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EAST WALL RECREATIONAL CENTRE

LANDSCAPE REPORT

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As part of the North-East Inner City Greening Strategy this report focuses on a concept plan for the East Wall Recreation Centre. The community facility is located on Russell Avenue and is the location for an existing astro turf pitch and some play elements. The initial findings were developed to start a conversation with the local community in relation to Recreation Centre and its current uses. Following feedback from public consultations, a Proposed Park Refurbishment, Concept Plan has been completed. Refurbishment proposals following community feedback has led to the decision that the astro-turf pitch will be retained and upgraded as a part of future design proposals to revitalise and enhance play space and street-scape.

Existing play equipment

Existing pitch to be retained

Community Centre

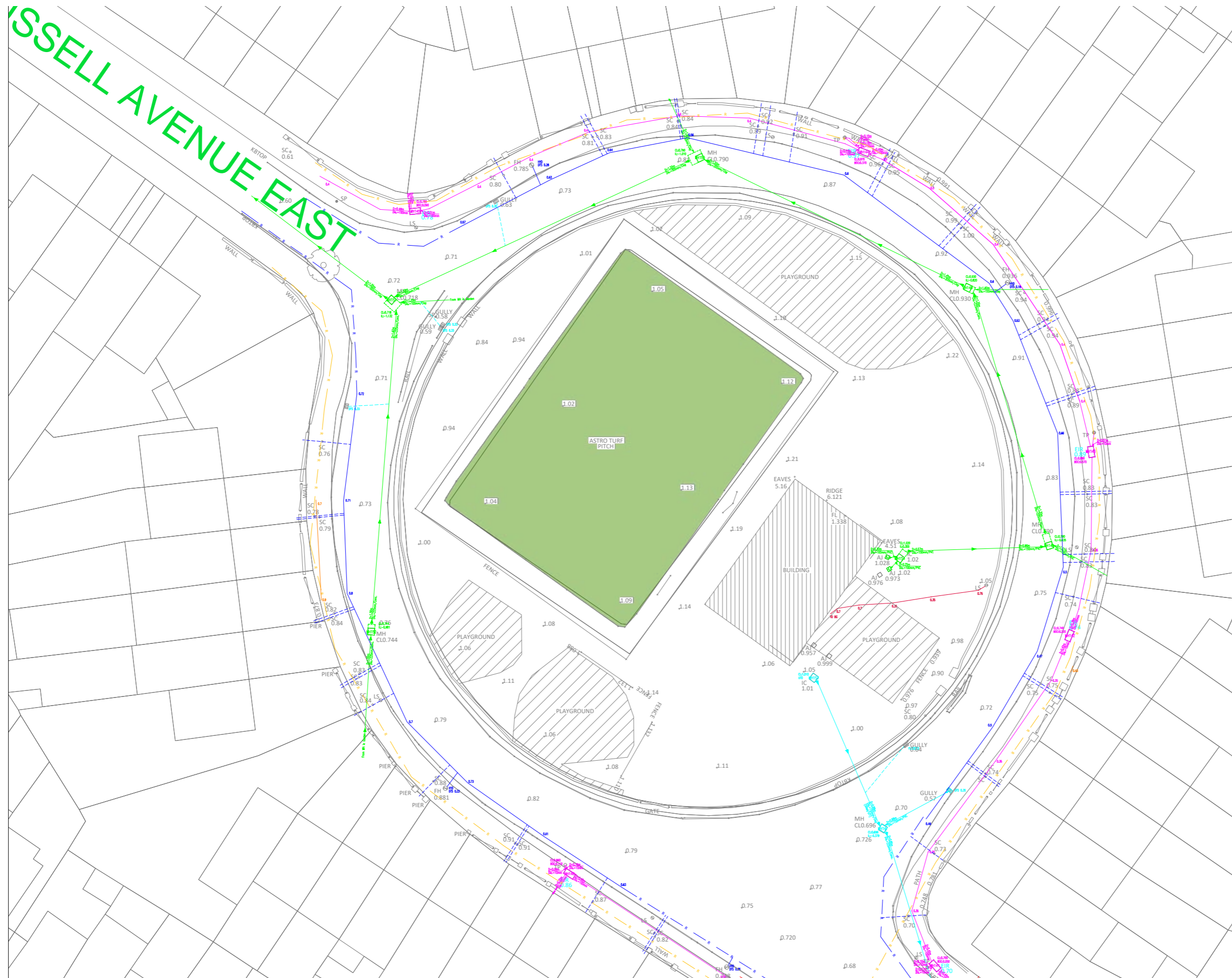
Tarmac surface

Concrete surface



# EAST WALL RECREATION CENTRE | Existing Utility/ Services Locations

Following analysis of existing services in the area, the constraints indicated that a greening strategy should be concentrated within the recreation space where there are less services routes. Additional planting could take place through a community garden planting scheme and a slight reconfiguration of the existing road widths to allow for planting pockets. This will also serve to reduce the current vehicular priority and slow traffic approaching the space.



LEGEND			
DESCRIPTION	COLOUR	TRACED SERVICES	INFERRED SERVICES
Foul Water Sewer	GREEN		
Surface/Storm Water Sewer	CYAN		
Combined Sewer	BROWN		
Power	RED		
Telecoms	MAGENTA		
Cable TV	PURPLE		
Alternative Telecoms	PINK		
Watermain	BLUE		
Gas	YELLOW		
Unknown Service/Anomaly	ORANGE		
Trench Scar	LIGHT GREEN		
<b>Utility Providers Records</b>			
ESB Records	RED		
Bord Gais Records	YELLOW		
Telecom Records	MAGENTA		
Water Records	BLUE		
Foul Sewer/Water Manhole	GREEN		
Surface/Storm Water Manhole	CYAN		
Power Manhole	RED		
Telecom Manhole	MAGENTA		
Watermain Manhole	BLUE		
Water Hydrant, Meter, Sluice Valve, Air Valve, Stop Cock	BLUE		
Gas Line Manhole	YELLOW		
Foul Sewer/Water Gully	GREEN		
Surface/Storm Water Gully	CYAN		

**NOTES:**

- Utility survey carried out with RF & GPR equipment.
- RF = RD8000 Transmitter & Receiver.
- UTT denotes unable to Trace, UTO denotes unable to Open
- GPR = Ground Penetrating Radar - Mala 100 Mhz, 250 Mhz & 500 Mhz.
- Unknown voltage on electric cables.
- Dia. 300mm denotes the diameter of the pipe.
- 0.5 denotes depth in metres below ground level to top of pipe.
- Survey carried out in March 2021.
- R denotes sections of services taken from records.
- D = Depth to Pipe, DTF = Depth to Floor, DTS = Depth to Silt, BOC = Bottom Of Chamber.
- Where Invert Levels are shown adjacent to MH's, IC's etc. are to the invert of the lowest pipe/duct within the manhole. There may be further pipes/ducts within the MH which are located closer to ground level as per the depths marked on individual pipes/ducts. Care should be taken as higher level ducts may contain live electrical cables.

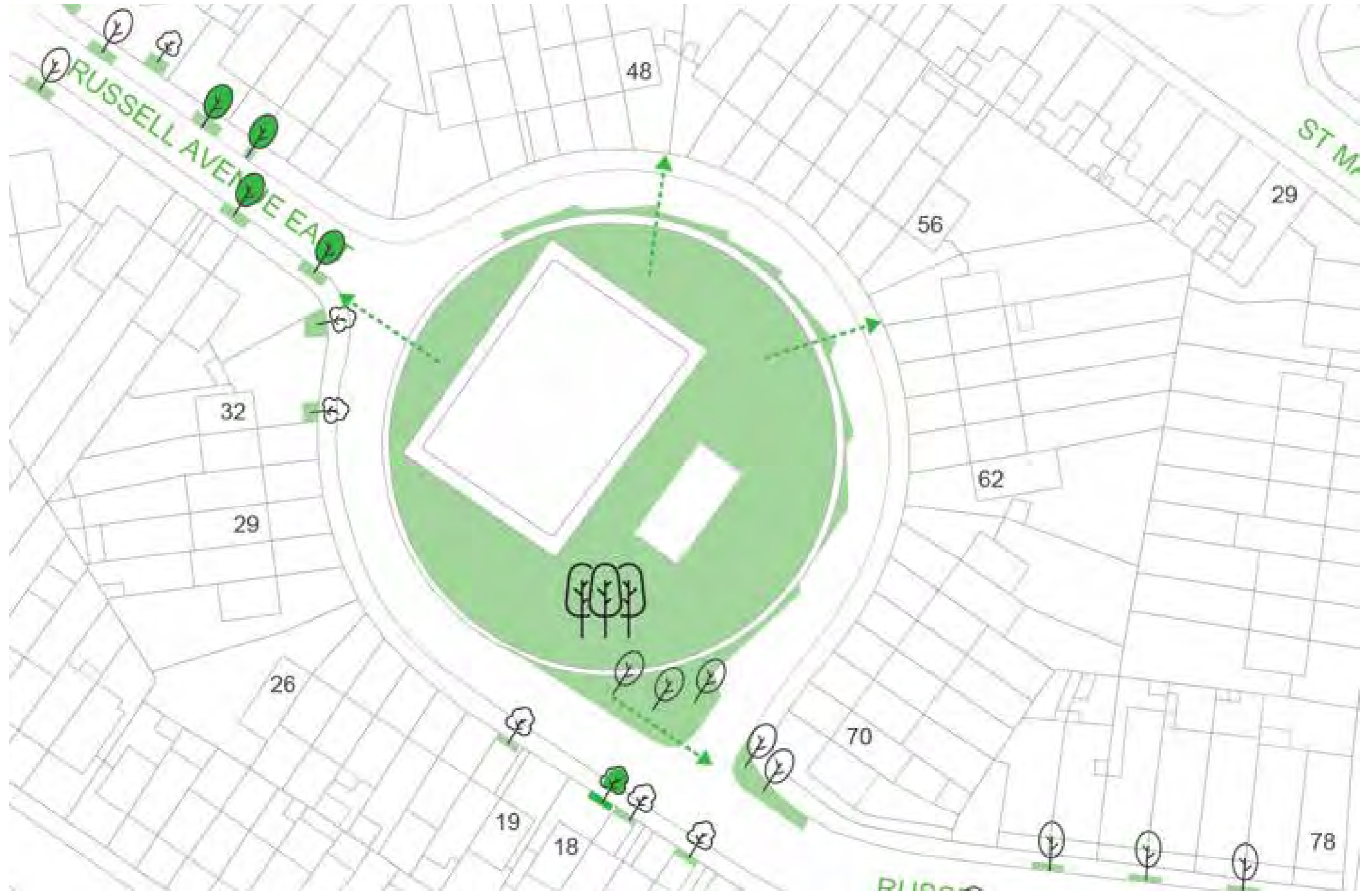
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**KEY PLAN**  
(NOT TO SCALE)

**GPR - Utility Survey**

Client:	Dublin City Council
Project Title:	GPR Survey of Russell Avenue East, Dublin.
Drawing Title:	Underground Services Layout
Date:	14th April 2021
Drawn By:	R.G

A sketch outline showing the benefits of the space as incorporated into an overall greening strategy.

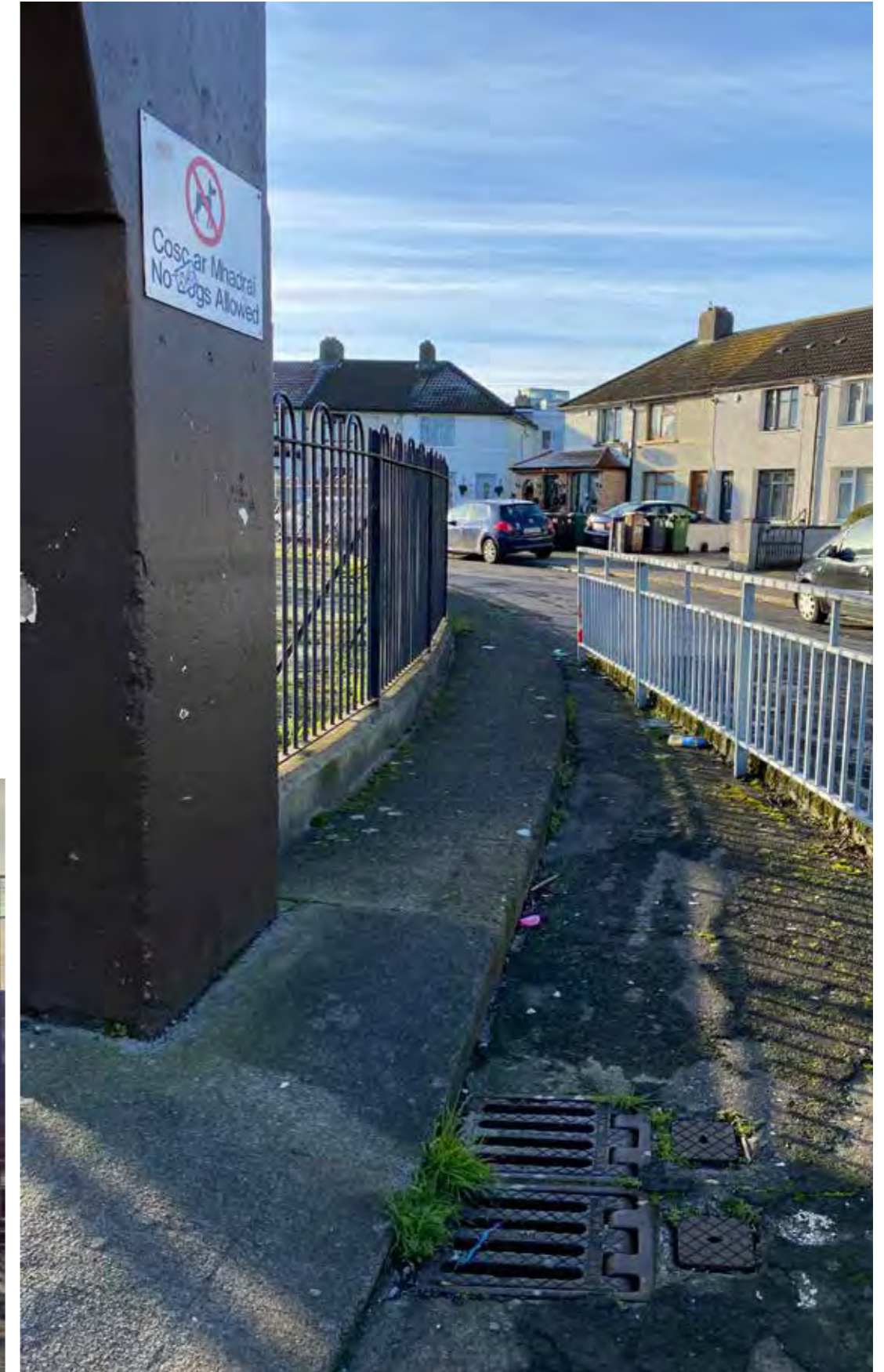




Existing footpath (c. 800mm wide) and railings and pitch fencing in background.



Entrance near Killane road with later additional safety barriers



Different materials, barriers and surface types - lack of cohesive design due to small interventions at different stages.



Entrance near Church Road - attempt to address safety issues onto a busy road with the installation of additional barriers - adding to general clutter of the space



Existing play area, play surface equipment and associated railings.



Existing Recreation Centre used by local clubs



First impressions of the current situation is an abundance of barriers, railings and fences. Some are essential to the functioning of the space but are of an outdated design and replacement would be a consideration within the proposed redesign of the space.

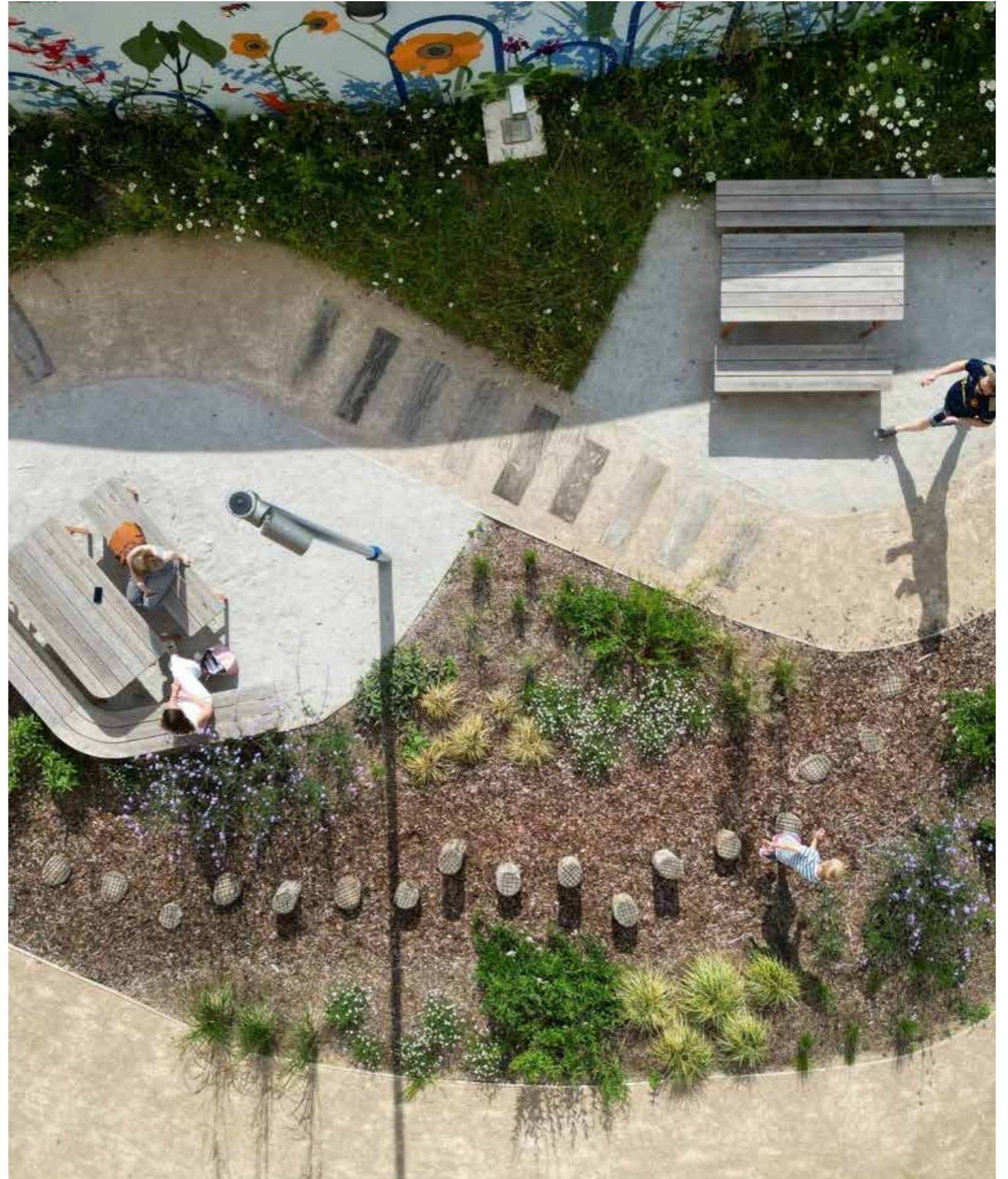
**Pitch** - Existing Fencing. Dominates the space - a double fence with large support posts extending outwards creating obstacles to others using the area. A pinch point has been the one of the more negative aspects to those walking through the space with buggies for example. At present they would have to exit the space onto a very narrow path (800mm wide) and re-enter at the next opening in the lower black railings surrounding the perimeter of the park..

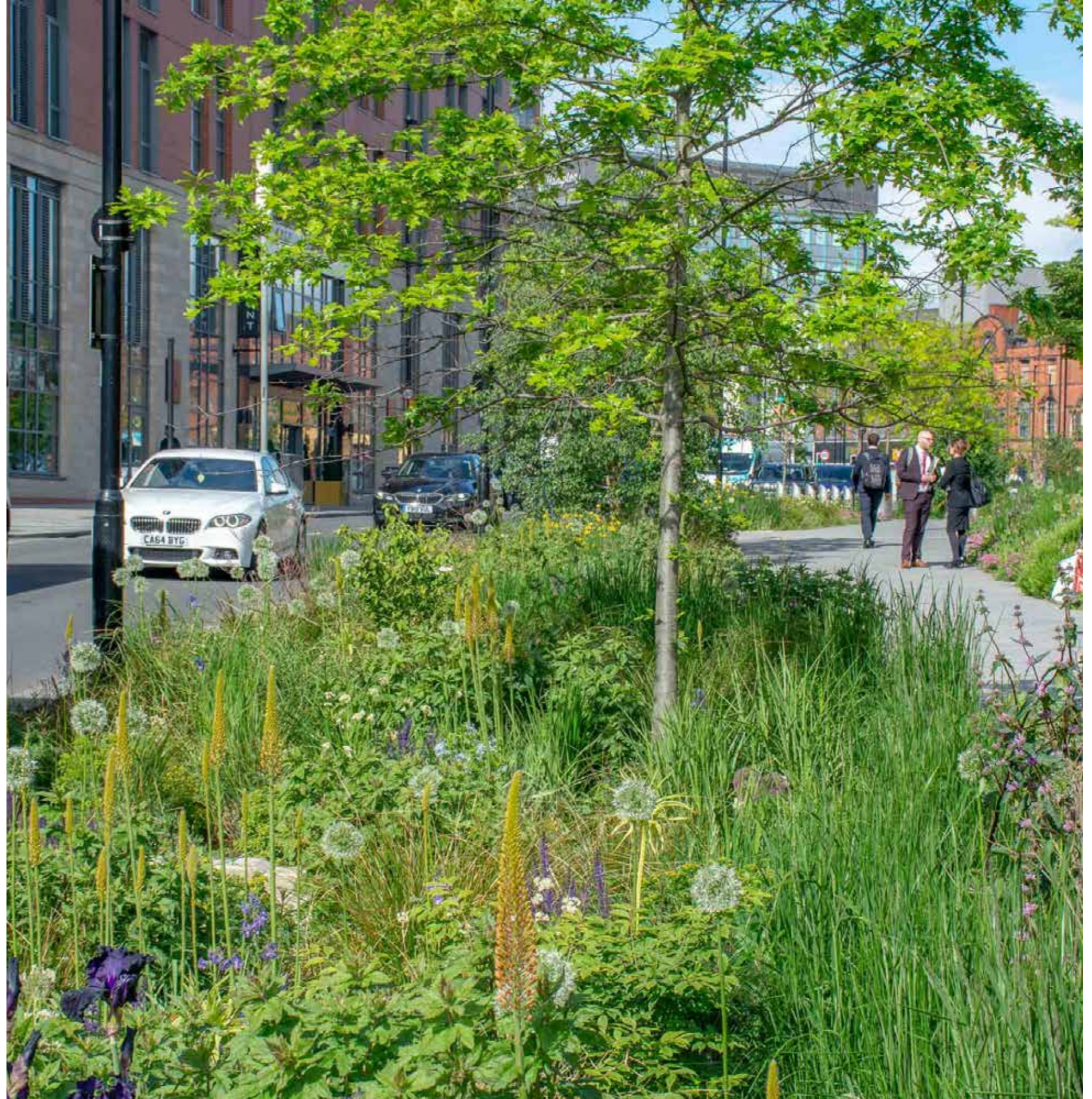
**Railings** - Currently in poor condition and the design/location creates a overly dominant visual blockage with the rest of Russell Avenue which should be considered as a whole. This important amenity space as part of a greener neighbourhood existing in tandem with pedestrian friendly streets.

The solution proposed would be removal of the outer fencing associated with the pitch and upgrade of internal fence with a more current support structure reducing clutter. The black railings enclosing the overall space could be removed in sections to open up the proposed amenity area and allow the overall space to extend outwards. This will remove the pinch point created by both the location of the support bars to the pitch fencing and the low railings - which are currently to the inside edge of the narrow footpath (Image 1). Where new perimeter fencing is required, we propose estate railing as a reference to the original garden fence design in this part of the city.

These measures in combination with raised planter edges (edge to street), traffic calming measures will use the increased space - integrating this valuable local amenity more immediately with the neighbourhood.











Heel Europa - DELVA



Park Naturmuseum St. Gallen by Studio Vulkan

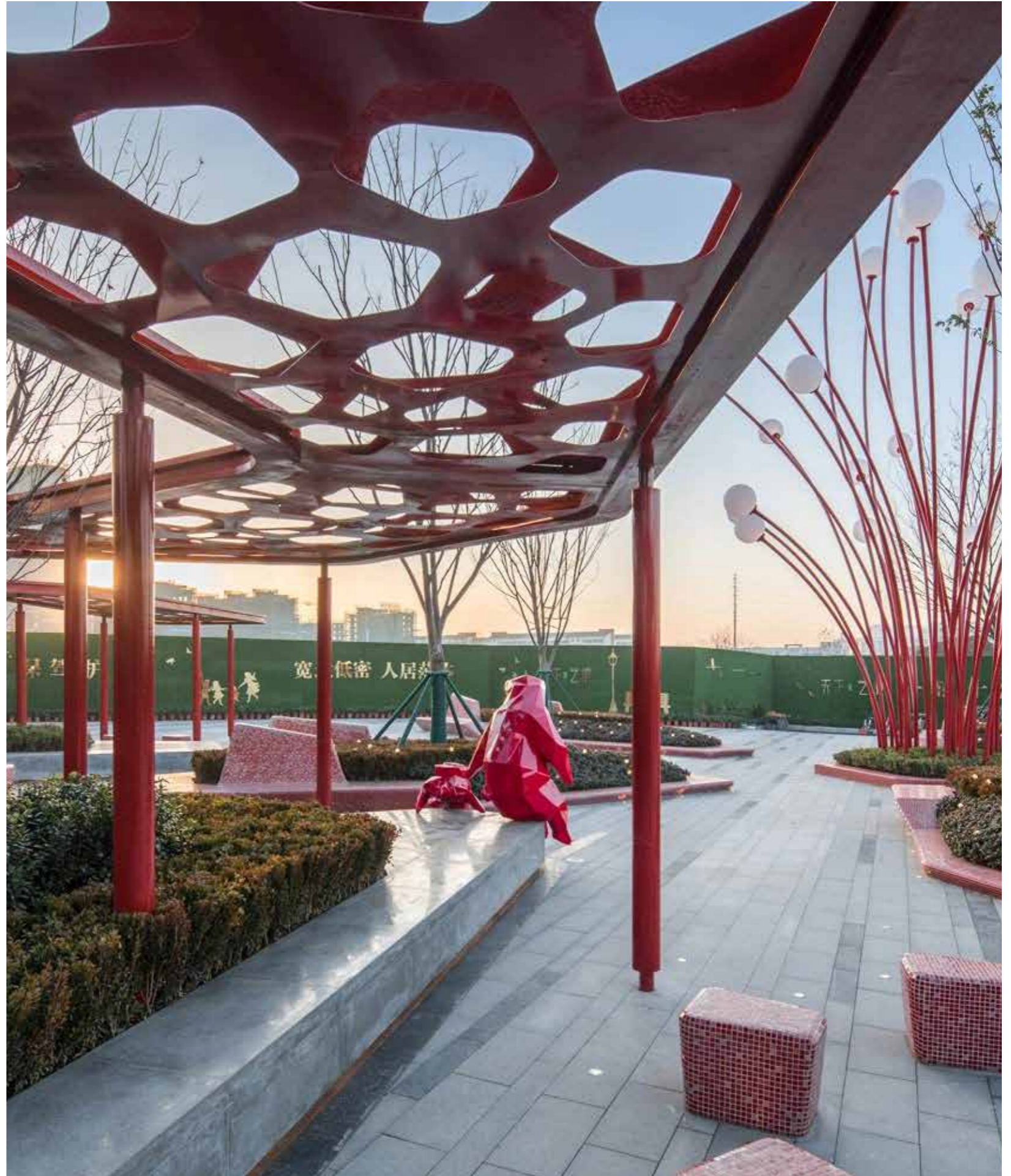


Nørrebrohus - VEGA landskab





**Carlshage and Siegbahnsparcken**  
By Karavan landskapsarkitekter



**Midland Railway Square**  
By PLACE Laboratory



Multi Use Sports Court with multiple entrances/exits, fencing with less support posts



Multi Use Sports Courts with varied fencing heights as well as catering to a wider range of sports



French driving-test centre by Samuel Delmas Architects, which is camouflaged to look like a fence.

- Version could be adapted for Recreation Centre
- Perhaps in combination with painting - screen located strategically in outward facing options
- Combination with covered area for Community events
- Increased planting - Greening to facade
- Material could potentially be Timber, Metal, mesh panels depending on budget.
- Night low lighting to facade creates attractive focal point



Public Consultation 1 November 2023

**OVER 120** COMMENTS

**OVER 80** ATTENDEES





ENTERTAINMENT SPACES

- OUTDOOR FILM SCREENING
- OUTDOOR CONCERTS
- CHILDREN'S THEATER
- CHILDREN'S NATURAL PLAY

BIODIVERSE SPACES

- AMPHIBIAN HABITATS
- BIRD HABITATS
- POLLINATOR HABITATS
- RAIN GARDEN
- TINY FOREST
- Orchard

MATERIALS

- PERGOLA
- SEATING
- BICYCLE PARKING



**EXAMPLE OF EVENTS HELD AT THE RECREATION CENTRE**

- MON-FRI 2-4.30
- TUES - THURS LATE CLUB 6- 7.30
  
- SENIORS EVERY WEDNESDAY : CLUB HAS OVER 60 CLUBS
- PADDY'S DAY EVENT
- EASTER EGG HUNT
- SUMMER FAMILY FUN DAY '23' - OVER 1600 PEOPLE
- SUMMER PROJECTS
- WEEKLY EVENTS RAN BY THE FAI, BOXING AND RUGBY
- HALLOWEEN- HAUNTED HOUSE
- KIDS PUT ON SHOWS
- FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS
- LOCAL SCHOOL VISIT PLAYGROUND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR: SCHOOL HAS 240 PUPILS





## GREENING

E.G.. Planters, Trees, Biodiversity

- STREET TREES (SMALL), FEW BUT NOT BLOCKING VIEWS INTO PARK (SAFETY)
- KIDS DON'T NEED PLANTS THEY NEED SOMEWHERE TO PLAY
- ROOF TOP GARDEN ON CENTRE. KEEP PITCH! UPDATE PLAY-GROUND
- NATURAL PLAY: NO GRASSED AREA IN EAST WALL
- MORE TREES REMOVED ALL OVER EAST WALL
- MATURE TREES NOT SAPLINGS
- GRASS / SOFT SURFACES
- MORE TREES
- PLANTING - LOVE TO SEE MORE TREES AND PLANTS THAT WILL THRIVE IN AREA AND CURRENT CLIMATE
- MATURE TREES GOOD SITE LINES THROUGH PARK
- BIRD BOXES HIGH IN TREES
- MORE GREEN / MORE TREES
- TREES/ PERENNIAL PLANTING/ SOFT LINES
- NO BUSHES AS WE NEED TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE KIDS
- PLAN THAT IS SUSTAINABLE AND EASILY MAINTAINED
- MORE TREES/ GREEN
- WORK AROUND THE EXISTING PITCH INCLUDING TREES

## GREENING

E.G.. Planters, Trees, Biodiversity

- SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS WHERE POSSIBLE / ASK MENS SHED
- RAISED BEDS: INTERACTION WITH MENS SHED
- WOODEN BENCH
- PLANTING - LOVE TO SEE MORE TREES AND PLANTS THAT WILL THRIVE IN AREA AND CURRENT CLIMATE
- TOO MUCH GREENERY NOT ENOUGH OBJECTS TO PLAY ON



## COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

## VEHICLE MOVEMENT

E.G. One-way systems, Traffic Calming

- PERMEABILITY: REMOVE ACCESS RESTRICTION/ ACCESSIBLE FROM ALL SIDES
- 2 NO. RAISED TABLES: PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY
- ONE-WAY SYSTEM: REDUCE ROAD 3.6M. ENLARGE PARK
- SUDS: EAST WALL PRONE TO FLOODING
- PERMEABILITY
- BIKE BUNKER? PROS: ENCOURAGE BIKE USE. CONS: VANDALISM/ ROBBING BIKES
- RAMPS APPROACHING EITHER SIDE OF THE PLAYGROUND TO SLOW TRAFFIC
- MOVE VEHICLE ENTRANCE AND PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE
- LESS EXIT/ENTRANCE. 1 OR 2 MAX KIDS SAFETY, STOP KIDS RUNNING OFF
- TURN THE CIRCLE INTO A ROUNDABOUT ONE WAY AROUND
- SUDS / FLOODING
- MAYBE MAKE THE ROAD A ONE WAY SYSTEM OR BLOCK IT OFF
- NARROW ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING
- MAYBE MAKE ONE ENTRANCE AND LEAVE THE BIG ONE
- MOVING THE CHURCH ROAD ENTRANCE WOULD NOT BE SUPPORTED AS WOULD PUT ENTRANCE ON FRONT HOUSE DIRECTLY.
- ADDING A THIRD ENTRANCE WILL NOT HELP THE CONGESTION ON THE ROAD



## UNIVERSAL DESIGN

E.g. Comfort, Visually Impaired, Elderly

### COMMENTS

- MORE BABY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES/ GROUND LEVEL TRAMPOLINES
- SENSORY EQUIPMENT IN OTHER SIDE OF CIRCULATED AREA
- SENSORY AREA & DISABILITY ACCESS
- SOMETHING FOR NEUROLOGICAL KIDS
- OLD RESIDENTS LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SEE INTO THE PLAYGROUND THEY FEEL SAFE
- IMPROVE SETTING FOR OLDER PEOPLE



## SAFETY + PROTECTION

E.g. Lighting, Anti social behaviour, Concerns

### COMMENTS

- BETTER LIGHTING MAINTAINED
- NOT OVER DOING SEATING AREAS AS LEADS TO ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR
- PREFER NO LIGHTING AT NIGHT/ LIMITED LIGHTING AFFECTING HOUSES BESIDE IT
- BETTER LIGHTING MAINTAINED
- FLOOD LIGHTING ON THE PITCH ON A TIMER FOR SURROUNDING RESIDENTS
- NOT OVER DOING SEATING AREAS AS LEADS TO ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR
- PLAYGROUND WILL HAVE MORE DOG POO IF NO GATES
- PITCH LIGHTING DIRECTIONAL NO LEAKAGE STOP ANTI-SOCIAL AND ALLOW KIDS TO PLAY AT NIGHT
- POWER SUPPLY FOR EVENTS
- MORE PLAY/LIGHT UP PARK
- SPRING LOADED GATES TO STOP KIDS GETTING OUT
- INVISIBLE OVERHEAD NETTING
- POWER SUPPLY FOR EVENTS
- NETTING AROUND THE PITCH IN BAD SHAPE, BIRDS GETTING CAUGHT
- RETAIN SIMILAR RAILINGS

## COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

## SAFETY + PROTECTION

E.g. Lighting, Anti social behaviour, Concerns, Ideas

### COMMENTS

- PAINT GATE ARCHES COMMUNITY CENTRE
- PUT LIGHTS ALL OVER THE PLAYGROUND BECAUSE WE HAVE LATE CLUBS AND THE KIDS CAN BE SCARED
- MEMORIAL SOUNDS GOOD / NAMES FOR THE PARK



### PLAY AND LEARN

- BIGGER PITCH / UPGRADE PITCH
- MONKEY BARS/ SLIDES/ SWINGS
- MORE PLAY/ PITCH IS THE AREA STAGE
- TURN PITCH INTO 2 IN 1 SPACE ADD ROOF TO PITCH
- COMBINE PLAY EQUIP IN ONE SIDE OF CIRCULAR AREA
- KEEP PITCH/ FLOOD LIGHTS/ UPGRADE ASTRO/ NETTING TO BE FIXED
- UPGRADE EQUIPMENT: IT'S ALL RUSTY
- CHANGE ALL THE COLOURS TO PASTEL COLOURS
- REPLACE BASKETBALL HOOPS ALTERNATIVE TO FOOTBALL
- PITCH TO BE UPDATED BUT LEFT ITS ORIGINAL SIZE. VERY IMPORTANT TO OTHER EVENTS IN EAST WALL LIKE HALLOWEEN HOUSE
- KEEP THE PITCH
- GRAFFITI PROJECT WITH YOUTH
- THE PITCH IS THE BEST THING IN THE PLAYGROUND
- PUT FLAGS LIKE PRIDE TO SUPPORT THE PRIDE
- Age 0-12 PLAY EQUIPMENT
- EXTRA PLACE FOR TENNIS/BADMINTON DURING SUMMER, MIGHT TAKE HOLD OF KIDS NOT INTO FOOTBALL

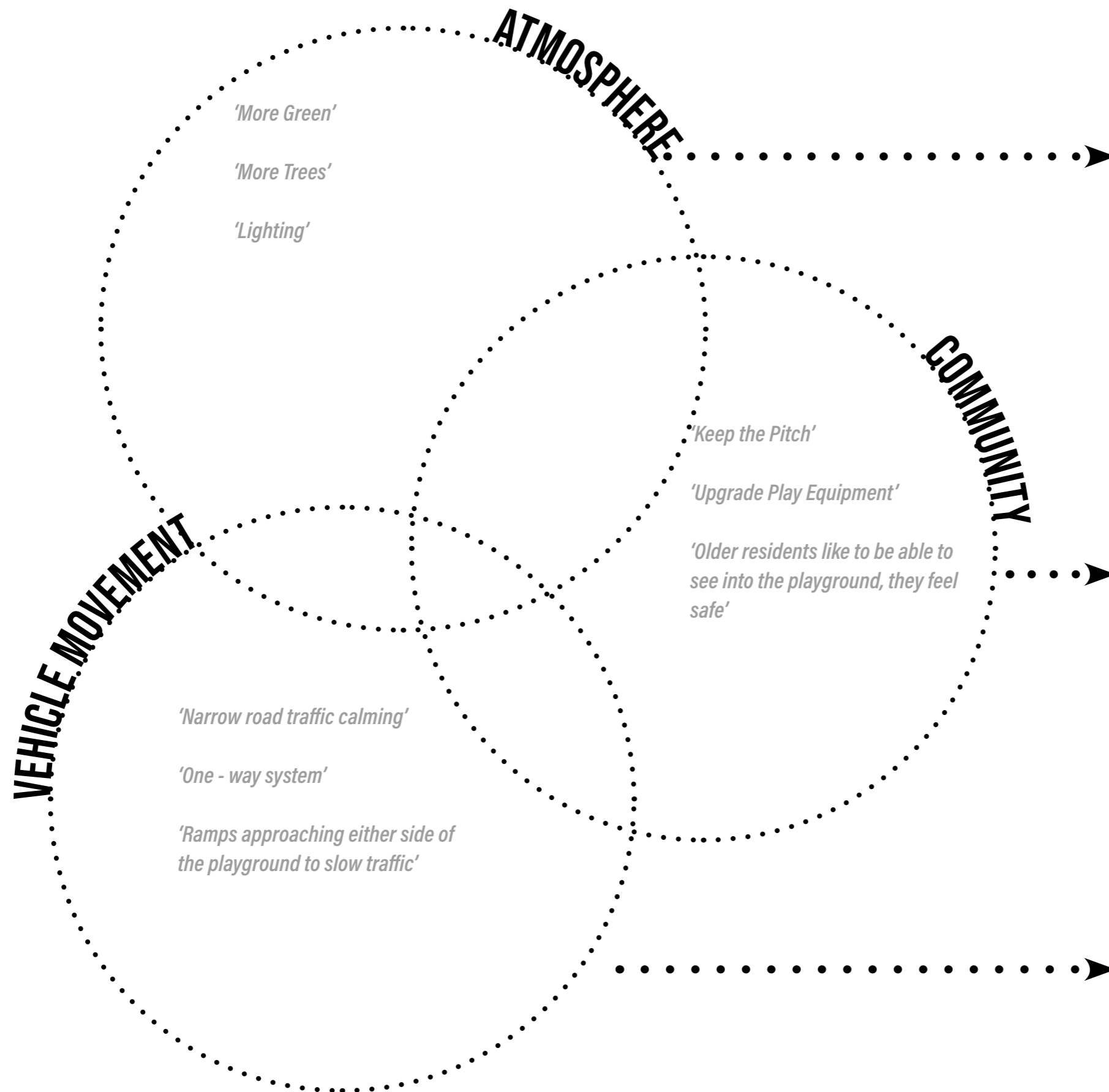
### PLAY AND LEARN

- KEEP THE PLAYGROUND AS A PLAYGROUND. SPEND ALL THE MONEY FOR EQUIPMENT FOR THE KIDS
- SHIP- FEATURE PLAY EQUIPMENT MARITIME
- UPGRADE PITCH -4G
- DON'T MOVE THE PITCH
- THE PITCH HAS TO STAY
- KEEP THE PITCH
- THE PITCH NEEDS TO STAY FOREVER, IT HAS BEEN THERE FOREVER
- THE PITCH GETS USED EVERY SINGLE DAY FOR ACTIVITIES: SUMMER PROJECTS / HALLOWEEN: THE HAUNTED HOUSE
- THE PITCH IS THE BEST THING AT THE LAYA AND NOBODY WILL GO ANYMORE AND WE NEED SOME NEW EQUIPMENT WHERE THE OLD STUFF IS AND WE NEED A TUNNEL SLIDE . JUST A REMINDER DO NOT TAKE THE PITCH AWAY
- MAKE THE PITCH BIGGER
- TRAMPOLINE
- PITCH NEEDS TO STAY
- MORE SWINGS
- KEEP THE PITCH
- COMMUNITY SPACES I.E. WE HAD STREET BINGO DURING COVID LITERALLY ON THE ROAD. SOMEWHERE FOR PEOPLE TO GATHER OUTDOORS FOR OLDER GROUPS

### PLAY AND LEARN

- CHILDREN CAN USE PLAYGROUND AT ANY TIME ANY DAY. OLD FOLKS HAVE THE COMMUNITY CENTRE
- KEEP THE PITCH, ONLY FREE PITCH IN EAST WALL
- KEEP THE PITCH
- NEED TO GET A NEW NET ON THE PITCH BUT DO NOT TAKE IT AWAY
- PEOPLE ALL OVER GO TO THE PLAYGROUND
- IF YOU TAKE AWAY OUR PITCH YOU ARE TAKING AWAY OUR SOUL
- PUT GYM BARS
- BIG SLIDES
- PUT A HUGE TUNNEL SLIDE PLEASE
- THE PITCH IS THE ONLY PITCH IN EAST WALL FOR THE KIDS TO PLAY ON
- JULY EVENTS -COVERED AREAS- AUGUST HALLOWEEN
- CLUBS AFTER SCHOOL. CHRISTMAS PARTIES
- KEEP THE PITCH BUT GIVE IT A LITTLE UPGRADE, LIKE NEW NETTING ON THE TOP AND MAKE THE FENCE BIGGER
- GET A NEW NET ON THE PITCH EVERYTHING GETS CAUGHT IN THE NET
- THE PITCH IS THE PRIDE POSSESSION DO NOT MAKE IT SMALLER, THANKS
- UPGRADE EQUIPMENT SO ALL CHILDREN CAN PLAY
- WE DON'T NEED A PARK WE JUST NEED AN UPGRADED PLAYGROUND
- IN THE EMPTY SPACES ADD GYM BARS AND A TUNNEL SLIDE
- KEEP PITCH AS WE USE IT FOR ALL ACTIVITIES
- 5 DAY KIDS CLUB

SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY FEEDBACK



- STRATEGIC PLANTING** 
- LOW MAINTENANCE**
- CONSIDER LIGHTING**
- NATURAL PLAY AREA** 
- SITE LINES THROUGH PARK**
- SAFE FOR CHILDREN** 
- INCORPORATE PITCH INTO DESIGN** 
- MULTIFUNCTIONAL PARK**
- SPACES FOR EVENTS** 
- SAFE CROSSINGS** 
- BUILD OUTS FOR PLANTING**
- TRAFFIC CALMING**
- PERMEABILITY** 



Public Consultation 2 April 2024

**OVER 90** COMMENTS

**OVER 50** ATTENDEES



## WORKING CONCEPT SKETCHES

Following the valuable feedback received from the community at the first public consultation meeting we returned to the drawing board and drafted a few different options in sketch format incorporating comments resulting in a shift in the overall design of the space.





Amager Fælled Skole is a school in the city's south that houses 550 pupils.

Formerly the grey asphalt of a typical playground the project provides an innovative answer to what is considered one of Copenhagen's biggest challenges – **how to optimize the limited outdoor areas of the city.**

The result is a unique outdoor area that mutually engages the local residents and students alike.

The project was inspired by an existing and popular overgrown green area at the school, affectionately known by the students as 'The Forest'. The students loved to play in the area, which aligned with the school's wishes for a centralized green meeting place within the schoolyard.

The edge is created by a low wall of varied materials, coatings, textures and wooden benches. Small forecourts clearly mark entrance points from the footpath. The wall is also composed of various niches, terraces and rest points that enable the entire boundary to be used as a continuous parkour course.

All of the permanent functions such as play equipment are integrated into the edge, inviting pedestrians and local residents to enjoy the new facilities.

Several green islands are created through the planting of different trees, bushes and flowers. Students are able to explore and play inside or around the islands.

The school will also include interventions that will be used to collect rainwater and secure the area from flooding in the years to come.

Source: <https://www.nordarchitects.dk/>

## Amager Fælled Schoolyard "The Forest"



This play garden at the University of Chicago Medicine is a vibrant renovation of an existing outdoor playground.

Play can be discovered in many forms beyond just physical, providing a safe, inclusive, and imaginative

space for heal, learn, and explore.

Play opportunities exist in many forms beyond just physical. Elements of music, nature, and art are found within a space that was inspired by Dr. Seuss' creative stories and imagery.

The garden was carefully designed to immerse children of all physical abilities, including those in hospital beds, wheelchairs, and IV carts.

Those with limited mobility can explore nearly every part of the play garden through accessible pathways and play features. The garden provides unique and creative play experiences, including those that focus on building cognition, social and environmental development, gross motor skills, speech and language, and fine motor skills. Various shapes, sizes, textures, and out-of-the-ordinary plants and flowers help make this a colorful, vibrant, and altogether unique space for patients and their families.

## Comer Children's Hospital Playground Garden



The main park is proposed to be adjacent to townhouses. As the primary public space for this residential area, active and passive activities are provided for people of all ages in this park.

Sculptural forms are integrated into the play areas.

The plans of the basketball court and playground floor are designed to be oval-shaped because of the condition of the confined area of the narrow shape of the main park. The basketball court is patterned of geometry form by using PU coating material and most of the floor is painted green. The green color represents nature related to the leaves pattern concept of the playground.

Seating is integrated into low walls which also form the edges to planted areas adding a softness to the overall space.

### Chuan Chuen Town Rangsit Klong3 by Kernel Design



CONCEPT PLAN B SHOWN AT MEETING



- 1 Incorporation of seating elements into the bed edges in material such as a smooth exposed aggregate concrete or granite
- 2 Pergola creates a sheltered space for events to be held and a strong meeting point for the community to gather.
- 3 Cobble units to edge main entrance points.
- 4 Emergency access
- 5 Children's natural play with integrated play elements into mounding
- 6 1.5m clear stem trees spaced to allow for visibility into space
- 7 Rain garden/low planting beds
- 8 Reduction of carriageway - safety at entrances
- 10 Partial removal of railing and replacement with raised planters - Estate railing style type where required





GREENING

- E.g. Planters, Trees, Biodiversity
- Add any little paths for young people. Like a woodland path for walk through
- Love the trees (mature please) love the angled entrance - please keep benches
- Love the design. Keep the green, the benches. Gorgeous
- Prioritise play equipment & pitch over trees. Trees are great but maybe not so many
- Greenery(plenty) Something for everyone. Parking needs to be in driveways not around circle.
- Love it. Keep all the green
- Mature trees please
- Single fence on pitch good.
- Nice trees. Good pitch
- Trees. Lights.
- It is good to see so many green areas. Would like to see this again.
- More trees appalling lack of greenery on street. Air quality very poor with construction

GREENING

- E.g. Planters, Trees, Biodiversity
- More Trees
- Trees on Russell Avenue opposite park on paths.
- Shrubs with range of flowers across seasons.
- Grass areas. Picnic/ yoga/ teddy bears picnic.
- Woodland stepping stones for toddlers
- Dense shrubs around trees to protect
- Sensory elements, scented plants- lavender etc., Canopy that catches the wind
- Mature trees
- Cladding recreation centre good. Climbing plants?
- As much green as possible- planting looks great
- Love the greenery, multi use astro pitch, basketball hoop, other sports
- Natural play area, trees, seating, film screen
- Fenced off flowerbed, so no one tramples the flowers
- Trees, greenery



VEHICLE MOVEMENT

- E.G. One-way systems, Traffic Calming
- Access to driveway/ Drop kerbs
- Buses for Summer Projects
- One- Way system around park? Reduce road.
- Traffic calming raised tables.
- Traffic calming to be integrated
- Narrow down carriageway as much as possible . 3.6m traffic calming.
- Consider traffic calming around the playground. Thanks.
- Protected flower planting.
- Leave the two way traffic around the area



### SAFETY + PROTECTION

E.g. Lighting, Anti social behaviour, Concerns, Ideas

- Single pitch fence and benches
- Please leave gate off Church Rd opened as more children use this entrance.
- Keep area next to shed for events/fireworks
- Smaller area around pitch, gives more play space. Moving railings for more space
- Moving gate at church road
- Move railings to edge of footpath to increase space
- Parking (no.50) Lampposts- width car parked-no width to pass
- Pathway very narrow, drop off point needed
- Remove net from pitch. Balls get stuck. With behind goal fence balls too high to hit windows
- It seems unnecessary to have a double fencing around the pitch. Seating around the outside is suffice.
- Love it!! Gorgeous. One request keep Killane Road corner open as it is used by garbage trucks and as a car turn around point.

### SAFETY + PROTECTION

E.g. Lighting, Anti social behaviour, Concerns, Ideas

- Bins please.
- Less events, Noise
- No Floodlights
- Net- Balls existing windows at risk
- Bins please and keep it maintained please.
- Not a park, it's a playground
- Put lights all over playground because we have late clubs and the kids can be scared
- Improving railings around park and park- currently very unsightly
- Cladding on centre very good, as currently is very unsightly
- No floodlighting please
- Someway to stop water on the astro, drains
- Why are there so many events? There's a community centre
- Abandoned cars unsightly and a danger
- Dim lighting, not flood lighting
- Improvement to recreational centre needed
- DCC to consult with clubs and user groups
- No covered space required.
- Drinking water fountain
- Bins





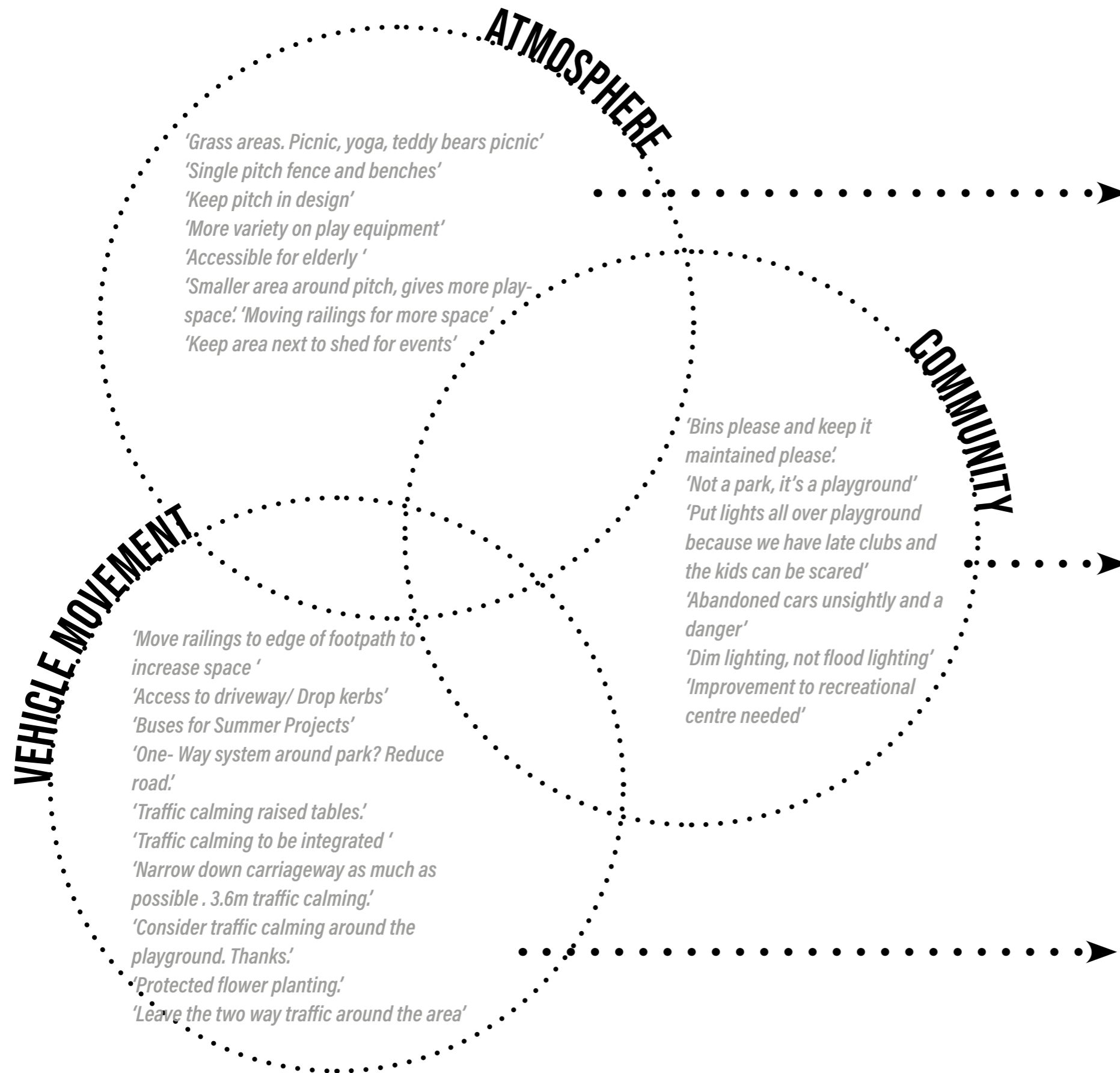
## UNIVERSAL DESIGN

- E.g. Comfort, Visually Impaired, Elderly
- Single fence around pitch with benches
- Sensory wall at back of club house, save space throughout playground
- Accessible for elderly
- Seating suitable for older people
- Good sight lines, pergola looks good

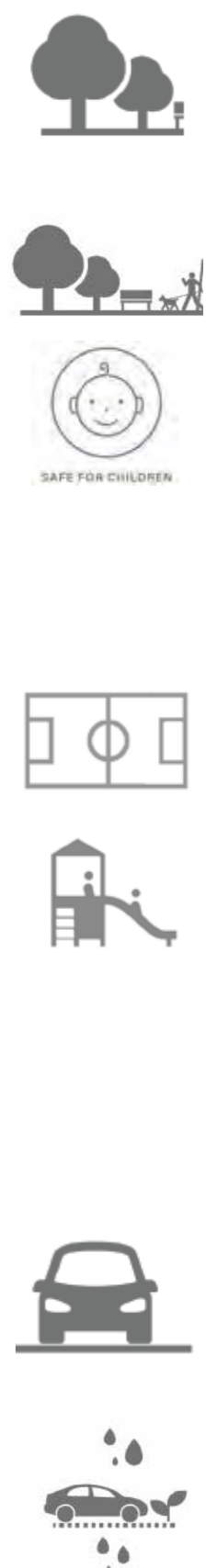


## PLAY + LEARN

- Sand pit/bins/trampoline/sensory area all needed.
- Water drinking fountain
- More Variety on Play Equipment
- Kids - Cleanliness around natural play
- Slide/ Trampoline/ swings
- Trampoline/ swings/ snake slide.
- Get rid of the nets above pitch please.
- No netting on pitch- eye sore and ineffective
- Nature play zone, stepping stones etc..
- In ground trampoline
- Elimination double fence on pitch good.
- Love the pergola
- Keep swings, more climbing frames, obstacle course
- Bins, good basketball hoop
- Gym equipment
- 4g astro, better astro surface
- Trampoline



- STRATEGIC PLANTING
- LOW MAINTENANCE
- CONSIDER LIGHTING
- NATURAL PLAY AREA
- SITE LINES THROUGH PARK
- REDUCE FENCING/NETS AROUND PITCH
- MORE GREENERY
- SAFE /VARIED PLAY EQUIPMENT
- INCORPORATE PITCH INTO DESIGN
- MULTIFUNCTIONAL PARK
- SPACES FOR EVENTS
- DROP OFF POINTS
- VISIBILITY INTO SPACE
- BINS/WATER FOUNTAIN
- SAFE CROSSINGS
- BUILD OUTS FOR PLANTING
- TRAFFIC CALMING
- PERMEABILITY
- RATIONALISATION OF TRAFFIC AND PARKING



## EAST WALL RECREATIONAL CENTRE IN NUMBERS - TOTAL SURFACE 2765M2

### FUTURE NUMBERS

**PROPOSED TREES** - 16 NO.

**PROPOSED GREEN SPACE (PLANTING AREAS AND TREES)** - 700 M2

**PROPOSED PERMEABLE SURFACES** - 1515 M2

**RETAINED PITCH** - 570 M2

**PROPOSED PLAY AREAS** - 225 M2

**PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES** - 850 M2



16NO. VS 0NO.



700M2 VS 0M2



1515M2 VS 570M2



570M2



225M2 VS 143M2



850M2 VS 0M2

### EXISTING NUMBERS

**EXISTING TREES** - 0

**EXISTING GREEN SPACE (PLANTING AREAS AND TREES)** - 0M2

**EXISTING PERMEABLE SURFACES** - 570 M2

**EXISTING PITCH** - 570 M2

**EXISTING PLAY AREAS** - 143 M2

**EXISTING TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES** - 0 M2

As described above, the objective of the proposals on East Wall proposed park refurbishment is to re-imagine the space and streets as a local amenity which delivers meaningful urban greening and the provision of a quality public realm.

The improvement of the existing hard standing surfaces, reduction of carriageway widths and creation of a multifunctional amenity space, will give rise to the planting of 15 new specimen trees, 650m2 of proposed planting within the amenity space with the potential additional trees associated with a community planting scheme. This is contributing to Dublin's urban tree canopy cover, and therefore building resilience to the effects of climate change.



- 1 Incorporation of seating elements into the bed edges in material such as a smooth exposed aggregate concrete or granite
- 2 Pergola creates a sheltered space for events to be held and a strong meeting point for the community to gather.
- 3 Cobble units to edge main entrance points.
- 4 Emergency access
- 5 Children's natural play with integrated play elements into mounding
- 6 1.5m clear stem trees spaced to allow for visibility into space
- 7 Rain garden/low planting beds
- 8 Reduction of carriageway - safety at entrances
- 10 Partial removal of railing and replacement with raised planters - Estate railing style type where required







**APPENDICES**  
**All comments received**

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COMMENTS

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- Age 0-12 PLAY EQUIPMENT
- STREET TREES (SMALL), FEW BUT NOT BLOCKING VIEWS INTO PARK (SAFETY)
- EXTRA PLACE FOR TENNIS/BADMINTON DURING SUMMER, MIGHT TAKE HOLD OF KIDS NOT INTO FOOTBALL
- KIDS DON'T NEED PLANTS THEY NEED SOMEWHERE TO PLAY
- SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS WHERE POSSIBLE / ASK MENS SHED
- SOMETHING FOR NEUROLOGICAL KIDS
- ROOF TOP GARDEN ON CENTRE. KEEP PITCH! UPDATE PLAYGROUND
- TURN THE CIRCLE INTO A ROUNDABOUT ONE WAY AROUND
- KEEP THE PLAYGROUND AS A PLAYGROUND. SPEND ALL THE MONEY FOR EQUIPMENT FOR THE KIDS
- NATURAL PLAY: NO GRASSED AREA IN EAST WALL
- MORE TREES REMOVED ALL OVER EAST WALL
- PERMEABILITY: REMOVE ACCESS RESTRICTION/ ACCESSIBLE FROM ALL SIDES
- 2 NO. RAISED TABLES: PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY
- ONE-WAY SYSTEM: REDUCE ROAD 3.6M. ENLARGE PARK
- SUDS: EAST WALL PRONE TO FLOODING
- RAISED BEDS: INTERACTION WITH MENS SHED
- SHIP- FEATURE PLAY EQUIPMENT MARITIME
- UPGRADE PITCH - 4 G



FEEDBACK

- SUDS / FLOODING
- MORE TREES
- DON'T MOVE THE PITCH
- THE PITCH HAS TO STAY
- KEEP THE PITCH
- THE PITCH NEEDS TO STAY FOREVER, IT HAS BEEN THERE FOREVER
- THE PITCH GETS USED EVERY SINGLE DAY FOR ACTIVITIES: SUMMER PROJECTS / HALLOWEEN: THE HAUNTED HOUSE
- MATURE TREES NOT SAPLINGS
- GRASS / SOFT SURFACES
- THE PITCH IS THE BEST THING AT THE LAYA AND NOBODY WILL GO ANYMORE AND WE NEED SOME NEW EQUIPMENT WHERE THE OLD STUFF IS AND WE NEED A TUNNEL SLIDE . JUST A REMINDER DO NOT TAKE THE PITCH AWAY
- MAKE THE PITCH BIGGER
- WOODEN BENCH
- TRAMPOLINE
- MORE SWINGS
- KEEP THE PITCH
- COMMUNITY SPACES I.E. WE HAD STREET BINGO DURING COVID LITERALLY ON THE ROAD. SOMEWHERE FOR PEOPLE TO GATHER OUTDOORS FOR OLDER GROUP
- CHILDREN CAN USE PLAYGROUND AT ANY TIME ANY DAY. OLD FOLKS HAVE THE COMMUNITY CENTRE
- KEEP THE PITCH, ONLY FREE PITCH IN EAST WALL



FEEDBACK

- PLANTING - LOVE TO SEE MORE TREES AND PLANTS THAT WILL THRIVE IN AREA AND CURRENT CLIMATE
- MAYBE MAKE THE ROAD A ONE WAY SYSTEM OR BLOCK IT OFF
- PITCH NEEDS TO STAY
- PUT LIGHTS ALL OVER THE PLAYGROUND BECAUSE WE HAVE LATE CLUBS AND THE KIDS CAN BE SCARED
- KEEP THE PITCH
- NEED TO GET A NEW NET ON THE PITCH BUT DO NOT TAKE IT AWAY
- PEOPLE ALL OVER GO TO THE PLAYGROUND
- IF YOU TAKE AWAY OUR PITCH YOU ARE TAKING AWAY OUR SOUL
- PUT GYM BARS
- BIG SLIDES
- OLD RESIDENTS LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SEE INTO THE PLAYGROUND THEY FEEL SAFE
- KEEP THE PITCH BUT GIVE IT A LITTLE UPGRADE, LIKE NEW NETTING ON THE TOP AND MAKE THE FENCE BIGGER
- GET A NEW NET ON THE PITCH EVERYTHING GETS CAUGHT IN THE NET
- THE PITCH IS THE PRIDE POSSESSION DO NOT MAKE IT SMALLER, THANKS
- UPGRADE EQUIPMENT SO ALL CHILDREN CAN PLAY
- WE DON'T NEED A PARK WE JUST NEED AN UPGRADED PLAYGROUND
- IN THE EMPTY SPACES ADD GYM BARS AND A TUNNEL SLIDE
- NARROW ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING
- PUT A HUGE TUNNEL SLIDE PLEASE
- THE PITCH IS THE ONLY PITCH IN EAST WALL FOR THE KIDS TO PLAY ON
- MAYBE MAKE ONE ENTRANCE AND LEAVE THE BIG ONE



FEEDBACK

- CHANGE ALL THE COLOURS TO PASTEL COLOURS
- MORE BABY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES/ GROUND LEVEL TRAMPOLINES
- REPLACE BASKETBALL HOOPS ALTERNATIVE TO FOOTBALL
- BETTER LIGHTING MAINTAINED
- NOT OVER DOING SEATING AREAS AS LEADS TO ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR
- PITCH TO BE UPDATED BUT LEFT ITS ORIGINAL SIZE. VERY IMPORTANT TO OTHER EVENTS IN EAST WALL LIKE HALLOWEEN HOUSE
- KEEP THE PITCH
- PUT FLAGS LIKE PRIDE TO SUPPORT THE PRIDE
- PERMEABILITY
- FLOOD LIGHTING ON THE PITCH ON A TIMER FOR SURROUNDING RESIDENTS
- RAMPS APPROACHING EITHER SIDE OF THE PLAYGROUND TO SLOW TRAFFIC
- PLAYGROUND WILL HAVE MORE DOG POO IF NO GATES
- THE PITCH IS THE BEST THING IN THE PLAYGROUND
- MEMORIAL SOUNDS GOOD / NAMES FOR THE PARK
- NETTING AROUND THE PITCH IN BAD SHAPE, BIRDS GETTING CAUGHT
- BIRD BOXES HIGH IN TREES
- PREFER NO LIGHTING AT NIGHT/ LIMITED LIGHTING AFFECTING HOUSES BESIDE IT
- PAINT GATE ARCHES COMMUNITY CENTRE
- GRAFFITI PROJECT WITH YOUTH
- RETAIN SIMILAR RAILINGS
- MATURE TREES GOOD SITE LINES THROUGH PARK
- BIKE BUNKER? PROS: ENCOURAGE BIKE USE. CONS: VANDALISM/ ROBBING BIKES



FEEDBACK

- BIGGER PITCH / UPGRADE PITCH
- SENSORY EQUIPMENT IN OTHER SIDE OF CIRCULATED AREA
- MONKEY BARS/ SLIDES/ SWINGS
- SPRING LOADED GATES TO STOP KIDS GETTING OUT
- SENSORY AREA & DISABILITY ACCESS
- MORE GREEN / MORE TREES
- MORE PLAY/LIGHT UP PARK
- PITCH LIGHTING DIRECTIONAL NO LEAKAGE STOP ANTI-SOCIAL AND ALLOW KIDS TO PLAY AT NIGHT
- PLAN THAT IS SUSTAINABLE AND EASILY MAINTAINED
- POWER SUPPLY FOR EVENTS
- TREES/ PERENNIAL PLANTING/ SOFT LINES
- POWER SUPPLY FOR EVENTS
- LESS EXIT/ENTRANCE. 1 OR 2 MAX KIDS SAFETY, STOP KIDS RUNNING OFF
- MORE PLAY/ PITCH IS THE AREA STAGE
- TURN PITCH INTO 2 IN 1 SPACE ADD ROOF TO PITCH
- MORE TREES/ GREEN
- INVISIBLE OVERHEAD NETTING
- MOVE VEHICLE ENTRANCE AND PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE
- COMBINE PLAY EQUIP IN ONE SIDE OF CIRCULAR AREA
- NO BUSHES AS WE NEED TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE KIDS
- KEEP PITCH/ FLOOD LIGHTS/ UPGRADE ASTRO/ NETTING TO BE FIXED
- WORK AROUND THE EXISTING PITCH INCLUDING TREES
- UPGRADE EQUIPMENT: IT'S ALL RUSTY



FEEDBACK

- KEEP PITCH AS WE USE IT FOR ALL ACTIVITIES
- 5 DAY KIDS CLUB
- PITCH TO BE KEPT AS IS!!!
- KEEP THE PITCH AS IT IS. PAINT THE CENTRE.
- ASTRO PITCH USED UNTIL LATE ( NO ACCESS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS TO OTHER PITCHES)
- IMPROVE SETTING FOR OLDER PEOPLE
- ASTRO SHOULD NOT BE REMOVED
- MOVING THE CHURCH ROAD ENTRANCE WOULD NOT BE SUPPORTED AS WOULD PUT ENTRANCE ON FRONT HOUSE DIRECTLY.
- TOO MUCH GREENERY NOT ENOUGH OBJECTS TO PLAY ON
- ADDING A THIRD ENTRANCE WILL NOT HELP THE CONGESTION ON THE ROAD
- JULY EVENTS -COVERED AREAS- AUGUST HALLOWEEN
- CLUBS AFTER SCHOOL. CHRISTMAS PARTIES

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FEEDBACK

- Add any little paths for young people. Like a woodland path for walk through
- Love the trees (mature please) love the angled entrance - please keep benches
- Single pitch fence and benches
- Love the design. Keep the green, the benches. Gorgeous
- Prioritise play equipment & pitch over trees. Trees are great but maybe not so many
- Greenery(plenty) Something for everyone. Parking needs to be in driveways not around circle.
- Please leave gate off Church Rd opened as more children use this entrance.
- Sand pit/bins/trampoline/sensory area all needed.
- Love it. Keep all the green
- Keep area next to shed for events/fireworks
- Water drinking fountain
- Access to driveway/ Drop kerbs
- Smaller area around pitch, gives more play-space. Moving railings for more space
- Moving gate at church road
- Move railings to edge of footpath to increase space





**FEEDBACK AND COMMENTS**

- Remove net from pitch. Balls get stuck. With behind goal fence balls too high to hit windows
- Mature trees please
- Single fence around pitch with benches
- It seems unnecessary to have a double fencing around the pitch. Seating around the outside is suffice.
- Love it!! Gorgeous. One request keep Killane Road corner open as it is used by garbage trucks and as a car turn around point.
- One- Way system around park? Reduce road.
- Traffic calming raised tables.
- Single fence on pitch good.
- Nice trees. Good pitch
- Trees. Lights.
- Bins please.
- Traffic calming to be integrated
- Narrow down carriageway as much as possible . 3.6m traffic calming.
- Consider traffic calming around the playground.
- Thanks.
- Protected flower planting.
- It is good to see so many green areas. Would like to see this again.



**FEEDBACK AND COMMENTS**

- Slide/ Trampoline/ swings
- Trees on Russell Avenue opposite park on paths.
- Shrubs with range of flowers across seasons.
- Grass areas. Picnic/ yoga/ teddy bears picnic.
- Trampoline/ swings/ snake slide.
- Get rid of the nets above pitch please.
- Bins please and keep it maintained please.
- Woodland stepping stones for toddlers
- No netting on pitch- eye sore and ineffective
- Dense shrubs around trees to protect
- Sensory elements, scented plants- lavender etc., Canopy that catches the wind
- Mature trees
- Not a park, it's a playground
- Accessible for elderly
- Seating suitable for older people
- Cladding recreation centre good. Climbing plants?
- Elimination double fence on pitch good.
- Love the pergola
- Nature play zone, stepping stones etc..
- In ground trampoline



**FEEDBACK AND COMMENTS**

- Bins, good basketball hoop
- Good sight lines, pergola looks good
- Someway to stop water on the astro, drains
- Love the greenery, multi use astro pitch, basketball hoop, other sports
- Why are there so many events? There's a community centre
- Abandoned cars unsightly and a danger
- Dim lighting, not flood lighting
- Natural play area, trees, seating, film screen
- Gym equipment
- Fenced off flowerbed, so no one tramples the flowers
- Improvement to recreational centre needed
- 4g astro, better astro surface
- Trees, greenery
- Leave the two way traffic around the area
- Dcc to consult with clubs and user groups
- No covered space required.