Responses from Client questions:

1. What would this project have to be like so you can say ‘Yes! I am so pleased I worked on this project’

For it to be a super diverse haven of flora, fauna and fungi, where people come together to experience it and connect.

A drink of homebrew cider/ cordial 🙂 and a space designed for humans and the rest of nature, proof that a productive space can be made without chemical/ fertiliser/weed killer intervention and a place the local community can see is loved.

If it was a project that people, plants and animals wanted to visit/live and spend time in. If people came to enjoy the space, to look after the space, to plant, and tend to an array of edible plants, shrubs and trees. If this project produced an abundance of food, flowers and resources for our daily needs.

2. When you imagine the site in 5 or 10 years, what do you see?

In 10 years, it's gonna look incredible! The buzz of insects, a heady scent you can't escape. and in my eyes greens, pinks, whites, browns, purples, greys, all of the colours in patterns barely describable.

A good yield of fruit and forage for humans and animals and a place safe from development, bird boxes, bee hotels etc. A known local meeting space, perhaps assimilated into some of the incredible edible maps around Tod.

In time I hope to see a kind of Tod-style temperate edible rainforesty area, full of diversity and a feast for the senses.

3. How do you imagine people interacting with the site?

To be, to learn and understand, to know, to eat! And as above to connect in the most fundamental and nourishing of ways.

A place to enjoy, sit, read, learn, listen and meet- as well as a place to garden- especially for people who may not have their own spaces.

To have a small wooden jetty at the canal side - there are a couple of suitable spots - & maybe a canoe or rowing boat to cruise the tranquil waters.

A communal covered space with a hearth and cooking facilites would be great so that people could come together to celebrate community and for workshops etc. I would like to see people using the site for therapeutic purposes, to learn and to grow food and other resources.

A space to dream

A wild life Byrd Hyde place

A place to gather and have fires