

# The Spinney, Tattenhall

## Existing Layout and Site Analysis

### Existing Site

Centrally located within the village, Spinney Wood is a dense semi-natural deciduous woodland with an understorey of scrub and running water. The site follows the gently winding Mill brook to the northern edge. Although there are no surfaced footpaths or designated routes, there is a trail that winds through the wood from the bridge crossing to the alleyway entrance near Spinney End. The largely undisturbed character of Spinney Wood creates a tranquil ambience and almost magical sense of discovery.

### Observations and Issues

- Pros**
- Tranquil and undisturbed oasis within the heart of the village
  - Local value to the village community
  - Semi-natural deciduous woodland, scrub and running water
  - Attractive setting adjacent to Mill brook
  - Wildlife and Ecology
  - Opportunity for breeding birds, foraging habitats for bats and suitable for badgers
  - Opportunity to create a wider interlinked Nature Reserve

- Cons**
- Somewhat forgotten, overgrown and detached from local community
  - Relationship with adjacent grassed open space and Mill Brook could be improved
  - No information nor Interpretation, ie history, ecology
  - No surfaced footpaths
  - Limited habitat offer
  - No access to the Mill Brook
  - No places to dwell
  - Poor natural surveillance

**Opportunities**

The site is largely overgrown and shaded as a result of the dense tree cover but offers fantastic opportunities for creating views, glades and improved connectivity with Mill brook and its surroundings. Spinney Wood is an area of 5,970m<sup>2</sup>. It is owned by Tattenhall Parish Council and is bordered by an amenity grass triangle which is owned by Cheshire West and Chester Council. At present there is a distinct contrast between the two spaces, with very little inter-connectivity. With some sensitive and considered interventions, Spinney Wood could provide for both improved public access and habitat/ wildlife offer, which would collectively result in a more welcoming and engaging public open space for the local community. The subtle changes would enhance the community wood and an improve the interface with its surrounding open spaces to collectively establish a wider and more diverse Spinney nature reserve.



Entrance into The Triangle looking towards St Albans Church -opportunity to frame view of church, filtered views into Spinney Woods and a footpath connecting the alleyway opposite.



Existing damp Scrub -opportunity to create water feature/ small pond



View towards The Spinney Wood. Opportunity to create a more filtered interface which interlinks both character areas



View from within Spinney Wood, looking towards The Triangle



Overgrown interface with Mill Brook. Opportunity to create a direct connection with running water and as a place for dwell time.



View from Mill Brook towards the scrub.



Woodland edge between The Triangle and Spinney Wood character areas. Opportunity to soften edges and improve visual sight lines



Existing entrance into Spinney Wood off Timber Bridge crossing Mill Brook



Existing desire line



Timber Crossing



Wet and boggy understorey



Opportunity to create viewpoint



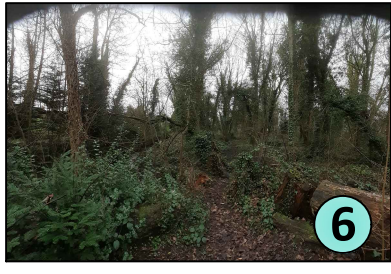
Entrance near Spinney End -view into Spinney Wood



Attractive waterside corridor through Wood



Dense Woodland Canopy



Entrance near Spinney End -view away from Spinney Wood



### KEY

- EXISTING TREES
- EXISTING FOOTPATH
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- MILL BROOK
- VIEW POINT
- OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN / CLEAR VEGETATION
- SPINNEY WOOD
- THE TRIANGLE

### SPINNEY WOOD TATTENHALL

#### Existing Site/ Site Analysis

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