

## 1: DRAFT MASTERPLAN THEMES



### What we have heard so far:

*The 'wordcloud' above was created by information gathered during the first round of questionnaires during Autumn 2021.*

*These, together with further comments, information and ideas received by the community and key stakeholders, have influenced the over arching themes.*

*These themes represent an emerging vision for the future of London Road Recreation Ground and help to articulate the shared values from those who have responded to the community and stakeholder engagement process so far.*

## THE OVER ARCHING THEMES FOR THE FUTURE OF LONDON ROAD RECREATION GROUND



*What this means:*

- RETENTION OF THE PLAYING FIELDS
- DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
- IMPROVED PLAYSPACE FOR ALL AGES
- INTEGRATING FORMAL AND INFORMAL PLAY MAKING THE WHOLE RECREATION GROUND MORE 'PLAYFUL'
- ENABLING AND CREATING SPACES FOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES
- IMPROVED BIODIVERSITY
- CHANGES TO MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE REGIMES



*What this means:*

- IMPROVED ENTRANCES
- IMPROVED CAR PARKING
- NEW ALL WEATHER PATHS CREATING LOOPS AND TRAILS
- MORE SEATING
- NEW PICNIC BENCHES
- IMPROVED SAFETY
- POTENTIAL ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC TOILETS
- POTENTIAL FOR IMPROVED LIGHTING
- POTENTIAL LINKS TO ADJOINING LAND



*What this means:*

- IMPROVED COMMUNITY BUILDING
- POTENTIAL PUBLIC TOILETS
- RETENTION OF PLAYGROUP / NURSERY
- POTENTIAL PARK CAFE / KIOSK
- ENABLING SPACES FOR YOUTH CLUBS / ACTIVITIES
- POTENTIAL FOR A COMMUNITY GARDEN
- POTENTIAL COMMUNITY ROOM / SPACE FOR HIRE
- REDUCTION OF ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

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2: DRAFT MASTERPLAN



LEGEND

- PARK BOUNDARY
- EXISTING TREES TO BE RETAINED
- PROPOSED TREES
- PROPOSED WILDFLOWER RICH MEADOW
- PROPOSED WETLAND VEGETATION
- PROPOSED SWALE
- PROPOSED IMPROVED DRAINAGE
- PROPOSED FOOTPATH/SURFACING
- PROPOSED BENCH
- PROPOSED PICNIC BENCH
- PROPOSED BRIDGE
- PROPOSED SKATE/BIKE PARK
- PROPOSED PLAYSACES
- ENHANCED CARPARK
- PROPOSED YOUTH ZONE

INTERVENTIONS / IDEAS:

1. Community hub building and plaza
2. Adventure playspace
3. Youth zone / facilities
4. Informal play / skate / bike trail
5. Larger / improved carpark
6. Improved drainage to pitches
7. Swales / wetland vegetation
8. Meadows / native planting
9. All weather paths / loops

MORE INFORMATION AND UPDATES CAN BE FOUND ON:

[www.midsussex.gov.uk/leisure-sport/parks/](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/leisure-sport/parks/)

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### 3: POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

There are 9 potential improvement project ideas for London Road Recreation Ground:



**1. Community hub & plaza**

- enhanced community building for flexible use, including the Jack and Jill Nursery and club changing rooms;
- potential for events / hire space;
- adjoining plaza space with picnic benches, seating, trees etc;
- potential public toilets; and
- better signage and branding associated with community hub building and the park.



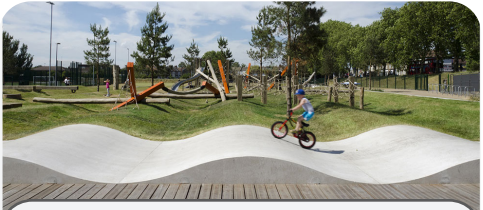
**2. Adventure playspace**

- removal of existing play equipment, safety surfacing and fences;
- new bespoke adventure play equipment for all ages;
- new planting;
- new seating and areas for picnics; and
- new path connections and fencing.



**3. Youth zone / facilities**

- new area specifically designed for young people;
- potential outdoor table tennis;
- potential ball court area;
- potential performance space; and
- space for events and activities.



**4. Informal play/skate/bike trail**

- bespoke trails for skating, biking and/or informal play for all ages and abilities;
- potential for sprint running track;
- new seating; and
- new tree planting.



**5. Larger / improved carpark**

- reconfigured carpark to enable entrance and exit / internal one way system;
- larger than existing carpark;
- new tree planting; and
- improved signage and parking bay delineation / management.



**6. Improved drainage to pitches**

- pitches retained and improved;
- flat area of grass for events;
- improved land drains; and
- change in management and maintenance to edges of the recreation ground (more naturalised)



**7. Swales / wetland vegetation**

- new swales and wetlands to help with drainage and provide potential habits for wildlife;
- link to improved drainage of the pitches;
- small bridges over swales; and
- potential for bug hotels and interpretation to help raise awareness.



**8. Meadows / native planting**

- improved planting for biodiversity and improved character;
- new native trees and ground cover; and
- potential for bug hotels and interpretation to help raise awareness.



**9. All weather paths / loops**

- new paths throughout the recreation ground;
- improved access from Belmont Close, Pavilion Close and Hassocks Gate;
- new park benches / seating / bins; and
- potential links to the adjoining field to the northwest.

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