

POLICY COMMITTEE

6.30pm on Tuesday 17th April 2018

Belle Vue Suite, Belle Vue Square, Broughton Road, Skipton

Committee Members: The Chairman (Councillor Foster) and Councillors Barrett, Brockbank, Dawson, Heseltine, Hull, Ireton, Jaquin, Lis, Madeley, Morrell, Mulligan, Myers, Rose and Welch.

Substitutes : Conservatives – Councillors Graham, Thompson and Whitaker;
Independents – Councillors Pighills, Solloway and Shuttleworth; Labour – Councillor Mercer.

AGENDA

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1. **Apologies for absence and substitutes**
2. **Confirmation of Minutes** – 20th March 2018.
3. **Public Participation** - In the event that any questions/statements are received or members of the public attend, the public participation session will proceed for a period of up to fifteen minutes.
4. **Declarations of Interest** – All Members are invited to declare at this point any interests they have in items appearing on this agenda, including the nature of those interests.

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5. **New Playground in Aireville Park** - Report of the Chief Executive.

Purpose of Report – To seek member approval to amend the Aireville Park Masterplan and recognise the invaluable contribution that the community group Friends of Aireville Park have made to the project.

- \$6. Joint Venture – Development of Land at Back Gate, Ingleton** – Report of the Director of Services. Attached.

Purpose of Report – To seek approval of the business case for the development of Council owned land at Back Gate Lorry Park, Ingleton and disposal of the land for development to Craven Barnfield Regeneration Limited.

- 7. Items for Confirmation** – The Committee is asked to indicate whether any of the above items should be referred to Council for confirmation.
- 8. Any other items** which the Chairman decides are urgent in accordance with Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

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POLICY COMMITTEE

20th March 2018

Present – The Chairman (Foster) and Councillors Barrett, Brockbank, Dawson, Heseltine, Hull, Ireton, Jaquin, Lis, Madeley, Morrell, Myers and Welch.

Officers – Chief Executive, Director of Services, Solicitor to the Council, Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration, Spatial Planning Manager, Planning Policy Officer and Committee Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Rose.

Start: 6.30pm

Finish: 6.44pm

The minutes of the Committee's meeting held on 6th March 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Minutes for Report

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CRAVEN LOCAL PLAN - STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Further to Minute CSP.156/17-18, at which the Craven Spatial Planning Sub Committee had granted delegated authority to the Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration to prepare a revised Statement of Community Involvement and carry out a period of public consultation thereon, the Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration submitted a report presenting the outcome of that consultation exercise which had been carried out over a six week period ended 13th February 2018.

Members were reminded that the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) set out how the Council intended to involve the community and stakeholders throughout the preparation of the Craven Local Plan, and during consideration of planning applications relating to the area of Craven outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The Council's existing statement had been adopted on 28th June 2006; the revised version had been produced to reflect changes in relevant legislation and, subject to adoption, would be taken into account with other documentation at the draft Local Plan's examination in public.

Details of the representations received (nine in total including three objections) within the consultation period, together with officer analysis and an indication of whether a change was recommended to the revised Statement, had been circulated with the Strategic Manager's report. The proposed revised draft Statement, as amended to reflect representations received, where considered appropriate, had also been circulated as an appendix to the Manager's report.

Resolved – (1) That delegated authority is given to the Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration to make any necessary minor corrections or textual amendments to the revised Statement of Community Involvement.

(2) That, subject to (1) above, the revised Statement of Community Involvement, as now presented at Appendix B to the Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration's report, is adopted.

REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2017/18
- EAST INTEGRATED CARE COMMUNITY FOR MORECAMBE
BAY CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

The Solicitor to the Council submitted a report seeking approval to the appointment of a Member to represent the Council on the East Integrated Care Community (ICC) for Morecambe Bay Clinical Commissioning Group.

The twelve ICCs within the areas of South Cumbria, North Lancashire and North Yorkshire covered by the Morecambe Bay Clinical Commissioning Group helped bring together local health and care organisations; the focus being to ensure that local people were supported to improve their own health and wellbeing and that, when needed, joined up care was provided. The area covered by the East ICC included the Craven Wards of Ingleton and Clapham, and Bentham. Meetings were understood to take place on a monthly basis in Sedbergh and occasionally Kendal; with no statutory basis the ICC was effectively a consensus based coalition with no formal voting structure.

Members were reminded that appointments to outside bodies were normally made at the Annual Council Meeting each year, but Policy Committee was authorised to make in-year appointments in accordance with Minute COU.187(g)(vi)04-05, taking into account the requirement that appointments were to be made in accordance with the relevant category; those categories being

- Ward-Based Appointments to be made (unless otherwise agreed) from the Members representing the Wards indicated;
- Appointments to go with Office of Leader / Deputy Leader / other office; and
- Overall Appointments to which Political Proportionality is to be applied

Bearing in mind the area within Craven covered by the East Integrated Care Community it was recommended, and

Resolved – (1) That that the appointment to the East Integrated Care Community of the Morecambe Bay Clinical Commissioning Group is categorised as a ward based appointment; the wards in question being Bentham, and Ingleton and Clapham Wards.

(2) That, Councillor Brockbank is appointed to serve on the East Integrated Care Community for the Morecambe Bay Clinical Commissioning Group until Annual Council 2018.

Minutes for Decision

- None -

Chairman

Policy Committee – 17th April 2018

New Playground in Aireville Park



Report of the Chief Executive

Lead Member: Councillor Linda Brockbank

Ward(s) affected: All

1. **Purpose of Report** – To seek member approval to amend the Aireville Park Masterplan and recognise the invaluable contribution that the community group Friends of Aireville Park have made to the project.
2. **Recommendations** – Members are recommended to:
 - 2.1 Approve the proposed amendment to Aireville Park Masterplan namely resiting the playground from its current location at the bottom corner of the park to near the main entrance and car park.
 - 2.2 Formally recognise the invaluable contribution Friends of Aireville Park have made to deliver the Master Plan through developing the new play area plans and securing funding for the Masterplan projects which as a direct result enable the facilities within the park to be improved.

3 Report

3.1 Background

On 10th September 2013 Members approved a Master Plan for Aireville Park setting out shared Council and community aspirations for the park. The plan identified a number of priority projects for the park, a number of which have since been delivered.

- New Pumptrack installed in July 2016
- New Skatepark installed in August 2016

3.2 A copy of the existing Master Plan can be found in Appendix A

3.3 The council has been working closely with the community group Friends of Aireville Park (FOAP) to make planned improvements to the park as set out in the Master Plan. This enables the improvements to be community led whilst still meeting the Council's strategic objectives. FOAP is a registered charity whose aims are:

- To conserve and enhance Aireville Park

- To help provide opportunities for everyone to enjoy the benefits of the park.
- To act as ambassadors to help promote the benefits of Aireville Park
- To provide opportunities for public participation in Craven District Council's management of Aireville Park, including the allocation of existing and additional resources

3.4 Masterplan Project – Priority 3: New Playground

3.4.1 Background

In 2016 the Council carried out a major piece of work assessing the Open Space, Playing Pitches and Sports facilities in the District - over 300 sites. The assessment set out 11 key actions. The first 4 priorities related to improving multi-purpose Parks and Gardens, create more challenging and exciting play, more teenage and youth provision and use of "green play"

- 3.4.2 This assessment highlighted that the Skipton area had a deficiency in both quantity and quality of play provision against the national Fields in Trust standards for play area space per 1000 population. This situation is and will be exacerbated by the current and future housing growth in the town,
- 3.4.3 The assessment neatly sums up the quality deficiency of play: "Because of the variability in provision for children and young people, an upgrade is necessary in a number of communities. This should include the provision of safer surfaces in places, and the installation of challenging and exciting pieces of equipment. This is particularly important in Aireville Park, with its large potential catchment"
- 3.4.4 There are several new housing developments within the catchment of Aireville Park, totalling over 250 units and consequently planning gain has been negotiated and agreed from these developments in order to invest in play facilities.
- 3.4.5 As part of the ongoing priority project to improve the playground facilities in the park the council and FOAP jointly commissioned an independent play value assessment of the Aireville Park play area and wider park which also took place in February 2016 by Simply Play. The play area was given an average score of just 35% across a 10 domain assessment of play value (The wider park was given a quality value score of 64%). This mirrors the scores for the site as captured in the Craven District Open Space Assessment 2016. A copy of the Simply Play report can be found in Appendix B
- 3.4.6 This report was used alongside the results of the Council's Open Space Assessment, to inform a design brief for a new play area design. It was at this stage of the project the idea was first explored of re-siting the play area of the park.

The Simply Play report highlights the *"limited space of the current play area despite being situated in a park with a great deal of space"* as well as noting *"The physical environment within the play space currently is flat with little topographical variety which can offer so much play value for rolling, hiding behind mounds, climbing to the top and gaining a new perspective on the space"* whilst *"The physical*

environment in the wider park is much richer in its variety in terms of topography, planting and textural quality.”

- 3.4.7 A business case was put together of the added value of moving the playground to a new location near Craven Leisure and the car park. This would also mean that the play space is closer to toilet and refreshment facilities at Craven Leisure, as well as the pump track and skate park. This would mean that families with children over a range of ages, or elderly relatives, will be able to enjoy an extended visit to the same area of the park rather than being split across different geographical sections of the park or cutting short times of play because there isn't something suitable for the whole family.

Over the expected 25-year life span of the new play area we have estimated 1 million people visits will be made to the new space. The primary beneficiaries will be children aged 1-14 years of which there are 4,128 with in the catchment of Aireville Park. Of this, it is expected that 103 children locally with a disability will benefit from this facility.

This combination of play and leisure will make Aireville Park, and Skipton, a destination attracting both residents from the wider area and tourists. This will bring wider economic benefits for Skipton and CDC have estimated that the new play area will generate a growth in income for onsite services at Craven Leisure

- 3.4.8 Following discussion with local Ward members plus the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council, draft new play area designs were progressed in the new location in the park shown in Appendix C taking into account the points raised in the Simply Play report.
- 3.4.9 The Council appointed Newground Landscape Architects to carry this work out during September 2016. An initial draft design was produced and following extensive community consultation in November 2016 which included children and young people plus local ward members a final play area concept design was produced as well as a site topographic survey for all levels. A copy of the final concept design can be found in Appendix D and the consultation results can be found in Appendix E. The new play area has been designed with local people in mind. The design provides areas of shade and shelter, seating areas and picnic facilities throughout so that it also acts as a social venue and meeting place that will be accessible to all.
- 3.4.10 FOAP have been integral in driving the community engagement, establishing the principles and concept, championing the design details as well as the look and feel of the new play area.
- 3.4.11 We would therefore ask Members to approve the recommendation in 2.1 to amend the Aireville Park Masterplan to include re-siting the playground as detailed in Appendix C to enable the project to progress to the delivery phase.
- 3.4.12 During this development phase FOAP were successful in securing £12k from Tesco Bags for Help scheme. This funding pot had a deadline for the funding to be spent

(April 2017) and so in order not to lose out on this piece of funding a piece of equipment (a double zip wire) from the agreed concept design was chosen to be installed that could equally be incorporated into the new playground (if fundraising attempts were successful) or stand alone as an additional play feature in the park if necessary. The zip wire was installed in April 2017 and has since proved to be a very popular feature in the park.

3.5 Funding for Playground

3.5.1 The total cost of the new playground was estimated (from the final concept design) to be in the region of £180,000 - £200,000.

3.5.2 As at 2017 nearly £100k planning gain monies had already been committed as follows:

- £45k – Lambert Hills Development
- £62.5k – Raikes Road Development

This left FOAP with a fundraising target of £100k

3.5.3 FOAP put in a number of funding bids as well as undertaking direct fundraising through community events and support. In conjunction with CDC a direct sponsorship appeal was launched which has been very successful. During the course of 2017 it became apparent there could potentially be a funding shortfall of approx £15k due to a number of bids made by FOAP being unsuccessful. As a result a Capital Bid (for the shortfall) was submitted to the Council as part of the 2018/19 budget setting process and this was approved by Members in February 2018.

3.5.4 The current funding position at the time of writing the report is now set out below:

Confirmed Funding Source	Amount Raised
Granville Street/Lambert Hills Planning Gain	£48,316
*Tesco Bags for Help (<i>To be spent by 27 Nov 2018</i>)	£4,000
Memorial donations	£1,000
*PCC Community Fund (<i>to be spent by September 2018</i>)	£5,024
Vinci Foundation	£250
Tarn Moor Trust	£2,500
*Yorventure (<i>To be claimed by 12 Oct 18</i>)	£43,845
CDC Capital	£15,810
Community fundraising/donations	£5,440
Sponsorship Scheme	£7,450
*Raikes Road Planning Gain (<i>awaiting trigger point</i>)	£62,500
Skipton BID	£6,000
Keelham Farm Shop Bag charge	£750
Cllr Habron – Ward Member Grant	£500
Total Funding Confirmed	£203,385

- 3.5.5 To date FOAP are directly responsible for fundraising £76,759 which is 38% of the new playground costs.

FOAP are still waiting to hear back from a small number of remaining bids, which could potentially total £8k.

*From the table above it is noted that three of the funding sources have deadlines for the monies to be spent whilst being in the position of awaiting the trigger point for the planning gain monies from Raikes Road development being reached before that funding will be released.

3.6 Delivery Phase

- 3.6.1 A project delivery plan has been drafted by the Property and Assets Manager which takes into account compliance with the grant deadlines set out above.
- 3.6.2 In order to meet those funding deadlines the new playground contract has been put out to tender at the beginning of April (date to be inserted).
- 3.6.3 Please note the tender documentation states that awarding the contract is subject to Policy Committee approval amending the Aireville Park Master Plan and re-siting the playground.
- 3.6.4 Given that we are still waiting on the second pot of planning gain monies to reach the necessary trigger point for payment a two phase approach to delivery may need to be implemented. The tender specification and contract explicitly sets out that the project may potentially need to be delivered as a phased scheme so either:

1. a one phase scheme for the funds raised at the time of contract appointment or
2. a two phase scheme with phase one being to deliver part of playground for the funds raised at the time of appointment and then phase 2 being for the rest of the playground using the additional planning gain fund amount only.

Any 2 phase scheme should also have a break clause in case we are not satisfied with performance of the contract.

- 3.6.5 The tender also specifies that the plans must have some flexibility in terms of enhancement given the FOAP continue to raise funds for the playground.

4 Implications

4.1 Financial Implications

The Council has made a direct Capital contribution of £15,810 which was agreed at Full Council on 27th February 2018. The funding for the project has been confirmed as follows:

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4.2 **Legal Implications** – No implications

4.3 **Contribution to Council Priorities** – The new playground directly contributes to Corporate Priority – Resilient Communities; Enabling communities groups across the district to meet their ambitions.

4.4 **Risk Management**

4.4.1 If the proposed amendment of the masterplan to re-site the playground is not approved then we would lose the agreed grant funding as we would not be able to deliver the new playground in the timescales identified.

4.4.2 The delivery phase of the playground has been structured in such a way so that the time critical funding will not be lost if there is a delay in a receipt of any other monies

4.5 **Equality Analysis** - A number of the play items that was included in the consultation design are accessible for disabled users and the consultation supported the use of these play items to ensure that the area has a range of accessible and useable play spaces for disabled people. The main path is also fully accessible in terms of slope and width

5. **Consultations with Others** – Property and Assets.

6. **Access to Information : Background Documents** – Open Space, Playing Pitches and Sports Facilities Assessment

7. **Author of the Report** – Sharon Hudson, Communication, Customer Services and Partnerships Manager.

Note: Members are invited to contact the author in advance of the meeting with any detailed queries or questions.

8. **Appendices** –
- Appendix A – Aireville Park Masterplan
 - Appendix B – Simply Play play report
 - Appendix C – Proposed siting of new play area
 - Appendix D – Concept design of new play area
 - Appendix E – Results of new play area concept design consultation.

APPENDIX A: Aireville Park Masterplan 2013

Priorities

Priority 1: Improve existing facilities

- A** Install noticeboards
- B** Improvements to entrances
- C** Improvements to bandstand
- Clean and paint benches, bins and street lamp columns
- Footpath 1: Approx 100m (L) x 1.2m (w)
- Footpath 2: Approx 470m (L) x 1.2m (w)
- Footpath 3: Approx 833m (L) x 1.2m (w)
- Public right of way

Priority 1: Skatepark improvements

- Design and build new skatepark. Extend from its current size of 110sqm to 190sqm

Priority 2: Pumptrack

- A** Closed loop off road cycling facility

Priority 3: Play area improvements

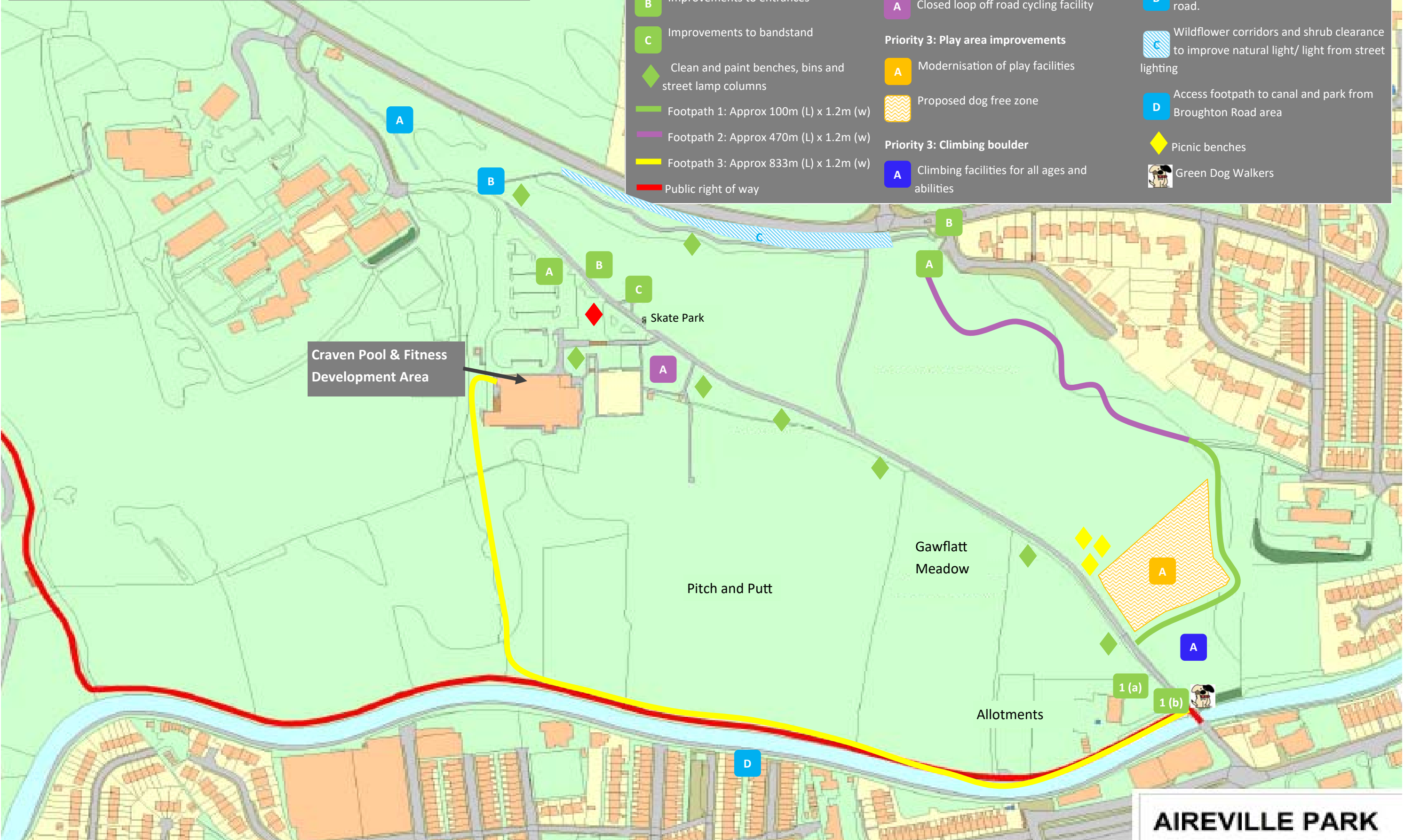
- A** Modernisation of play facilities
- Proposed dog free zone

Priority 3: Climbing boulder

- A** Climbing facilities for all ages and abilities

Priority 4: Improving access and biodiversity

- A** Potential Community orchard site and improvements to natural light/ street lighting.
- B** Chicanes to improve safety of footpath to road.
- Wildflower corridors and shrub clearance to improve natural light/ light from street lighting
- D** Access footpath to canal and park from Broughton Road area
- Picnic benches
- Green Dog Walkers





Simply Play – Background

Simply Play is an assessment of play value in any given environment. It was developed over two years as part of a *Knowledge Transfer Partnership* between Sheffield Hallam University and Timberplay Ltd. The project was supported by European Social Research funding allocated through the Technology Strategy Board. The development of the assessment process involved extensive research into play theory, play design guidance and rigorous site testing. It has resulted in a simple 45 question assessment which distils the complexities of play, drawn from decades of experience from the play field to deliver an overview of the strengths and weaknesses in the play potential of a space. Professor Perry Else, an expert and author in the field of play was responsible for the original draft assessment and supervised the project.

Simply Play – Aims for Aireville Park

By identifying the strengths and areas for improvement in the current play offer at Aireville Park, Simply Play aims to support the understanding of the potential for play in the redevelopment of the space. An evaluation of the play value of both the designated play space and the wider park is a good starting point for redesigning the space to maximise play opportunities in the future.

It is hoped that alongside the support of Craven District Council and the dedicated Friends Group associated with the park, Simply Play will support the provision of high quality, effective play provision, rich in play value in the play area and throughout the Park resulting in a sustained and increased use of this green space.

Play

Play is the means by which children communicate with and experience the world. It is vital to the healthy development of the child helping their body and brain grow in flexibility and adaptability. It is how we learn about our environment and develop our mechanisms for survival. The impulse to play is innate and supports the healthy development and well-being of individuals and thereby communities.

Currently there are mental and physical health concerns for children in the UK due to, among other reasons, a lack of quality access to play. This is due to reduced provision, the reduction in roaming distances for children due to restrictions placed on their opportunities for unsupervised play and the pressures on their time to be free to play.

It is acknowledged that access to the outdoors and free time to play can improve the health of us all, not just children. A valuable resource such as Aireville Park with its open spaces areas of woodland and varied topography provides great opportunity to create a landscape which supports all manner of play behaviour, supporting the healthy development of the children, young people and adults who use this space.

Simply Play Process at Aireville Park

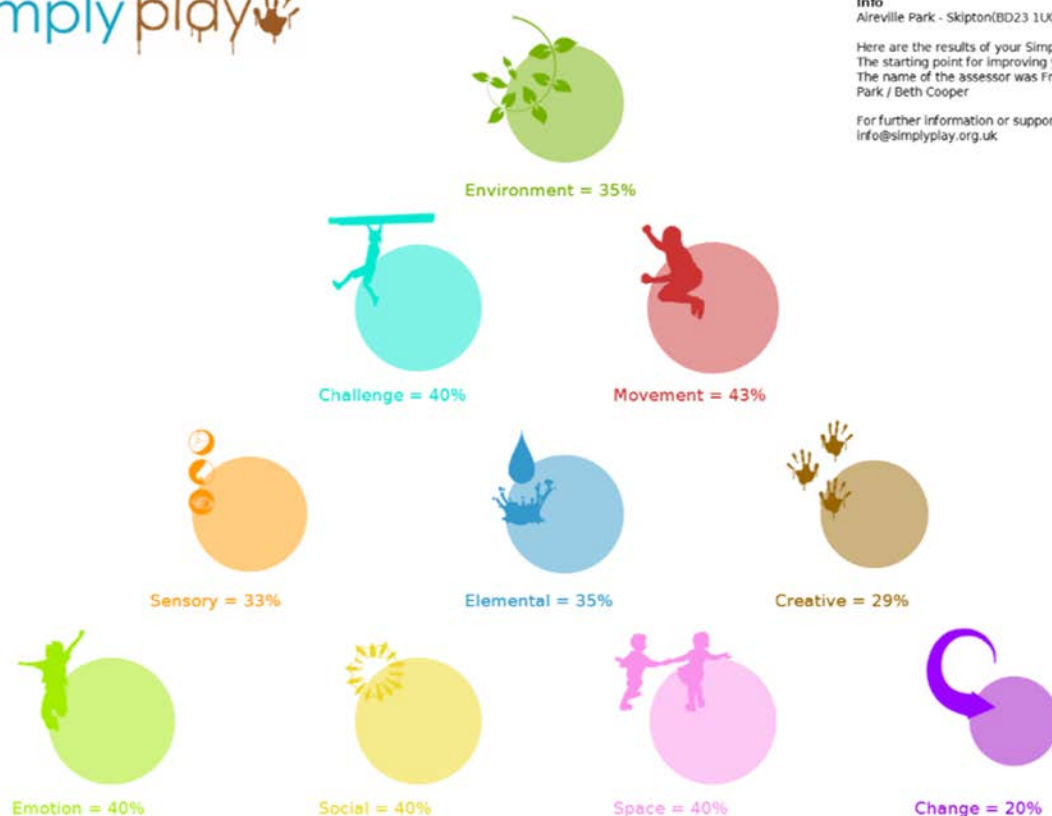
On 4th February 2016 the Simply Play assessment was undertaken by Beth Cooper, Creative Play Consultant from Timberplay Ltd. and representatives from the Friends of Aireville Park and Craven District Council to look at the play value of the current provision. This was with the aim of both looking at the current provision and creating an opportunity to discuss the potential for the future redevelopment of the site. By addressing the 45 questions which look at the 10 identified themes of play the assessment revealed the strengths of the current provision and areas for improvement from the perspective of play on site. The assessment was undertaken on both the designated play area and the park as a whole.

Simply Play – Results

The images below are a visual representation of the results of the play value assessment. A fuller explanation across the 10 themes can be found below.

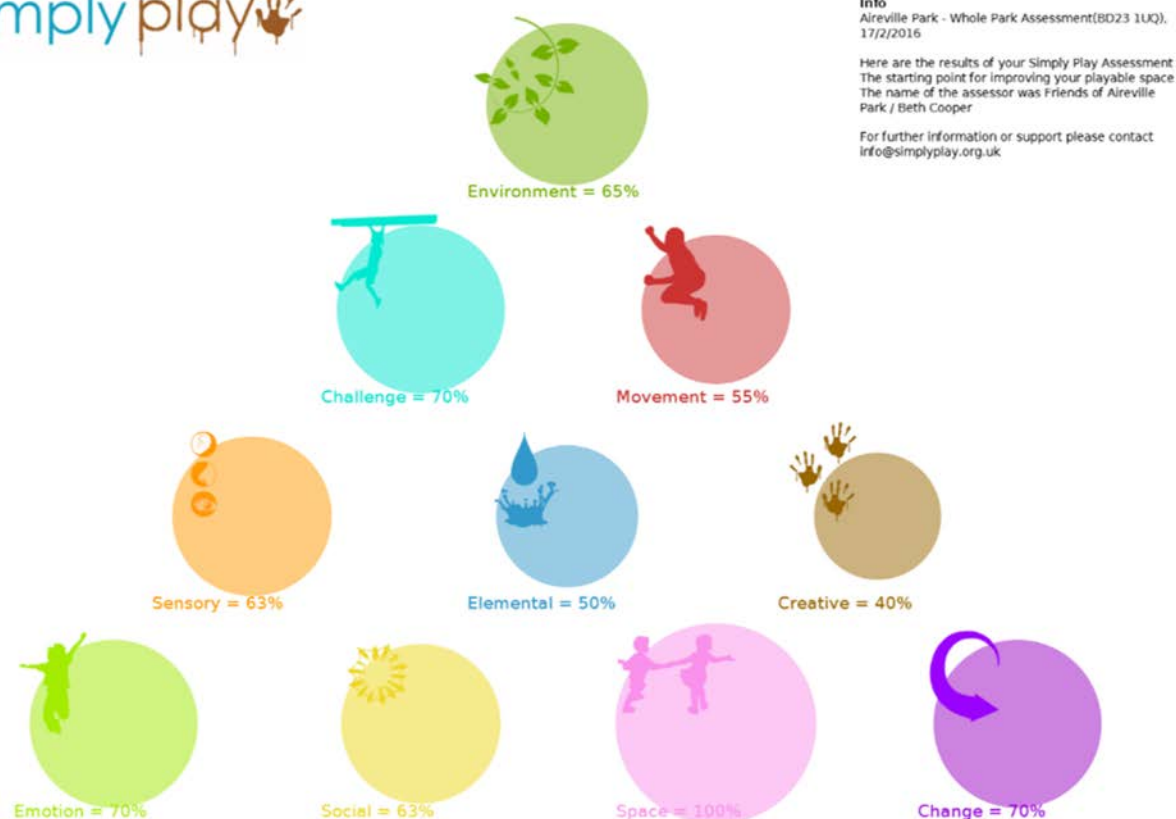
Results from the Play Area

simply play



Info
 Aireville Park - Skipton(BD23 1UQ), 17/2/2016
 Here are the results of your Simply Play Assessment
 The starting point for improving your playable space
 The name of the assessor was Friends of Aireville
 Park / Beth Cooper
 For further information or support please contact
info@simplyplay.org.uk

Results from the Whole Park



Play at Aireville Park – An Overview

Aireville Park Play Area is an enclosed play area. It has been designed and supplied with equipment which is aimed at the younger child and does not cater for a broad range of activities or ages. There are a number of pieces of equipment which suit ages from babies through to children of maybe 8-10 years old. It is delivered in a very traditional and somewhat prescriptive style. It has a border of a metal fence with an internal fence separating the younger children from the older children in that age range. The visitors range from local residents to incidental visitors from varying distances. The play area was not being used during the time of the assessment undertaken on a cold, wet day during school hours. There was a steady stream of people passing through the park on the day of the assessment. The wider park has varied topography from which to take in the views of the whole park and the surrounding countryside, as well as pass into valleyed areas, dips, sloping green spaces and areas of more enclosure. Visitors can explore and engage with areas of woodland, formal avenue tree planting and open green

space. There is a pump track, skate park, on site refreshment and toilet facilities in the leisure centre and an adjacent pitch and putt facility.

The border of the play area both offers enclosure and defines the area as a space for play however it also shuts the play area off from the play offer of the wider park. There is some variety in the surfacing of the play area with some natural loose fill but there is little natural play or nature within this boundary. In addition there is little shade in this space and perhaps this also could be considered in any redesign. The balance between this sense of enclosure and extending the experience of the playing child by linking more fully to the park and its play opportunities is something to also be considered in the redesign.

The play equipment is fairly traditional with bright primary colours used across the area. The surfacing is in the main tarmac or soft surfacing which looks to be ageing and in need of some maintenance although there is some loose fill. It is in stark contrast to the greenness of the park. There is also a lack of natural elements such as grassy surfaces or planting in the site to offer a balance between the hard surfaces inside the fence line and the enriched environment of the park.

There is a degree of variety to be found in the equipment with provision of swings and two climbing play structures with slides and walkways which offer playful scenarios to be acted out. There was a small trim trail which is reported to have been very popular. The environment which supported this equipment however lacks richness and variety. This is in stark contrast to the surrounding park. Within the play space there could be greater consideration for the wider curriculum of play; sensory play, elemental play and creative play amongst them.

What follows is a review of each of the ten themes assessed by Simply Play in the play area but with reference to the results of the wider park. There are also comments on the current opportunities and the potential for play in the future. This report is an assessment of the current provision but future development is suggested with a view to consideration of extending the play offer in the whole park including offering play opportunities throughout the park. The percentage scores are an indicator of the successfulness of the site in each of those ten themes. So the highest score of 43% for the opportunities for movement is scored out of a potential 100%, the score of 23% for change out of a potential 100% offers an area to consider for raising the play potential on this site.

Movement 43%

Inside the boundary of the play area this is the highest scoring theme of Simply Play with a score of 43%. There is a range of equipment which offers opportunities for movement in the space. Players can hop and jump and slide and climb. There is some space for running offered by the spaces in between the equipment. This is limited by the size and layout of the space and by the additional divisional fence separating ages in the play area. Within the fenced area play value may be enhanced by including a more diverse range of equipment but also by softening the hard edges in the space, creating playful routes which draw people into and around the site. This could be through pathways, including textural paths and cruising routes for the very young, changes in topography and differences in the levels to inspire different movement as well as planting schemes that link to the wider park. Playful interventions such as stepping logs

to hop between have been very popular but if a fence is considered to be important to maintain in this play area then playful access routes such as stiles or tunnels to enter the play area create a link between the space inside and the space outside the play area and encourage different movement possibilities at the same time. Currently there is little playful interaction in the space other than the fixed equipment.

The score jumps to 55% in the wider park with the slopes and woodland offering rolling, hiding and many other movement possibilities. A redevelopment might look to incorporate some of these existing qualities in a design.

Emotional Environment 40%

The boundary of the play area may, for some, create a sense of security enabling the opportunity to experience and express emotions in this space. It could be improved by creating a less stark contrast to the atmosphere of the rest of the park, boundaries through landscaping, planting or a more natural fence could help add to the ambience creating a greater palate for the space. In turn this would create a more varied and rich environment in which to experience and express emotion.

For the future, the development of the aesthetics of the site to provide spaces for reverie or quiet reflection, hidden spaces for testing ones nerve such as play tunnels, challenging climbing opportunities and greater challenge for experiencing the sense of achievement that comes from overcoming fear would enhance the play offer. The psychological safety provided by the enclosure of the space which enables the expression of emotion is satisfactory but the lack of richness in the topography and planting create a rather stark place. In the wider park the scores rise to 70% because of the richness of the environment.

Challenge 40%

There is social challenge offered by this space as there will be users who come together having never met before. The current play units offer some opportunity to play alongside each other and potentially, if they wish, support and help each other in playing. This could be extended but is a good example of mitigating social separation on the site.

Some physical challenge is offered in this space by some of the larger play pieces but the challenge is limited to the younger or less confident child. Once a particular skill level is reached then the play area offers less physical challenge and its lack of linking to the wider park mean that there is little graduation offered to the opportunities for challenge in the rest of the park. The lack of connectivity means that there is not a play narrative for the child to progress to when they feel they are ready.

The results of the assessment of the park showed the theme of challenge to score 70% in the wider park.

Social Environment 40%

The site offered some opportunities for children with different physical and there is an easy access pathway into the site but the limitation on the age range of the equipment and the barrier created by the boundary separating it from the rest of the park does limit the play value of this space to a particular age group. This restricts the diversity of the social environment. The prescriptive nature of much of the play equipment also limits its

use to physically able children in the main as it has to be accessed or used in a particular way. The limitation to a younger age range restricts its usage. A more varied a play offer would extend the appeal to a broader range of visitors.

In developing a plan for the future the more diversity and variety the space can offer, the more it will draw a diverse and varied demographic to the site. The improvement of the offer visually, spatially and sensorially will create a space which encourages different people to visit whether that be difference in terms of age, temperament, interest, or physical ability. The seating areas with the picnic benches are not interspersed amongst the play features but separated. In the wider park the social environment was scored as 63%.

Space 40%

There is a limited space on this play area despite being situated in a park with a great deal of space (The whole park scored 100% showing great capacity for flexibility of use, opportunities to change and adapt the space and plenty of slack space even after development). The boundary lessens the flexibility for different uses. The possibilities for team games, individual play, different activities and events and future development could be enhanced through greater connectivity to the wider park. Consideration could be paid to developing a dog free area and sectioning off some of the park so that parental concerns regarding dog mess are not barriers to children's play in this space.

Physical Environment 35%

The physical environment with in the playspace currently is flat with little topographical variety which can offer so much play value for rolling, hiding behind mounds, climbing to the top and gaining a new perspective on the space. The planting and plant texture is limited offering little play potential to the children who use this space. Lower level planting and change in the landscape would offer a wider play palate; long grasses to move through and hide behind, scented plants to touch and smell and greater variety in the textures of the site would enhance the atmosphere. Consideration for the placement of benches to lessen the barrier effect between the play space and the grassy areas may also be valuable.

The physical environment in the wider park is much richer in its variety in terms of topography, planting and textural quality. The score for the whole park was 65% demonstrating that it already is a rich environment for play so any enhancement of the play offer should aim to build on this opportunity rather than reduce it.

Elemental Play 35%

The play area would be greatly enhanced with the consideration of more elemental play opportunities. The opportunity to play with sand offers connection with the earth, there could be planting and digging areas which offer children access to earth play, mud play and the benefits that this offers. – The park scored 50%

Currently the opportunity to experience water, fire and air is lacking in this space. Whilst fire may not be able to be provided as the rules of the park do not permit it, other elemental play opportunities could be considered.

Water play could be provided for either in the infrastructure with formal water play equipment, or through incidental opportunities such as the development of a rain garden which would offer play when the weather permitted or even through loose parts resources such as buckets and jugs and channels through which to pour water.

Contact with air can be enhanced through child level plants which move in the wind, flags, kites or sound equipment which responds to the wind.

Sensory Play 33%

One of the potential areas for development in the future planning of this site would be the provision of a wider sensory palate for play. Textural variety in the space is currently limited by the boundary separating it from the park and the lack of natural features within the play area and the dominance of hard surfaces. The consideration of the colours and textures offered by the space such as mounding or planting swathes could offer texture, scent, sound and taste. Edible plants could provide for this as one example. There are ways to provide for sound play through built play structures or the provision of a box of sound making resources on an incidental basis. Sensory play is an important aspect of the play experience, especially for the younger child. In the wider park the environment is rich enough to provide additional sensory experiences and play opportunities. The score for the wider park is 63%.

Creative Play 29%

Creative play is one which was not assessed as being abundant in the space at present. The opportunity to draw, dance, make music, and be creative would offer a wider play palate at Aireville Park. This could be through a non prescriptive, flexible space which offered the opportunity to perform or display creativity adding to the sense of permission to be creative. In the park (which scores 40%) there is a bandstand but it is not utilised as much as it could be. Perhaps a redesign would encourage the use of this space. Creativity is an important aspect of playfulness for all.

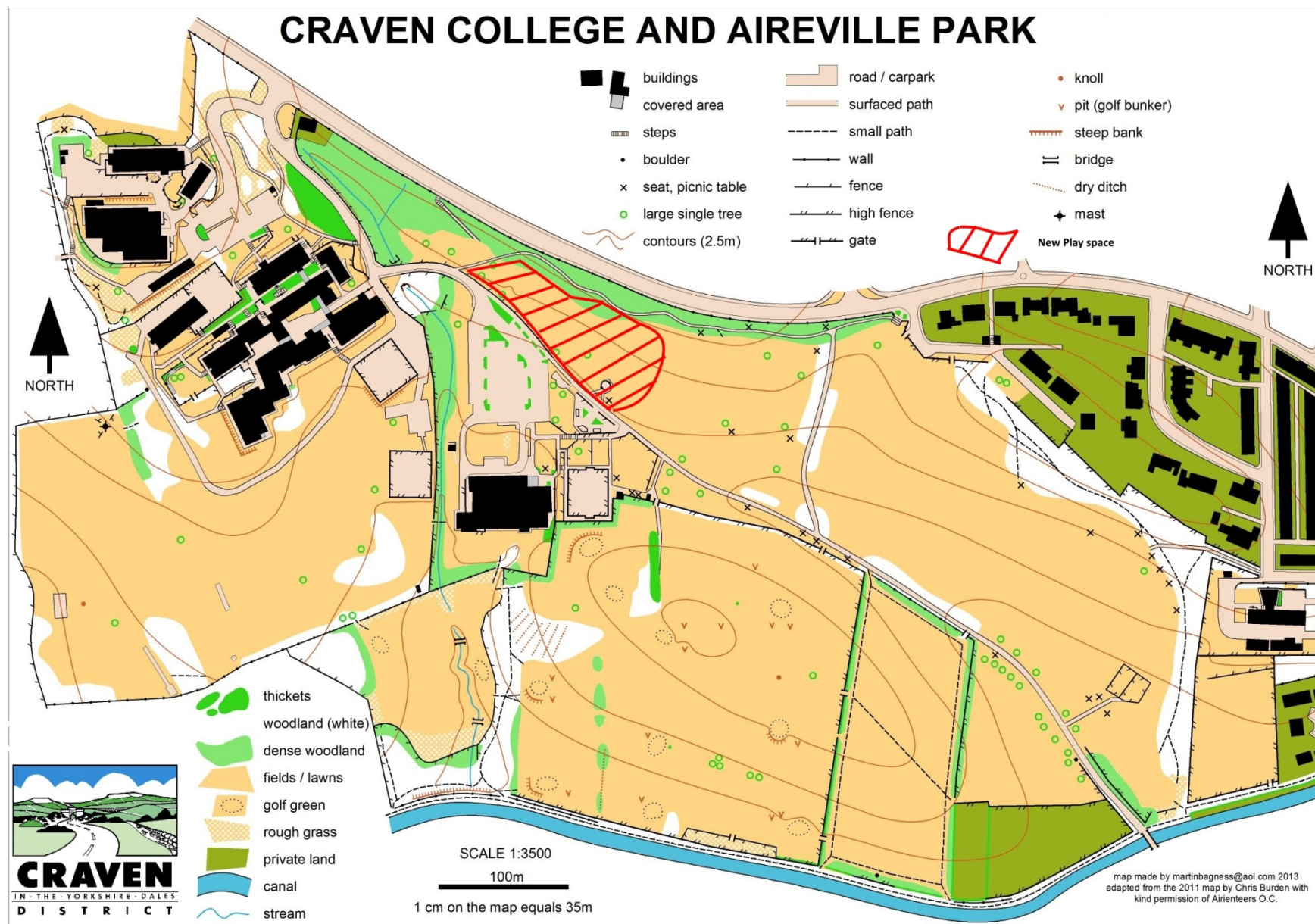
Opportunities for Change 20%

Within the site at present much of the provision is fixed and allows little adaptation by the player. The score is low at only 20% and in sharp contrast to the 70% the whole park offers. Play elements which allow the children to change the space can offer deep benefits during play. An example of this is den building. The provision of malleable, movable resources allows children to play as they feel is necessary in that moment. There is the potential, through the natural course of the woodland management, to leave loose parts on site, for example branches for children to adapt their own environment and engage fully with the space through activities such as den building. The opportunity to change and adapt the space through activities and events offers such a deep experience to the child it is considered important to be part of this planned redevelopment.

Simply Play – A final comment

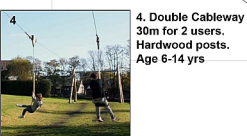
When considering providing for play often equipment is the first consideration. However the landscape, the planting, the pathways, the sightlines, the resources and the activities available can all offer a great deal alongside equipment. Equipment offers great physical movement opportunities for children and done well can offer sustainable provision in

areas of heavy usage over time. There are also pieces which offer sound play, sensory play and elemental play. When given the opportunity to redesign a site, the consideration of playfulness throughout can be a valuable process. For further information on Simply Play please visit www.simplyplay.org.uk or contact info@simplyplay.org.uk





1. Tractor tyre swing, Age 6+
2. Titan rotating swing for 5 users, Age 6+
3. Climbing Boulder - natural effect. Max height 3m



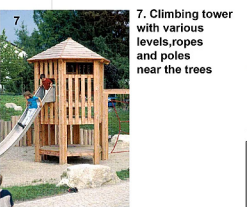
4. Double Cableway 30m for 2 users. Hardwood posts. Age 6-14 yrs



5. Climbing net, ropes and beams. Age 6+



6. Labyrinth / grass maze



7. Climbing tower with various levels, ropes and poles near the trees



8. Wide embankment slide



9. Basket Swing



10. Double See Saw. Age 4+



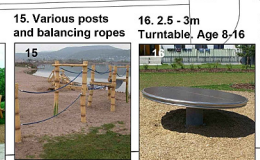
- 11, 12, 13. Log and Timber play in the woods



22. Toddler swings



23. Junior swings with basket



15. Various posts and balancing ropes



16. 2.5 - 3m Turntable, Age 8-16



17. Little Mountain climbing unit for small children



24. Welly Walk. 'Rabbit and Holes' in the woodland



- 25 & 26 Welly Walk balance, wobble and stepping stones



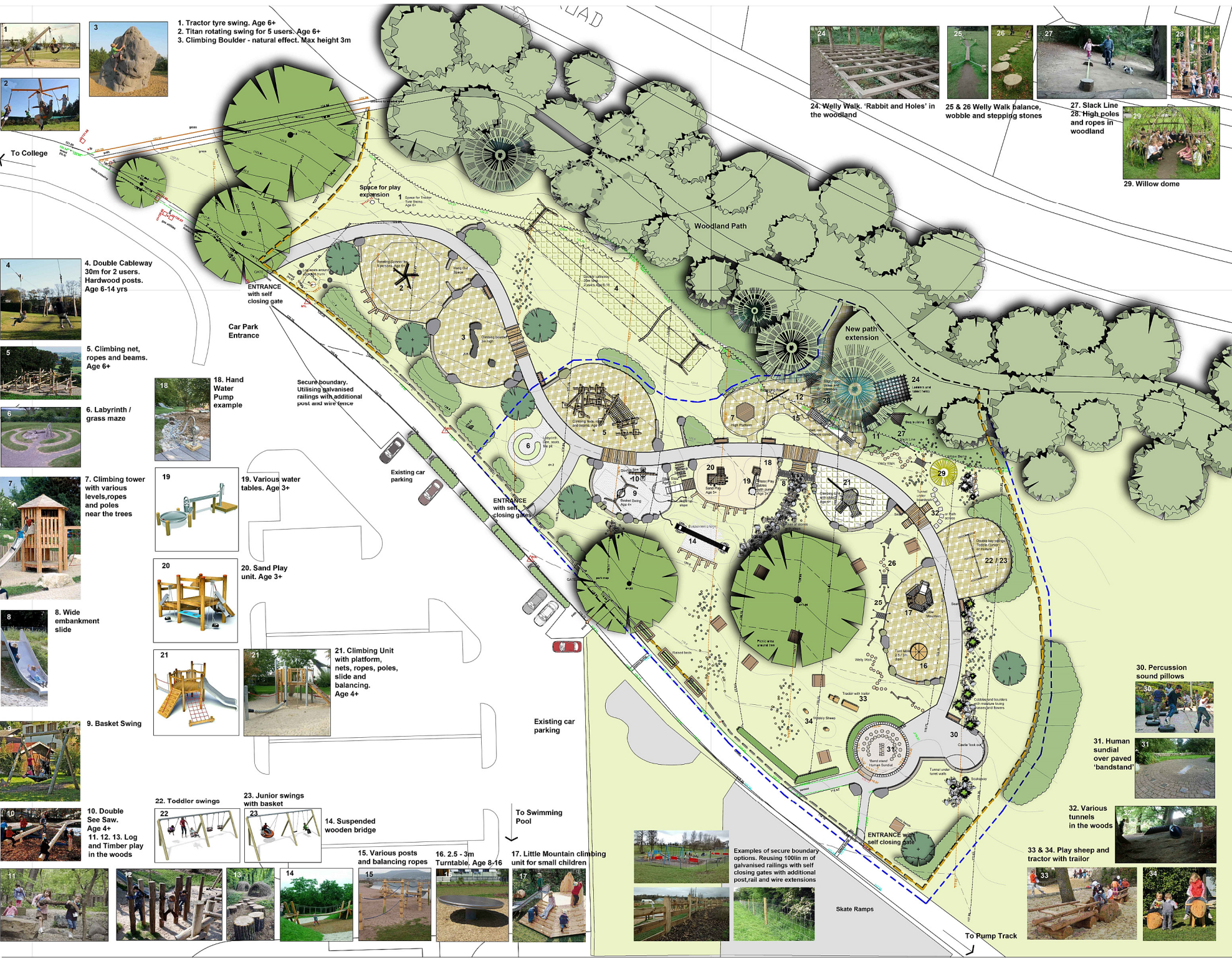
27. Slack Line



28. High poles and ropes in woodland



29. Willow dome



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KEY

- Proposed Blue Boundary of Project / proposed play space
- Existing trees and canopy
- Existing Blue Gate Posts
- Proposed trees
- Green grass
- White areas left blank to encourage natural play and exploration
- Large grasses and wildflowers
- Clipped hedgehog planting
- Internal native wildlife hedgehog, shrubs and perennials
- Native shrubs with white edgings
- Sections of boardwalk or low bridges and fences. For the latter, no material play parts
- Play equipment and benches
- Play Surfacing: Play Sand
- Play Surfacing: Play Gravel
- Play Surfacing: Play Mulch
- Play Surfacing: Rubber matting / Natural rubber mat pour
- Coloured and gravel: play value and safety
- Large internal structures: 10m - 15m to create open, safe play areas and create internal using panels
- Low frame with upper 45° - 60° high to create wide to view across, define edges and create internal curves and walls
- Trunked edges provide to view across, define edges and create internal play tables, lanes and walls
- Trunked posts support 10m - 15m high to 10m - 15m high to view across, define edges and create internal curves and walls. Other posts as part of play table and are not supporting
- Small posts and walls with back board covered the play table and are not supporting
- Play tables
- Existing internal structures moved from old play area to east and relocated to new play path, between sections of large, post and rail fence
- Existing low table supports moved from old play area to east of large frame, 10m - 15m high to create wide to view across, define edges and create internal curves and walls. Other posts as part of play table and are not supporting
- Proposed additional fence to create play space from existing play path. Timber post and rail with additional board matting
- Existing roads and footpaths
- Existing fence line
- Location of sections of boardwalk with opportunities for further development
- Proposed footpaths and contours at 0.1m intervals

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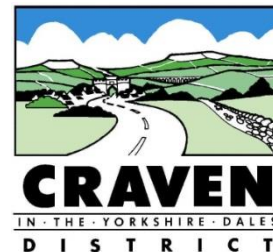
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Aireville Park Play Area Consultation



The Council has received 122 consultation results for the above survey, which it considers as a good return rate to give viable and valid survey question results. The Council wishes to thank everyone who took part and the time that people took to share their views on the proposed design. Below are the headline results.

82% and 84% of respondents felt that the new design had enough play experienced for very young children, young children and teenagers.

Over 75% of respondents liked the inclusion of sand and water play as well as how the Bandstand had been incorporated into the design.

Over 90% of respondents felt that the play area paths were in the right place and 80% liked the proposed different play surfaces.

The results for which 2 “Climbing” feature were as follows:

Climbing net, ropes and beams	63.4%
Climbing Boulder	51.5%
Pyramid Climber	34.7%
Dome Climber	33.7%



The results for which “Swing” play equipment were as follows@

Titan	38.9%
Tractor tyre swing	24.2%
Whirlwind	13.7%
Maypole	11.6%
Cross Scales	11.6%



The highest response rate was 93% in support of the proposed natural woodland play space under and around the blue cedar trees. Including welly walks, den building, balancing beams, tunnels, bridges, timber sculptures, seating and a tree house.

Over 75% of respondents were in support of the low knee rail and planting boundary, but there were several comments about how this would control dogs not getting into the play area.

Nearly 250 other comments were received about things that people liked or disliked, which will be used to fine tune the design to ensure people views are considered and the new play space addressed as many want, needs and dislikes as possible.

Thank you for taking part in the new play area consultation. If you wish to help any further, with things like fundraising for the project, then please contact Friends of Aireville Park friendsofairesvillepark@gmail.com

