

Madley Park Playing Fields Project Consultation Event

As you may be aware, West Oxfordshire District Council is working on a project to update and improve the outdoor play facilities for children and young people at the Cedar Drive play area and on the Madley Park playing fields. The objective of the project is to provide good outdoor recreation facilities for young people.

We would like to invite you to attend a consultation event, which will be held on Saturday January 28th from 1 – 4pm in Madley Park Community Hall.

This aims to give residents the opportunity to view and comment on three possible designs for the space. The project group is keen to hear the views of all residents and potential users in order to shape the future use of the space.

If you are unable to attend the consultation afternoon and would like to send us your views, please return any completed questionnaires by Friday 3rd February, either by email to madleyparkresidents@gmail.com, or to either of:

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The three designs to be shown at the consultation are suggestions for what could be done to refurbish the existing play area on Cedar Drive and provide a 'teen zone' on the adjacent Madley Park playing field.

We are keen to gauge the views of the local community, and potential users, to help us make the right decisions. The project is being overseen by a steering group, comprising representatives of the Madley Park Residents Association, Thames Valley Police, Witney Town Council and West Oxfordshire District Council.

We have reviewed residents' feedback from the first consultation and input from pupils from local schools to come up with three ideas for these designs. They have been produced by 3 different play equipment companies.

The play area and teen zone are designed to be inclusive, in order that children and Teenagers of all abilities are able to access the equipment.

We have included the following elements in the design as a result of initial feedback:

- An area of hard-standing with goals to mitigate against older children playing football in the Cedar Drive children's play area. The intention is this will be unfenced to alleviate resident concerns about noise from ball strikes. It is further proposed that it is located adjacent to a street lamp.
- A shelter for teenagers on the field, sited adjacent to a street lamp as advised by the police.
- A hedge on the playing field side to try and alleviate noise concerns
- A piece of more challenging climbing equipment.

- A piece of climbing equipment for toddlers.
- A range of swings, including a basket swing, cradle swings and flat seat swings.
- Sensory play boards
- A zip wire
- A trampoline that will also be wheelchair accessible.
- Paths so that all pieces of equipment are accessible by wheelchair
- More litter bins

As a result of initial feedback, WODC has been working with their litter contractor to try and sort out the problem of litter that was raised during the initial consultation.

The police have provided us with up-to-date information on reports of anti-social behaviour so that we can try to reduce the occurrences. The local PCSOs feel that refurbishing the space and providing more equipment will help to alleviate any anti-social behaviour in the area.

We have also engaged with Base 33, a local youth charity, who will be working with us throughout the project to try and encourage positive activity at or near the site. They also feel that refurbishment of the space will help to reduce any anti-social behavior.

Some residents feel that providing a teen zone risks relocating anti-social behavior to the location proposed for the play area and playing field.

We would be grateful if you could use the following pages to give us your views. Please do also come and talk to any of the steering committee members who are present at the consultation event, and let us know your views.

1. What are your views on the locations we are proposing to use for

a) The small children's play area

b) The teen zone on the playing field.

2. Do you think the proposed 'teen zone' will meet the needs of teenagers? Yes/No (delete as appropriate). Please provide the reasons for your response.

3. Which of the three designs on display do you prefer and why?

4. Are there any elements of the designs that are very important to you to be included in:-

a) The small children's play area

b) The teen zone

5. Is there any item or aspect of the designs that you do not wish to be included in:-

a) The small children's play area

b) The teen zone

6. Are there any elements to the design that we have overlooked in:-

a) The small children's play area

b) The teen zone

Please can you tell us which age bracket you fall into?

0-5 10-14 20-34 45-54 65+

6-9 15-19 35-44 55-64

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire, please include additional pages if necessary.