles!



We choose to source our rPET locally in the UK which has a lower carbon footprint than imported rPET!

PRODUCT

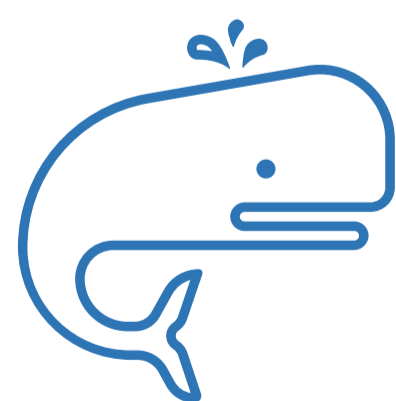
FACILITY

COMMUNITY



The Incredible Shrinking Bottle® is a great example of smart packaging technology; on twisting, it collapses and becomes extremely compact - taking up less room on the go and in the recycling bin!

>8000 tonnes of virgin PET has been removed since 2010 by making bottles lighter – that's the equivalent of 56 Blue Whales!



Supporting the North Yorkshire tree planting programme to plant 1,500 trees by the end of 2025

We are committed to **water** stewardship, working collaboratively with the Environment Agency to **protect** our source and catchment to ensure long-term sustainability.

Community volunteering & litter picking initiatives

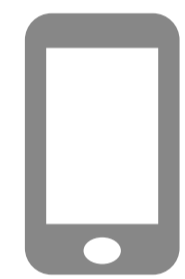


NEXT STEPS & FEEDBACK

We welcome your feedback on these proposals for new publicly accessible woodland and an extension to our facilities.

We expect to submit a planning application over the coming weeks, following public consultation.

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