

DETAILED DESIGN CONSULTATION – MARCH 2017

Great Shelford Playscape and Erect Architecture presented the Revised Master Plan for the Recreation Ground and Detailed Designs of the top Play Area at a public exhibition in the Sports Pavilion.

Maintaining our core aims to provide an inclusive, inspiring, natural play area for all to enjoy, the design has evolved in response to the draft master plan consultation feedback, further meetings with stakeholders and a pre-planning meeting.



The Key changes presented at the consultation:

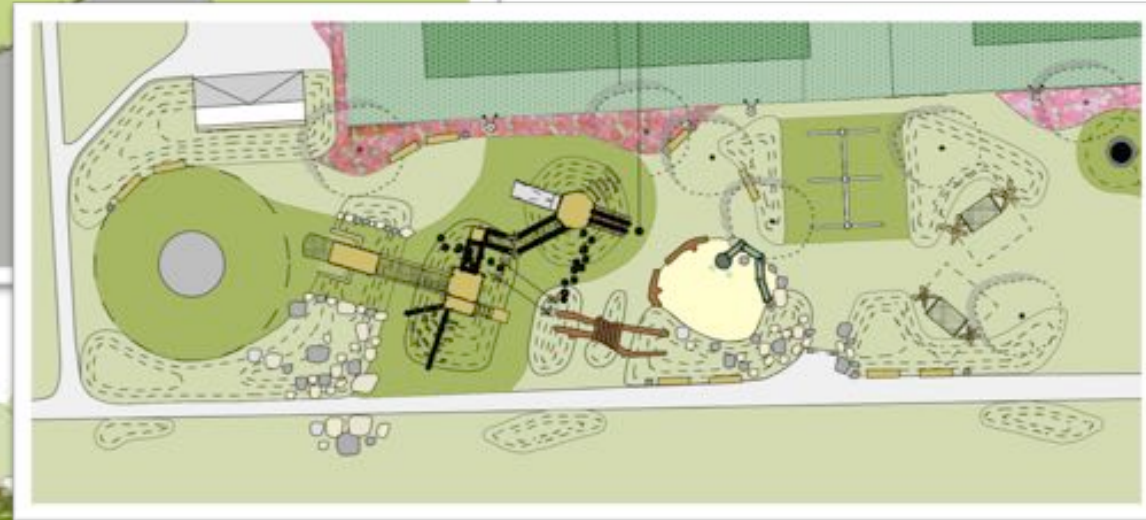
- The play area is pulled out from underneath the trees at the entrance to the rec, allowing more breathing space and natural picnicking areas, whilst still keeping a safer distance from the cricket boundary.
- The basketball area is moved away from the tennis fence, over to the green hut, but still part of the play hub. This also allows clearer sight lines to the pavilion. [NB re-sited again in light of consultation comments, see summary]
- The sports storage is provided opposite the pavilion not next to it in a mound.
- The sand pit is relocated to the centre of the rolling landscape for more protection.
- The skate park is rectangular rather than square, allowing better skating flow & improving the spill-out area for Scout & Guide HQ.
- The tall climbing structure is moved out of the line of an important view in the conservation area, nestled in the tree line instead. [nb will not be included in the imminent planning application for administrative and cost purposes]

Images overleaf and detailed plans can be found here <http://shelfordplayscape.org/a-new-vision-for-the-great-shelford-rec/>



Revised Masterplan images as of 30th March 2017.

Final amendments will be done for the planning application summer 2017



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1.What do you like best about these proposals as a whole?	2.Is there anything you don't think works?	3.What do you like best about the proposed Play area?	4.Are there any parts in the proposed Play area that you don't think work?	5. Is there anything else you'd like to see in the proposed Play area?	Further comments	Age						Postcode	Do you consider yourself and/or your child to have a disability, long-standing illness or infirmity?		
						0-5	6-10	11-18	19-30	31-50	Over 50				
1 Really Amazing	No, it's great	Love the seating area for picnics - great idea	No	No			1	1			2	CB22 5LN			
2 The emphasis on all kinds of groups/people - inclusivity	Can't think of anything!	Landscaping and thought about integrating disabled children into activities designed for all	-	-	I am a dog-walker and hope that the new copse area will not restrict the freedom of dogs to roam (responsibly supervised of course!). I like the wildflower area and extra seating etc proposed by the river								Yes, but my disabled daughter is now in her 30s!		
3 The slides and hills	-	Mounds	-	-			1				1	CB22 5EN			
4 Bigger Sand area is great, the pit now is far too small. I've been to many parks that use sand as a base and they are very popular	-	Inclusive for most ages	-	Ensure that there is enough seating areas for parents & carers to observe their children				1			1	CB22 3AB	No		
5 Ok for big children	Maintenance of grass & mounds not easy, openness allows dogs in play area	Climbing area for big children	Nothing for toddlers (e.g. 2 and under) lack of fencing for sand pit	See no.4							1				
6 -	Sandpits & dogs!	-	I am not sure about the total integration of all different age ranges - small toddlers & teenagers. Toddlers wander & I think an enclosed area for toddlers would be beneficial	-									1		
7 Very exciting	-	-	Concerned there are few facilities for very young children, not happy with open sand area	More equipment for toddlers, required in fenced off area with sandpit									1		
8 The interesting play area with more varied and 'natural' appearance than the current featureless landscape of the rec. Love the sand and water options for sensory experience!	No	The layout and varied levels, climbing frame/lookout area	Not really - think some people will worry about dogs in the play area, but as a dog owner and parent I think it will be fine with common sense!	Lighting for evening play and to provide security/safety for evening users of the rec	Great work from the Playscape Committee! Thanks you so much for the time and effort put in so far. I think the proposals look fantastic and will represent a HUGE improvement to this communal area of the village. I think it will also make Shelford a local 'destination' attracting visitors/customers to local businesses - a great thing for everyone. Good luck!							1	CB22 5EL	No	
9 Updating the play structures with more natural and interesting plans	-	Climbing structure, sand & water play area, trampolines	Not as keen on expanded skate area, but it may be because our family are unlikely to use it	-	Over all the plans look amazing and will add a much needed benefit to the village! We can't wait to see it happen						1	CB22 5LY	No		
10 Idea is good	-	-	I do have concerns about the removal of the fencing around the play area and sandpit	-	1. Fencing surrounding the play area in terms of providing protection from loose dogs. Also fence around sandpit to prevent poor dog owners allowing the dogs to run through play area and mess in sandpit. 2. The planting around the tennis club does not affect the fencing. 3. Access by cherry pickers to fix tennis court lights. 4. NOT right up to tennis club entrance [parking] allow safe access to children and mums with buggies, bikes and anyone attending the club.								1	2 CB22 5EG	CA NB from Tennis club
11 Range of play, sand, water, climbing, natural exploration	Would give peace of mind to have car park fenced off completely	Natural, accessible climbing opportunities, mixed age	-	Bike track with roundabouts/stop signs	Great! Exciting! Thank you! :-)		2				1	CB22 5AL	No		
12 Natural	Water with sand/maintenance/cleanliness	Sunken trampolines	-	-							1	CB22 5SF	No		
13 A much needed facility for the village, pleased you have moved it further away from the car park	-	Planting and undulating landscape	No	No, well done									2	CB22 5LA	No
14 They look so exciting	-	It combines adventure with safety	-	-	Well done to the team!								1	CB22 5FF	No
15 -	-	-	-	-	I like the natural feel but think scary slides and roundabouts are important. This is a huge space it is nice it is being filled/better used				1	3			2	CB22 5EJ	No
16 That the plan is for the entire rec	-	[illegible]	-	see saw please			1				1	CB22 5AH	no		
17 Catering for all ages	Wrap around decking/access to bowls [see separate email from Frank for details]	-	-	-									2	CB22 5XB	no
18 Very exciting, would be a great improvement. Pedestrian access from road would be much better	-	More tactile and natural while providing much better equipment	-	-							1	CB22 5EJ	no		
19 The space and variety of equipment and the natural look of the area	I wonder how it will work with all the dogs that walk on the rec and whether the space will be able to be kept safe for younger children/babies	Climbing structure	all looks great	-	A brilliant ambitious project!						1	CB22 5JE	no		
20 Looks brilliant	-	Natural wood look	-	We do like the present play equipment as well!			1				1	CB22 5BP			
21 SO much more for the children to play with, much more creative play, it looks fantastic	-	-	-	Have it enclosed with a fence to keep dogs out			2				1	CB22 2ES	no		
22 Greenery, great work!	-	Really like the mounds/safer slide	For small children it is safer to have a fence this would also keep dogs out	no							1	CB22 5EG	No		
23 it's inclusivity	I'm not keen on no fences and dogs, some children don't like dogs	Climbing	No	-	I think it's quite inclusive and should suit the needs of the area. Really good		2				2	CB22 5AR	No		
24 Suitable for all ages	-	Sand and water play	-	picnic tables			1	2	2		1	CB22 5JF	yes, A&D (or A&D?)		
25 I love it.	Can we have some toilet facilities please?	Challenging play equipment	-	The sand pit to be deep enough	It really does look wonderful		1				1	CB22 5AE	no		

26	Love the wild flower meadow	Concerns about the willow circle. Who will maintain this? I have seen these neglected and they for a huge circle of mature willows which is not their purpose	The whole thing is well conceived	all good	no													1 CB22 5EJ	no
27	-	-	-	-	-													1	
28	The inclusivity	-	It's inclusive, imaginative and visually appealing	-	-													1	no
29	It is lovely and will benefit the village enormously. Your idea of storing all the goal posts and sundry equipment away from the very nice new pavilion, is an excellent idea.																	2	CB22 5ER
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Further communications:

1. Representative of the Tennis Club reiterated points that were made in person on the day (see 10)

2. Mother of 3 children emailed, checking various elements of the scheme (e.g. accessible slide, enough seating, toddler swings) EM able to give an affirmative to all those points. Concerned re: no fence because of children running off/dogs. When our reasons were explained she was reassured that the green fencing would be at the car park instead and that research & other local examples show that planting and mounds can be effective boundaries, but much more inclusive and aesthetic

3. Email from bowls - wanting to not cause unnecessary expense for extended deck. Was explained that the intention would be to have a new entrance at that level to create a more cohesive and accessible scheme long term.

4. Letter from Peacocks Residents Association reiterating no.27, they prefer the basketball court where it is, would like consideration for a path down to the river for all to enjoy.

Summary

There was a very positive response to the design, with the community particularly engaging with the natural and inclusive approach. Most of the queries were already addressed in the design.

Some felt that a fence was needed around the play area to separate children and dogs and keep children in. These issues have been considered in the design with the mounds and planting creating a more natural boundary around the play-area with the current green fencing repositioned along the car park, to make the rec safer as a whole. Crucially this approach doesn't segregate by age, providing a welcoming atmosphere for all ages to come and play.

GSP and the PC have had extensive discussions about managing risk in play provision with the support of specific documents from Play England and the HSE as well as looking at popular local examples that don't use fences. Discussions are still on going and a decision as to whether a fence is installed will be made at a later date. GSP & PC agree that it is important to champion responsible dog ownership so that children are safe anywhere on the rec.

In response to the Residents of Peacocks' request to move the basketball/football practice area from the green hut, we have found a spot further away from their boundary, but still keeping it in the play hub at the top of the rec: between the green shelter and the next bench, backing onto Barclays car park. There will be a net to kick in to, reducing noise, and the court will be dug into the mound too.