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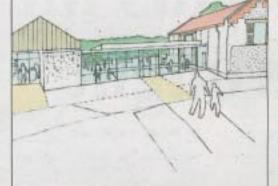
# Looking to future of country park

By STEPHEN PULLINGER Broads correspondent

Bold visions for the development of Whitlingham Country Park include everything from a spa and open air theatre to water lodges built on stilts

Other elements of plans which have gone on public display in the flint parn visitor centre of the leisure attraction on the doorstep of Norwich include an equestrian centre, boutique hotel, fitness and mountain bike trails and a range of camping facilities, from a humble tent site to timber pods and even tree

Colman family, invited architects to come up with their personal visions for the beauty spot, focusing on the



former Lafarge gravel works site opposite the visitor centre which has only been relandscaped in the past Out of seven original applic

been shortlisted by a panel including representatives of the estate, architects' firms - Feilden Whitlingham Charitable Trust and Mawson, Hudson and LSI - haw the Broads Authority (BA).

said: "With the gravel working finished, the question was raised of what to do with the land which is owned by the estate, and we started talking to the Broads Authority and Whitlingham Charitable Trust to find a solution

"This is still a vision in progress and that is why we are keen to receive feedback from the public on the three

Mr Colman said the park had evolved significantly over the past 15 years and now, with more than 400,000 annual visitors, there was a need for improved education, catering and toilet facilities which could be incorporated into any new

Visitor numbers were likely to increase further in the wake of other stephen.pullinger@archant.co.uk

the development of the Deal ground at nearby Trowse.

relocation of car parking away

exhibition of all the plans at the

all the schemes are being invited

Whitlingham visitors' centre is open until July 18. Comments on

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: The

from the broad.

from the public.

Mr Colman said the architects' visions would now be scrutinised to test their viability and a decision on which plan to follow - made in consultation with the BA and trust was likely to be taken in the autumn.

It is hoped that plans can be submitted to the BA by the spring of next year.

The exhibition of plans, organised by La Ronde Wright planning consultants, will be open until July

III Feedback forms, available at the flint barn, may be placed in the box at the exhibition or sent to La Ronde Wright at 4 The Close, Norwich, NR1.

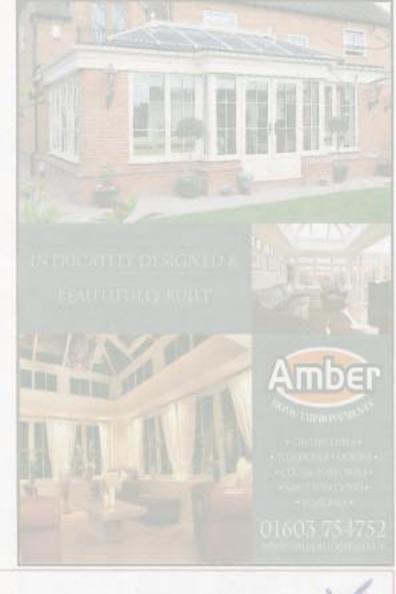
### STALHAM Time to put on boots for free festival walk RESTREETS A four-mile "Water to Land" walk tomorrow morning.

The free event is part of the summe long Stalham with Happing Festival. Those taking part should meet at St Mary's Church, on Stalham High Street, at 10.30am.

The walk will go through Stalham Staithe, skirting the RSPB reserve, and return to St Mary's. Refreshments

Well-behaved dogs are welcome to join the walk.

led by Richard Ellis, will take place



# Feilden and Mayeon inchitect Stuart Jones said their vision had been inspired by the peace of the site which had been used as a etreat by the Priors of Norwich They were proposing a "gateway" building which could be a spa or a restaurant/calls complementing the

Their plans also included an outdoor activities centre with a high-level biking, horse nding facilities and a natural swimming pool plus a courtyard for cales, exhibition spaces and workshops Mr Jones said. "The tourist trade is important and we are proposing three tiers of accommodation sustainable timber pods built half

He said their vision was for "zero

buildings for 'gamping' and wild

carbon holidays" where people could leave their cars behind.

E Robin Hudson, of Hudson Architects, said his vision was to build on the country park's existing varied activities and to nurture "the individuals and nature which you

centre expanding to become a "real centre for the paric". In addition to a estaurant with a training kitchen bike hire. Car parking woold be moved away from the broad, making a much better setting for the barn centre on the old quarry site, an accommodation building for campaits with such features as equestrian centre and an events

field. Mr Hudson wants the natural setting enhanced with community orchards and wildlife friendly planting, country craft activities at

III David Thompson, of LSI Architects, said they were proposit a landscape led scheme taking advantage of the seclusion of the

"Our starting point was now could

"And how could we achieve a criti-mass of activities that could be sisustaining and contribute to the His plans include a boutique hotel with fine diring and an amphithes bowl for open-air theatre. A range camping facilities would include everything from ecolodges and tre louses to water lodgles built on-



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Mawson.

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