TOTTERIDGE RECREATION GROUND
HIGH WYCOMBE
Landscape Scheme Proposals

Job Description:
Totteridge Recreation Ground

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High Wycombe District Council

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SECTION ONE: Introduction

Design Brief

1.0 Introduction
Wycombe District Council wishes to develop community facilities at Totteridge Recreation Ground over and above the football changing block and facilities that are currently provided.

The Recreation Ground is situated in Terriers, in the north east of High Wycombe and is surrounded by housing. Currently, the main vehicular access is via a gated single carriageway off Walton Drive. A further single carriageway used for ground maintenance exists off Freemantle road. Public footpaths enter into the Recreation Ground in the north-west and south-east corners.

2.0 Background

2.1 Funding
Wycombe District Council (WDC) has S106 funding available to improve open space and community facilities at Totteridge Recreation Ground. Once public consultation is finished, outline designs will be reviewed and revised to form a scheme that fits within the available budget.

2.2 Stakeholders / Workshop inputs
WDC held a workshop earlier in 2016 to canvas local stakeholders’ views and ideas on improvements that could be made to the community and outdoor sports facilities at the Recreation Ground. Previous consultation had highlighted the need for improvements, but was not specific about the actual facilities to be included.

The workshop helped identify some popular facilities. The Council would now like to investigate further which options might be most valued by the local community.

2.3 Community hall (for community management and use) - Possible Options
• Option one – located at the school end of the Recreation Ground and dual school/community use, with possibly the school managing it on a day to day basis or joint management with local community groups;
• Option two – located at the changing block end and either sole community or joint school use, possibly with pre-school group and sport club using on a regular basis.

2.4 Open space/outdoor sports - Possible Options
(Available budget would not allow for all options here to be delivered)
• All weather (not gravel so can be used by buggies, wheelchairs, runners etc) circular path around the perimeter (preferably of both fields)
• Fitness trail/outdoor gym situated around the perimeter
• Tennis and multi game court
• Improved cricket and informal ball sports facilities
• Improved seating and landscaping
SECTION TWO: ANALYSIS

Existing Site: Opportunities and Constraints

**FOOTBALL PITCH**

- Mature and semi-mature trees planted in groups
- Existing footpath in poor condition in parts
- Existing tarmac footpath in poor condition in parts
- Private Garden Access
- Existing changing rooms

**MAIN ENTRANCE:** Poor Signage

- Pedestrian access
- Existing trees

**CAR PARK**

**SCHOOL PLAYGROUND**

- SCHOOL FIELD
- Historic field boundary, hedge with breaks

**CRICKET WICKET:** synthetic grass laid on concrete. In tired condition

**PRIVATE GARDEN ACCESS**

**SECONDARY VEHICULAR ENTRANCE**

- Use for maintenance only

**EXISTING FOOTPATH**

- Intermittent green boundary (with access from houses)
- Strong green boundary

**PLAYGROUND**

- Play 0-7 yrs
- Play 7 yrs+

**SCHOOL FIELD**

- Historic field boundary, hedge with breaks

**SHelter**

- Overgrown Public rights of way

**Palisade Security Fence** (Visual Detractor)
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Existing Site Photographs

Figure 03. Viewpoint location plan

Viewpoint 1 (from Walton Dr.)
- Poorly signposted

Viewpoint 3
- Existing play area for toddler and young children

Viewpoint 5
- MUGA located centrally

Viewpoint 2
- Graffiti on facade detracts from quality / wellbeing

Viewpoint 4
- Sparse playing field with palisade security fence

Viewpoint 7
- View of the St Francis of Assisi Terriers Church

Groups of trees create safe but secluded footpath separated from main playing field
SECTION THREE: Landscape Proposal

Zoning Diagram - OPTION 1 (Hall in North east corner)

- Main pedestrian site entrance for community building
- Secondary pedestrian site entrance
- Key nodes / gathering spaces - Uplift in quality of landscape setting with seating areas
- Circular footpath
- Community hall location
- New tennis and multi-game court
- Fitness equipment
- Proposed trees
- Ball wall
- School playgrounds
- Footprint of pitches (note: indicative location shown only as size and orientation change periodically)

- Planting to create natural screen through native hedgerow
- Location of community hall
- Seating area to watch games
- Planting to create natural screen
- Access to public right of way
- Football and cricket pitches to be slightly relocated to the east
- Elevated seating areas on both side of the hedge
- Seating area
Zoning Diagram - OPTION 2 (Hall in south west corner)

- **Main pedestrian and vehicular site entrance for community building**
- **Secondary pedestrian site entrance**
- **Key nodes / gathering spaces - Uplift in quality of landscape setting with seating area**
- **Circular footpath**
- **Community hall location**
- **New tennis and multi-game court**
- **Fitness equipment**
- **Proposed trees**
- **Ball wall**
- **School playgrounds**
- **Footprint of pitches (note: indicative location shown only as size and orientation change periodically)**

**Main pedestrian and vehicular site entrance for community building**

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**Proposed trees**

**Ball wall**

**School playgrounds**

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Key Landscape Design Principles

CIRCULAR FOOTPATH
- Separate tranquil circular walk from open pitches
- Utilise groups of trees for parkland feel
- Improvements to quality and width of footpath for all users

FITNESS TRAIL STATION
- Fitness / Play / Nature themes
- Multiple pieces of equipments for group training
- Robust materials
- Inclusive

ENHANCEMENTS TO SETTING
- Various locations identified as key nodes or gathering spaces
- Localised uplift in landscape quality and character
- Seating, Trees and Planting
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Requirement for Sports
New tennis and multi-games court

Use: 3x Tennis court/ 2 x netball / 5-a-side
Size: 35m x 46m
Surfacing: coloured tarmac

Plan showing typical court layout for a multi-games court with dimensions of 46m x 35m

White line: Tennis court
Yellow line: Netball
Blue line: Five-a-side

Court will be surrounded by fence and have floodlighting system

Ball Wall will be painted in a dark colour background (with marking) and with adjacent planting to soften into the landscape
SECTION FOUR: Landscape Masterplan

Option 1 - Community Hall near school

- Gym equipment spaced around perimeter path with signage
- Main pedestrian entrance
- Community Building Proposed Location - Accessed through school grounds
- New native hedge
- New cricket table
- New Tennis and multi-game court
- Branded signage at entrance with potential traffic light to alternate one-way vehicular flow
- Infill of existing hedge
- New ornamental trees in groups of 3 & 5
- Ball wall to enhance existing games area and offer possibilities for rebound ball games

Note: The landscaped areas will offer opportunities for seating and planting, sheltered by trees and landform - For watching sports and as gathering spaces. The centre areas link to half or full perimeter fitness loops with gym equipment areas.

Infill of existing hedge
Trampoline set into ground
Large seat/block
Trampoline set into ground
Two table tennis tables
New cricket table
Hammock
New ornamental trees in groups of 3 & 5
Bench at entrance with potential traffic light to alternate one-way vehicular flow

Key:
- Existing trees
- Proposed trees
- Grass
- Pitch footprint
- Footpath
- Possible landscaped seating areas
- Ornamental/shrub planting
- Low concrete wall
- Self binding gravel (CEDEC)
- Hedge
- Fitness station
- Bench
- Community Hall

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Option 2 - Community Hall near existing changing room block

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- **Community Hall near existing changing room block**
- **Gym equipment spaced around perimeter path with signage**
- **New native hedge**
- **New ornamental trees in groups of 3 & 5**
- **Ball wall to enhance existing games area and offer possibilities for rebound ball games**
- **Infill of existing hedge**
- **Trampoline set into ground**
- **Two table tennis tables**
- **New cricket table**
- **New cricket nets**
- **Open up view of Church**
- **Branded signage at entrance with potential traffic light to alternate one-way vehicular flow**

**KEY**
- Building tree
- Proposed tree
- Grass
- Pitch footprint
- Footpath
- Possible landscaped seating area
- Ornamental/shrub planting
- Low concrete wall
- Self binding gravel (CEDEC)
- Hedge
- Fitness station
- Bench
- Community Hall

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Detailed plan 01 - Possible design of large seating areas

Description:
- 500mm concrete wall/bench
- Some 500mm raised planter
- Small tree, shrub and planting
- Separated area for fitness station
- Bench on top of wall with and without arm rests and backs
- Informal furniture/equipment (e.g. tables, table tennis, outdoor hammock, mounded play surfacing)
- Permeable materials such as gravels, bound gravel, reinforced grass to avoid the need for drainage
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Detailed plan 02 - Possible design of small seating areas

Description:

• 500mm concrete wall/bench
• 500mm raised/banked planter
• Gathering intimate seating area using the same range of materials and design to create a visual language within the whole Recreation Ground
• Small tree, shrub and planting
• Separated area for fitness station
• Bench on top of wall with and without arm rests and backs
• Permeable materials such as gravels, bound gravel, reinforced grass to avoid the need for drainage
Sketches sections of seating area - Principle design

- **Grass**
- **Planting**
- **Concrete**
- **Paving/gravel**
- **Resin bound/ permeable paving**
- **Play surfacing**

**SECTION FOUR: Landscape Masterplan**

- Community Hall
- Path
- Fence
- 0-7yrs Play Area
- New tennis/ multi-game court
- Gathering area
- Raised planter
- Ball Wall Against Hedge

Legend:
- Grass
- Planting
- Concrete
- Paving/gravel
- Resin bound/ permeable paving
- Play surfacing
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Options for Informal Seating / Gathering Areas

- GYM area
- Linear trampoline
- Outdoor table tennis
- Trampoline set into ground
- Hammock net
- Banked planter
- Formal seat/table
- Timber/concrete bench
Description:

- 8no. of fitness trail areas set along the circular footpath
- Appropriate playsafe surface
- Signage for explanation on how to safely use the equipment
- Include 2-3 pieces of equipment at each fitness area to promote group training
- Various option on range/theme available
Community Hall Building: Possible Layout

Description:
- Community Centre, indicative size shown - subject to budget review
- Multi-use hall (community/sport club use) with removable dividing wall
- Accessible Toilet (separate male/female/Disabled)
- Kitchenette with serving hatch
- Bar area
- Open view on play areas
- Entrance foyer and storage cupboards
- Outdoor storage for sport equipment

• OPTION 1: Locating the Community Centre in the NorthWest corner of the site and sharing its use with Highworth School is one possible option. However, only pedestrian Access is achievable through the park due to its location.

• OPTION 2: Locating the Community Centre near to the car park should also improve the aesthetic of the existing changing facility and sense of arrival into the park, with uplift to landscape quality and improved signage. Consideration could be given if required to additional parking provision.