

Witley Point MUGA

Background

The Council has agreed a new model for youth services in Roehampton. This includes combining the Roehampton Youth Club and The Base in a new multi-purpose facility housed within the new community building (“Block A”), a new mobile facility and equipment to deliver youth services to peripheral parts of Roehampton, and improvements to the Alton Activity Centre, the Downshire Field play area and the Witley Point MUGA

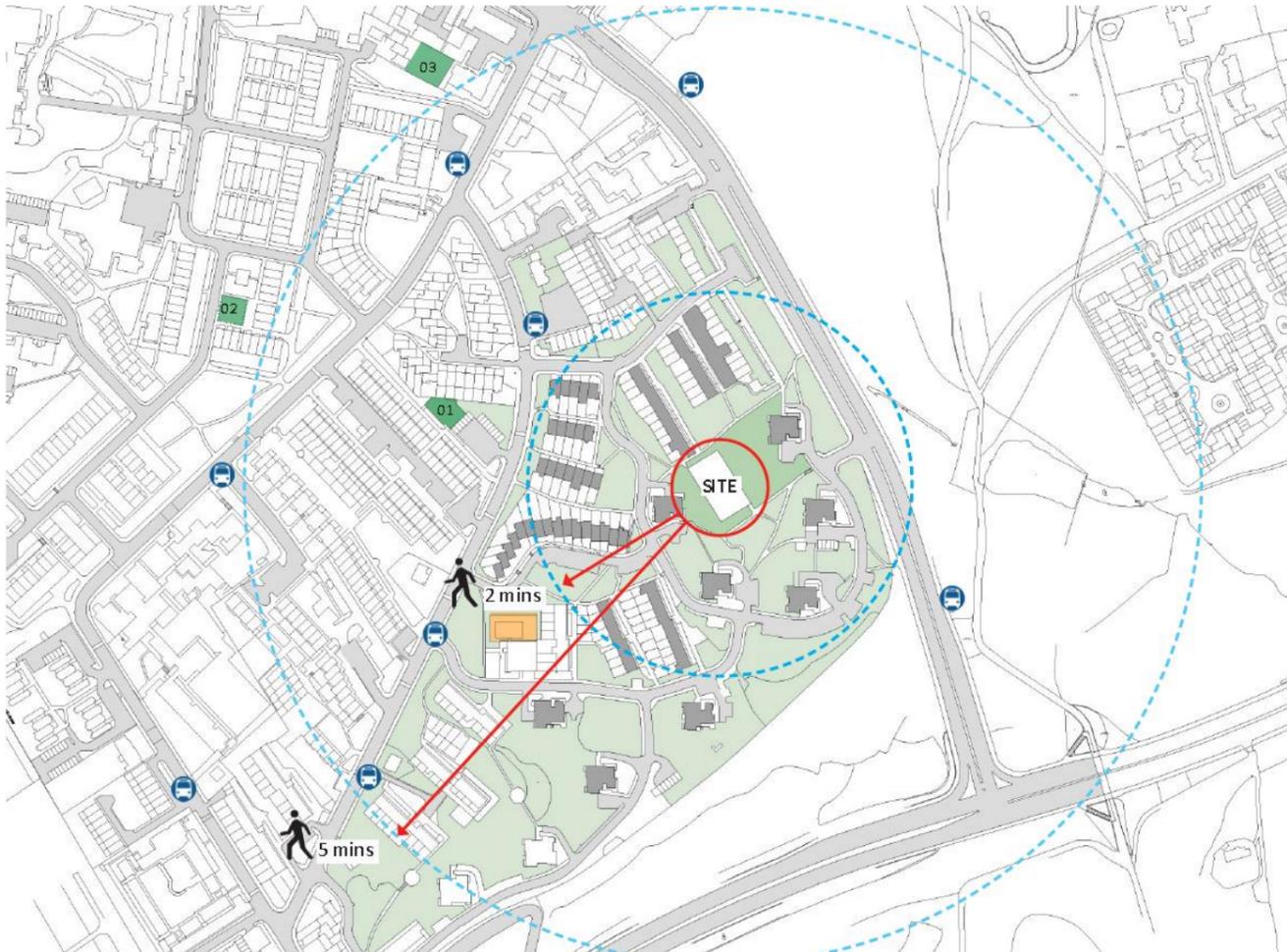
Aims

Following discussions with Children’s Services, local schools and community groups, council officers have developed proposals for a range of improvements to the MUGA and surrounding area. These include: new goals, a new surface, new fencing, new paths, improved planting and shrubbery, lighting, toilet facilities, children’s play and access to sports equipment.

Though the initial plans included the resurfacing of the pitch with 3G artificial grass, this has now been included within the estate surfaces budget for 2018/19 and was completed at the beginning of April 2019.



Site Location



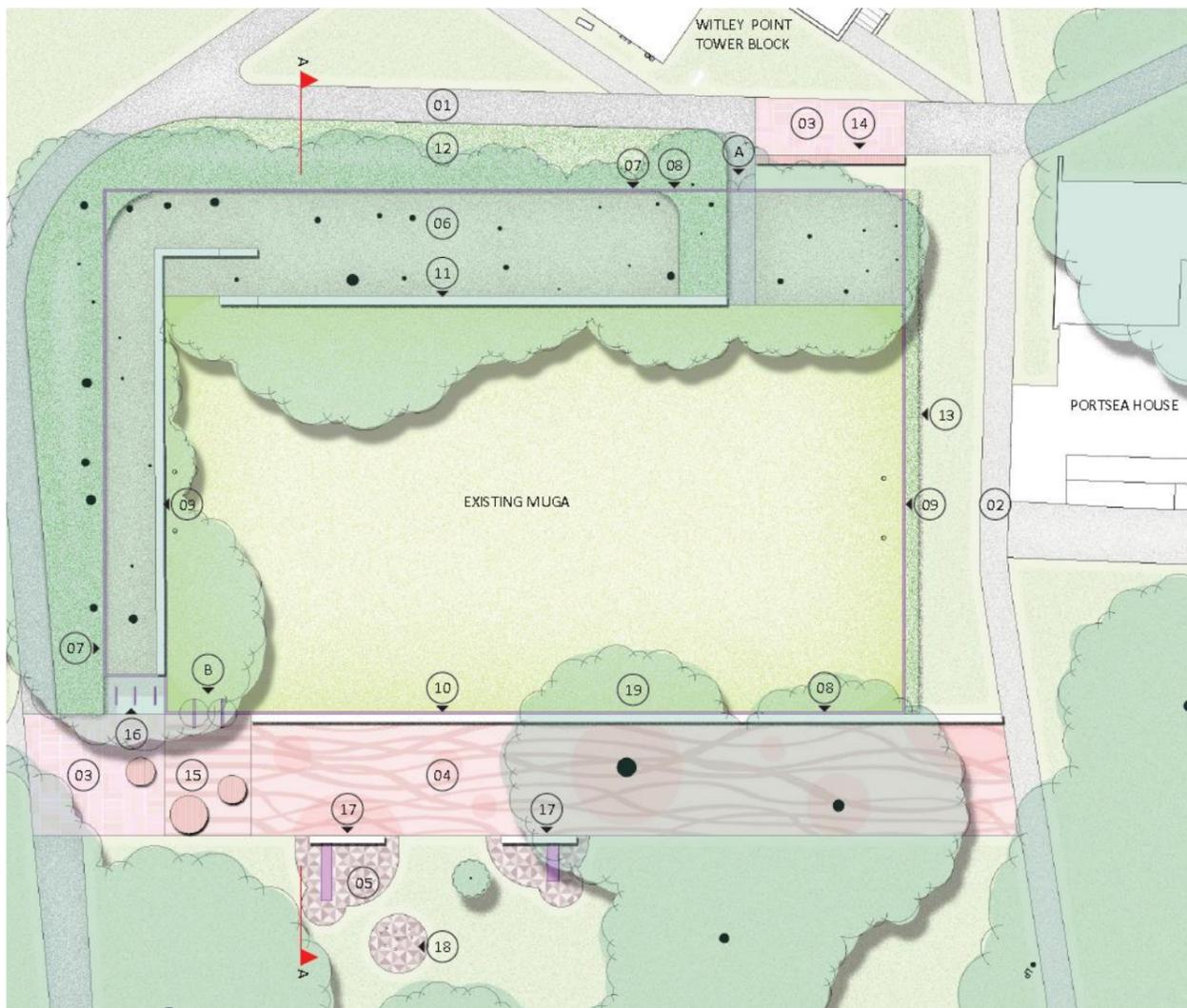
Legend

-  Bus Stop
-  Distances from Site
-  Disused MUGA area
-  Play and sports areas
- 01. Alton play ground
- 02. Ibsley Gardens play area
- 03. Roehampton Youth Club MUGA area

Scale: 1:2500 @ A3



Proposal

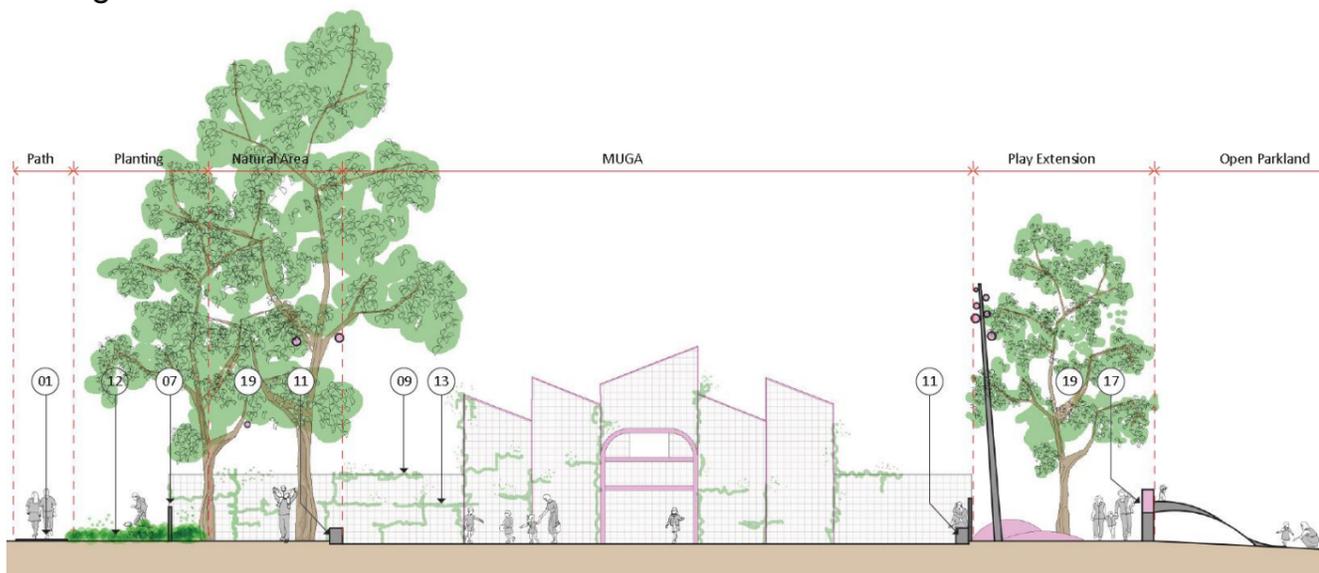


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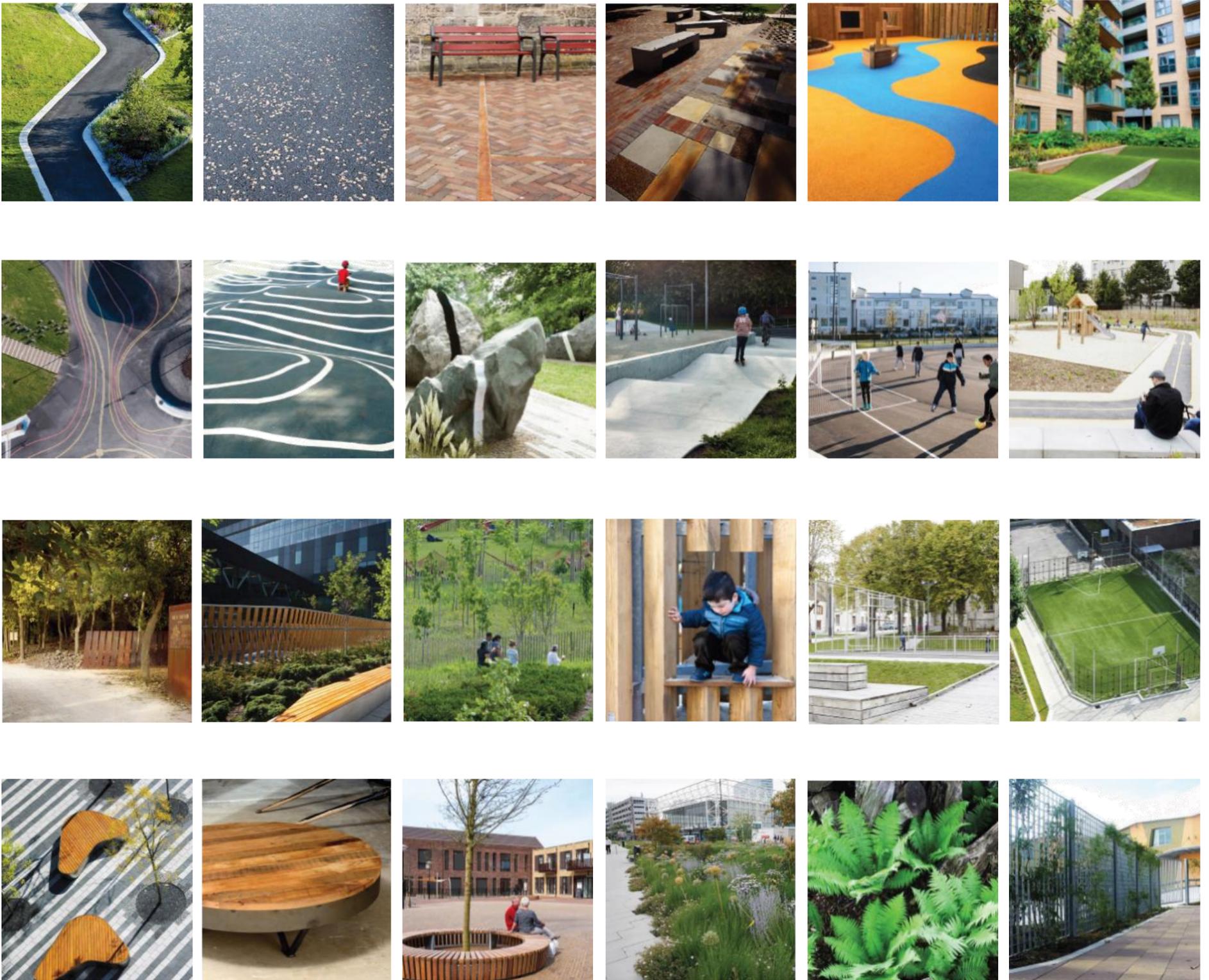
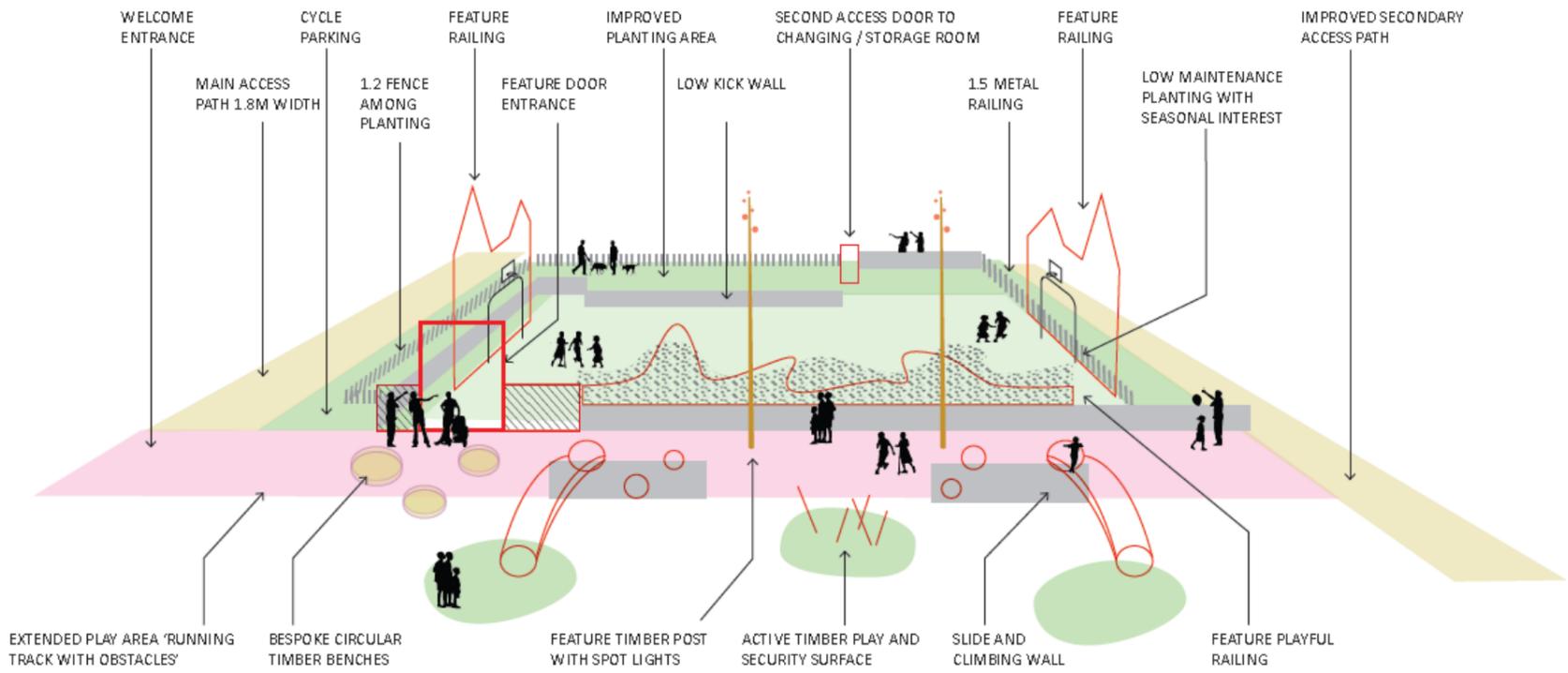
- 01. Proposed main route access
- 02. Repair works to existing path
- 03. Welcome area feature pavement
- 04. New play strip
- 05. Play security surface
- 06. Bark mulch to existing planting area
- 07. Timber fence 1.2m High
- 08. Metal railing 1.5m High
- 09. Metal railing 2.4m High
- 10. Feature play metal railing
 - A. 1.5m Wide metal door
 - B. 2.4m High revolving doors
- 11. Low concrete kick wall
- 12. Low ground cover planting
- 13. Ornamental planting. Climbers
- 14. Timber top bench to concrete wall
- 15. Feature circular timber bench
- 16. Cycle racks
- 17. Climbing wall with slide
- 18. Timber climbing structure
- 19. Existing trees retained

The current proposal includes:

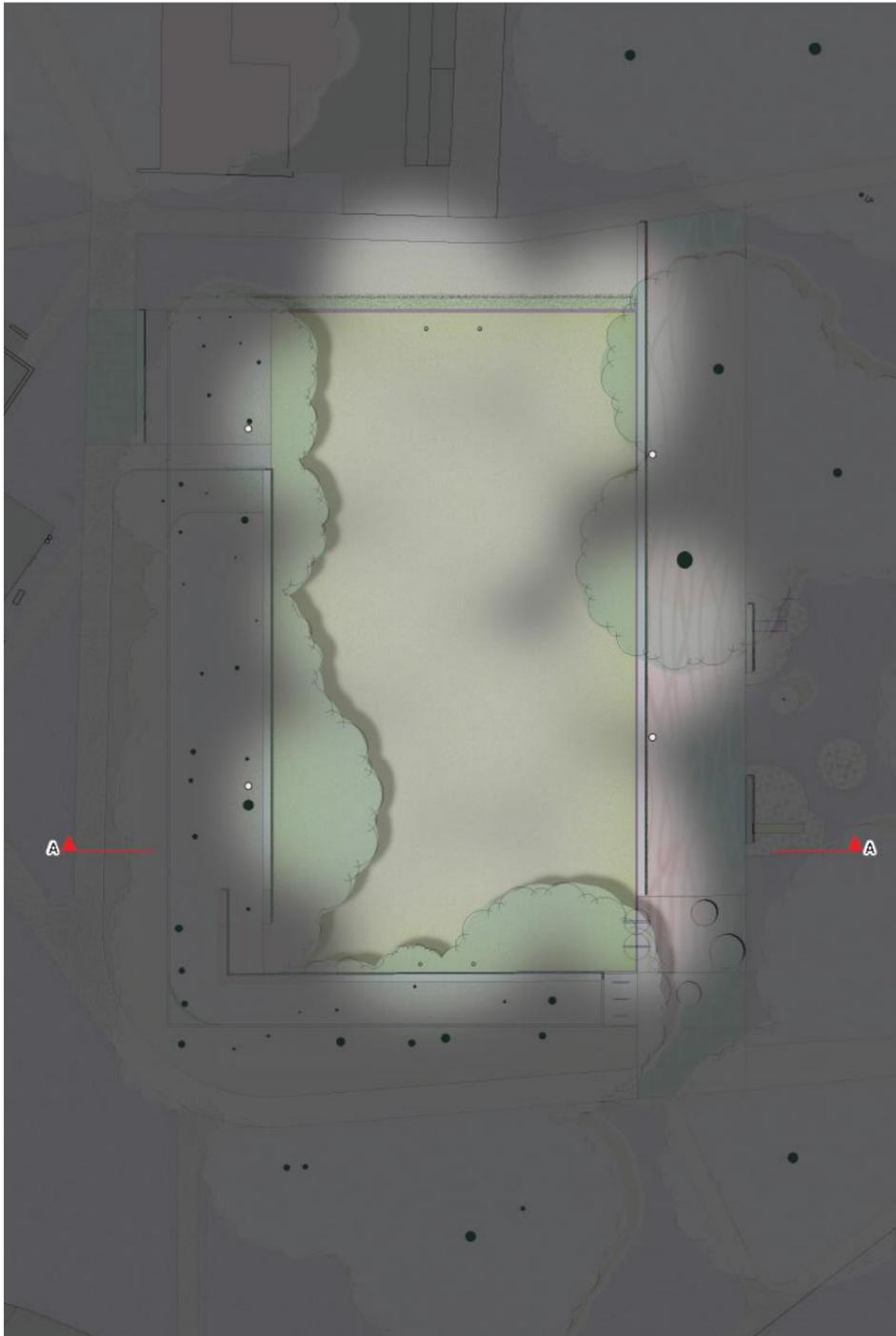
- Pedestrian improvements including new paths, fencing, signage and cycle racks. This will improve access to and through the area.
- A new area for spectators beneath the existing tree canopy and new “welcome areas” at the two entrances to the MUGA with feature paving, bins and notice boards.
- A New running track which will incorporate existing obstacles such as trees and rocks which will create opportunities for informal play.
- New lighting to allow local community groups to use the area in the evenings and during winter months.
- New planting including trees and shrubs within the existing wooded areas and climbers along the new fencing.



Materials



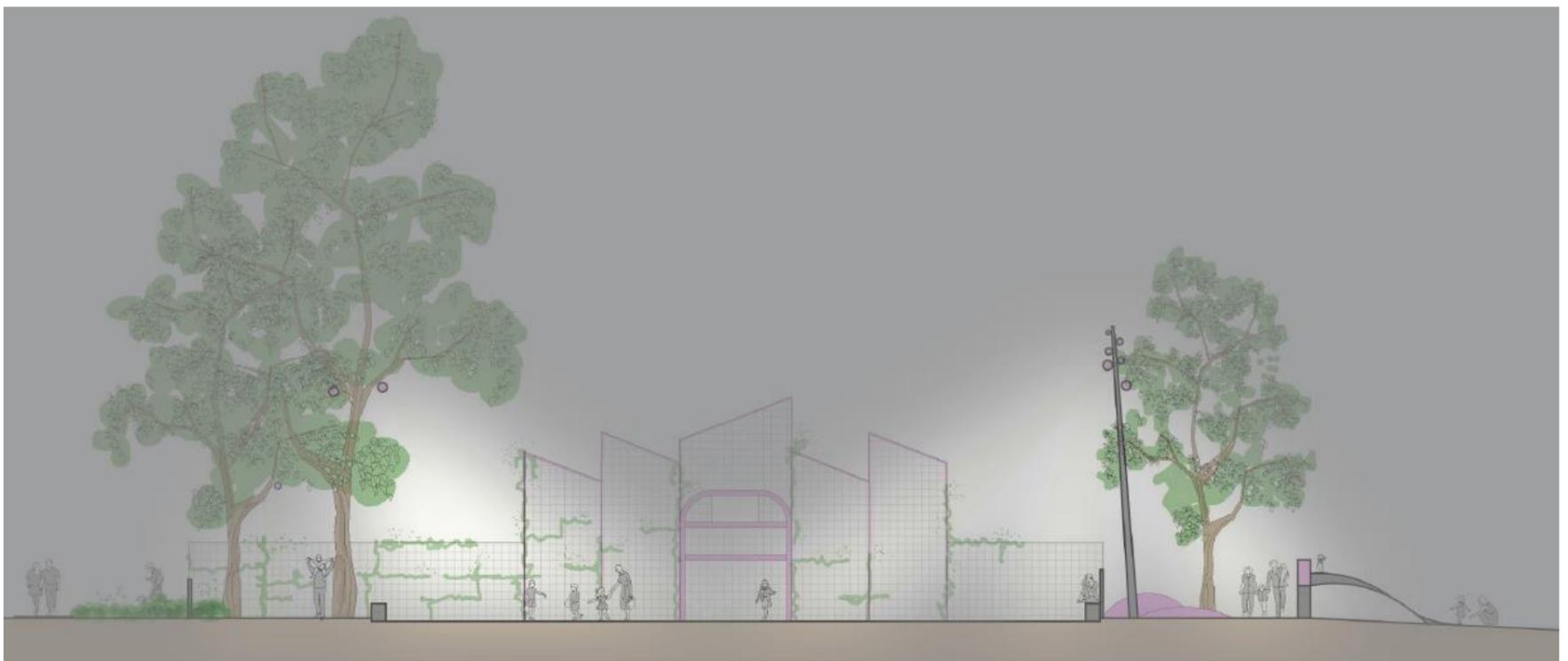
Lighting



Children's Services and local community groups including Chelsea Kicks, Enable and Roehampton Youth Club have expressed a wish for lighting to be provided to illuminate the games area. This will allow groups to use the pitch in the evening during winter months when it is more difficult for young people to participate in physical activity. It will also replace the lighting currently provided at the Roehampton Youth Club.

In line with council policy, the lighting will be on a time switch set to operate until 21:00, and there will be a manual switch to control the lighting during this time. The current proposal is for two posts, one on either side of the games area. The adjacent image is a desktop study and only illustrative, however it does show the coverage that manufacturers are able to achieve.

The council has commissioned an ecological survey to inform the development of proposals and to ensure that the impact on local wildlife is minimised.



Engagement

Three engagement sessions have been held with three different groups of young people between 11 and 19 years old at the Roehampton Youth Club on the Alton Estate, the Chelsea Kicks community football session at the Ashburton Youth Club and at Heathmere School with pupils from Year 6.

All groups of children were commented on the proposed plans and made recommendations to improve the designs. Concerns were raised about the current lack of lighting and young people said that this made the place feel “dark and scary”, especially in the evening during winter months.

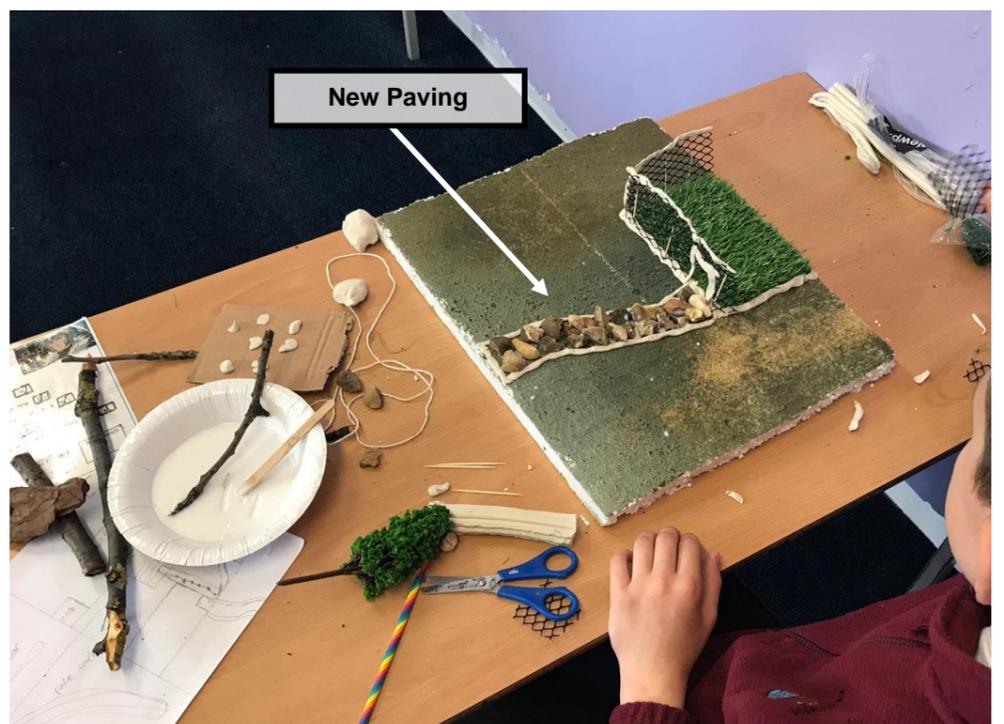
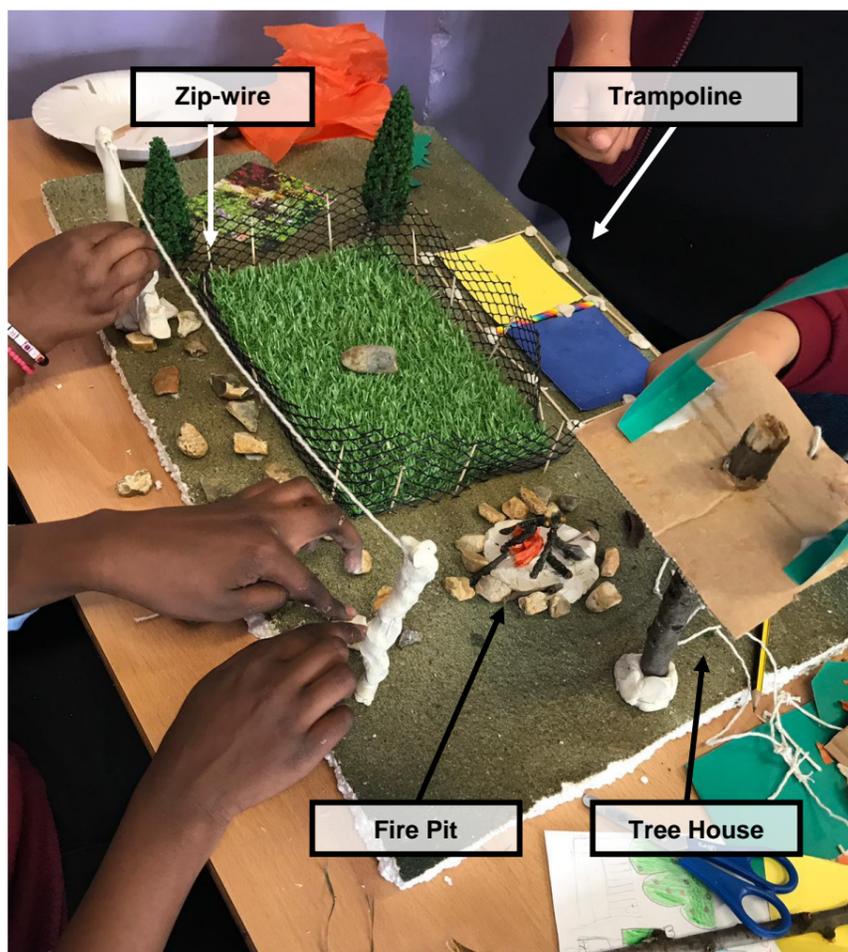
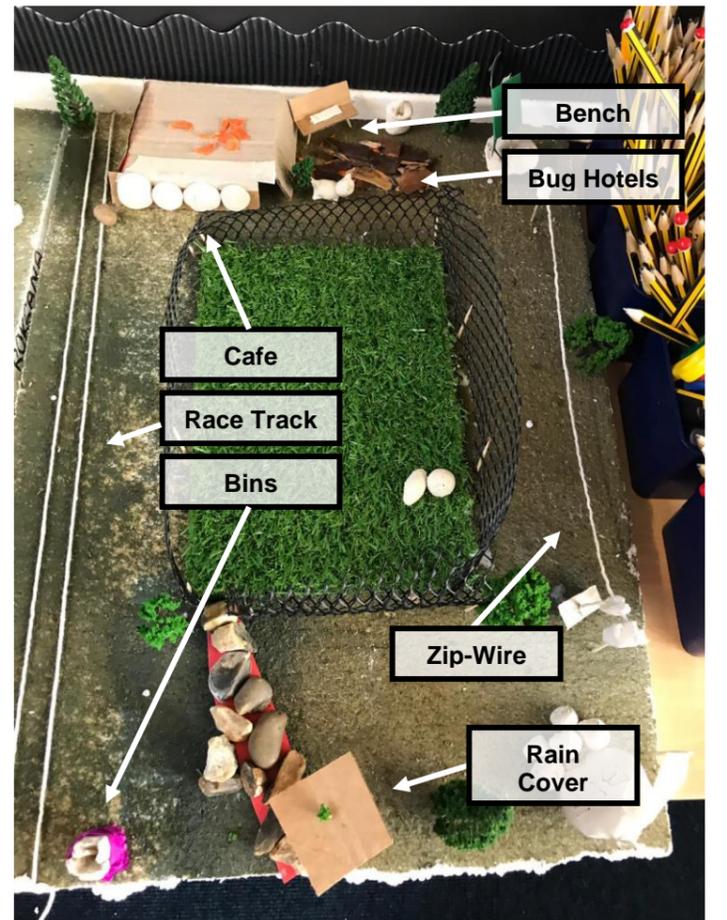
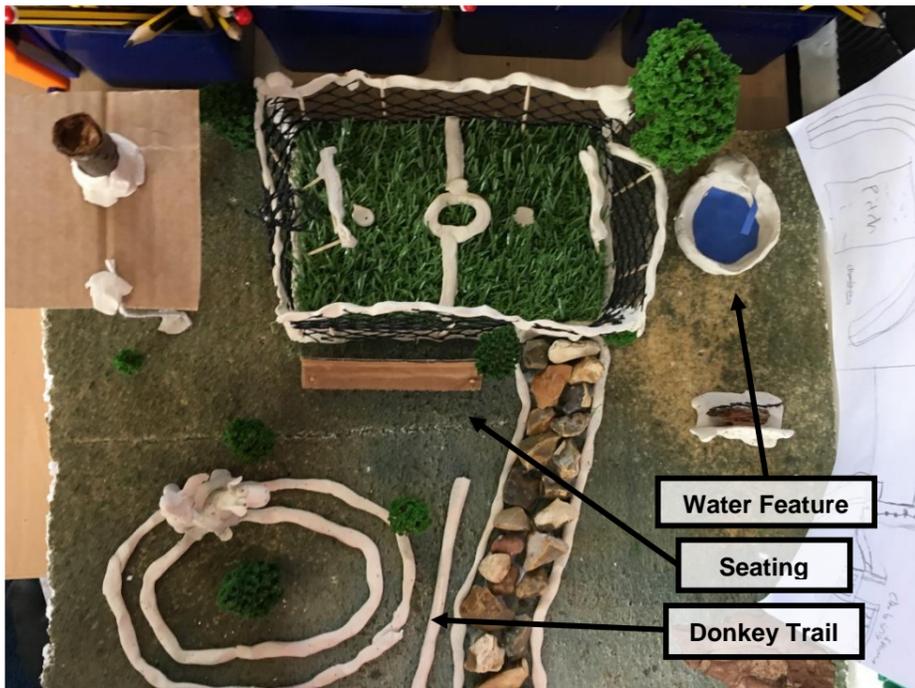
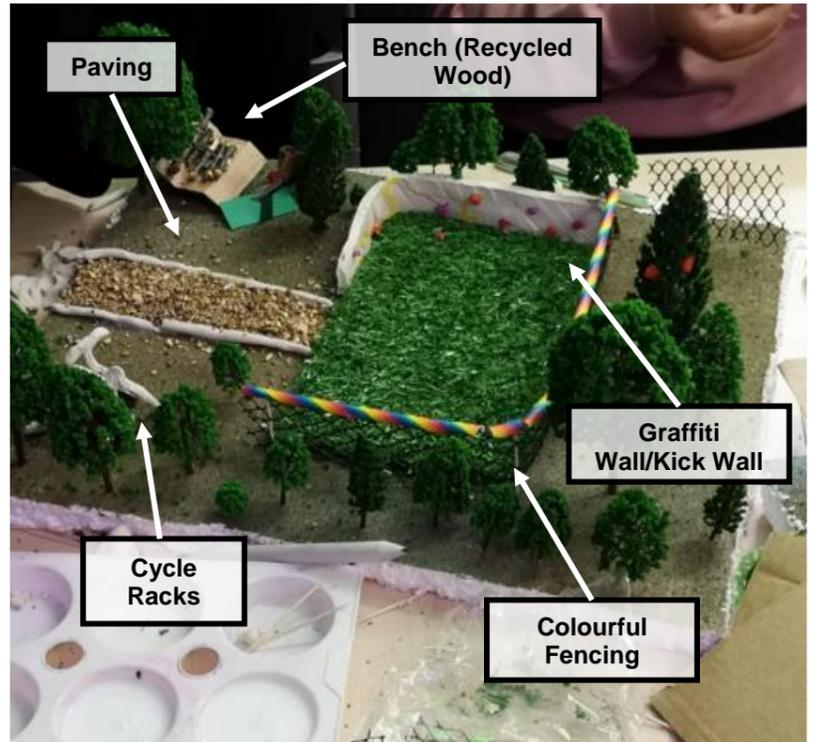
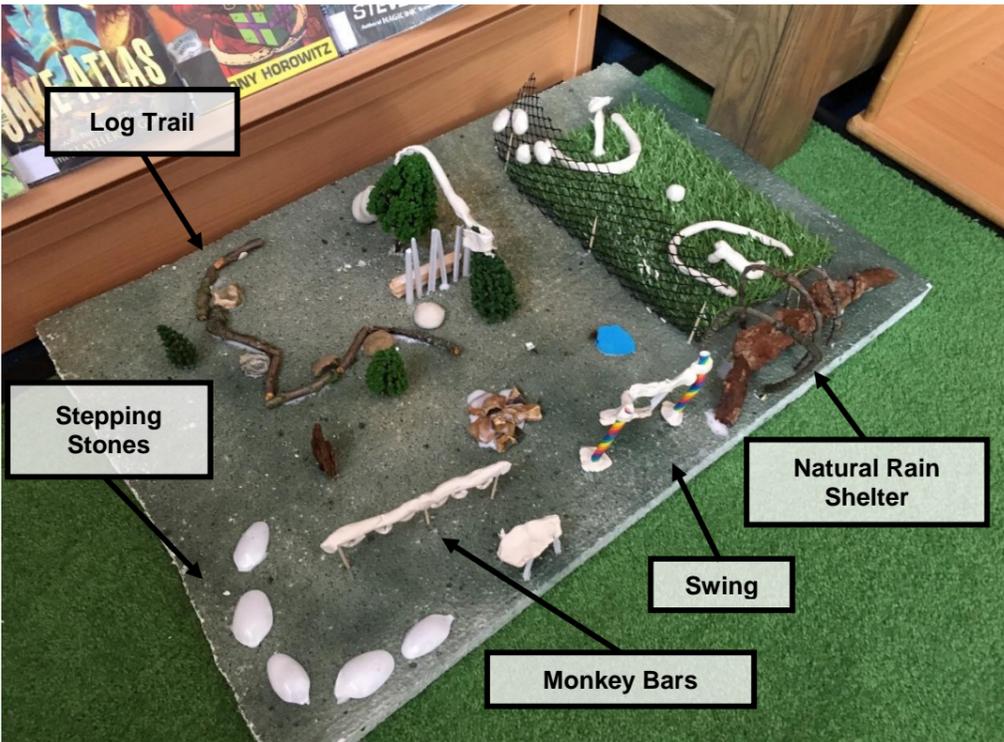
They also suggested incorporating more sports and play including a variety of colours and pitch markings, climbing boulders and table tennis tables. Furthermore, they suggested ways to make the site accessible to different age groups such as young children and adults, including better paving, secure bike racks and better signage.



Young people made the following recommendations:

- Water fountains
- Tiered seating area
- Outdoor gym
- LED lighting
- Ball nets
- Lockers
- Canopy
- Line markings for two pitches
- Zip line
- Bins
- Bike rack
- Paving
- Boulders
- Trampoline
- Bench
- Bug hotel
- Graffiti wall
- Bouldering wall
- Ramp park
- More trees
- Vegetable and flower garden
- Dog park
- Bird feeders
- Log benches
- Pond
- Ball pit
- Toilet facilities
- Race track
- Better signage
- Retractable roof
- Phone chargers
- Swing





Your Views

Please stick comments below or fill out the comment sheets provided. Alternatively, please return comments as soon as possible to the Regeneration Team at roehampton@wandsworth.gov.uk or to the Western Area Housing Office in the Roehampton Parish Hall.

Following engagement sessions with Children's Services, local community groups and young people, and consultations with local residents, we will review the feedback we have received and make changes to the proposals accordingly. As the proposal contains new lighting and fencing we will also need to apply for planning permission. All feedback we receive will be passed onto the planners

Following planning approval, we will submit the design for tender with the aim of beginning construction later this year after the school summer holidays.