

Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing

Agenda

Date: **Wednesday, 10th November, 2010**

Time: **2.00 pm**

Venue: **Committee Suite 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach
CW11 1HZ**

The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests in any item on the agenda

3. Public Speaking Time/Open Session

In accordance with Procedure Rules Nos.11 and 35 a period of 10 minutes is allocated for members of the public to address the meeting on any matter relevant to the work of the meeting. Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes but the Chairman will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned where there are a number of speakers. Members of the public are not required to give notice to use this facility. However, as a matter of courtesy, a period of 24 hours' notice is encouraged.

Members of the public wishing to ask a question at the meeting should provide three clear working days' notice, in writing, in order for an informed answer to be given.

4. Sandbach Park Redevelopment Plan (Pages 1 - 36)

To consider a report outlining 'in principle' proposals for the redevelopment of Sandbach Park.

(There are no Part 2 items)

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Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing

Date of Meeting: 10th November 2010

Report of: Guy Kilminster, Head of Health & Wellbeing

Subject/Title: Sandbach Park Redevelopment Plan

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Andrew Knowles

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report outlines 'in principle' proposals for the redevelopment of Sandbach Park. The details of the proposals are contained within a report drawn up by Ryder Landscape Consultants following extensive consultation with community and park users.
- 1.2 The project is being led by the Sandbach Partnership in conjunction with Sandbach Town Council and Cheshire East Council and its adoption will form the completion of the first phase of the process.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing approve
 - (1) the 'in principle' adoption of the finalised Concept Plan for Sandbach Park as set out in the Appendix: 'Sandbach Park Final Presentation';
 - (2) that the Concept Plan form the basis for future development within the Park but that such proposals be amended or prioritised in line with available funding and maintenance costs; and
 - (3) that approval be given to Officers to continue to work with the Sandbach Partnership and Sandbach Town Council to implement the proposals, including support for the securing of any additional external funding required to ensure the Plan's completion.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 Sandbach Park is much loved by the local community. It is a key local facility as it is located in the town centre adjacent to the market square and the library. Whilst being attractive and heavily used by the community, many of the key facilities are at the end of their useful life and are no longer fit for their purpose.

- 3.2 Funded by Sandbach Town Council, the Sandbach Partnership commissioned Ryder Landscape Consultants to undertake a full review and consultation exercise to provide a future improvement plan for the Park.
- 3.3 Funding for the finalised project would need to include any Section 106 allocations, both current and future.
- 3.4 Following partnership meetings, Cheshire East Council Officers have made clear their priorities, stating that the first aspects of park infrastructure to be addressed need to be access to the park, improvement to the public toilet facilities and improvements to the play provision. The play provision requirement is given even greater priority since the level of facility at the time of writing of the Ryder Report has been reduced following an arson attack which destroyed the main climbing frame.
- 3.5 If the scheme is approved, Officers will work with the main partners (Sandbach Town Council and Sandbach Partnership) to identify the best way to drive the project forward. Whilst Officer time continues to be a limited resource, the aim will be to find an appropriate mechanism to deliver on-the-ground improvements in line with the stated priorities and making best use of the available funding.
- 3.6 In principle, approval of the Ryder Report subject to modifications will allow Officers to work with the Council's partner organisations to progress from the consultation to the delivery phase of the project and physically improve the park to support the health and wellbeing of the Sandbach community.
- 3.7 A full hard copy of the consultants' report will be made available at the meeting.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 Sandbach

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 Councillors Barry Moran, Stella Furlong and Gill Merry.

6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate change - Health

- 6.1 Climate Change: Parks act to mitigate actions that are understood to be causes of climate change. As large green spaces within urban areas, parks slow down surface run-off at times of heavy rain, the vegetation serves to absorb CO₂ and particulates in the air, and the trees have a cooling effect on local air temperatures and will locally reduce the impact of high winds.
- 6.2 Health Benefits: Excellent parks are proven to deliver positive health benefits to the communities who use them or live in their vicinity. They provide places where people can improve their physical health through

recreation and exercise. They are socially cohesive locations where children can play and adults can meet and relax together. They are tranquil places where people of all generations can enjoy the benefits associated with proximity to nature.

- 6.3 Economic Benefits: Well managed and attractive parks will have positive economic benefits. They demonstrate the pride of the local community, the confidence of the local authority, they add value to local property prices and they attract business to the area by supporting the family friendly infrastructure necessary to bring in key employees.

7.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

- 7.1 The funding for this project is already identified from developer contributions under Section 106 of the Town & Country Planning Act. Any other funding will be found by applications to external funding bodies.
- 7.2 There will be no increased revenue funding required.
- 7.3 Officer time will be necessary to drive the project forward but this will be reduced by appointing a project delivery agency. Their fees would have to be raised from the existing budget or from future grant applications.

8.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

- 8.1 All improvements to the fabric of the park and all facilities will become assets belonging to Cheshire East Council who will have an ongoing responsibility for maintenance.
- 8.2 Monies paid to the Council under s106 agreements must be used strictly in accordance with the terms of those agreements.

9.0 Risk Management

- 9.1 Risk of harm to park users: the level of risk to park visitors / users should be reduced by the replacement of old and obsolete play equipment and by careful design consideration as to the location of new facilities. Modern play equipment must comply with higher safety standards.
- 9.2 Given that the original concept plan based on consultation with local people would be considerably more expensive than the funding available, there will be a need to manage public expectation in terms of what can be achieved and in what timescale. This will be undertaken through careful use of the media by all parties involved.

10.0 Background and Options

- 10.1 A comprehensive process has been undertaken to develop an implementation plan to improve Sandbach Park as set out in Section 3 of this report.
- 10.2 Options:
 - (a) To approve 'in principle' the Ryder Landscape Consultants Concept Plan subject to available funding and to the amendment of the Plan as required for operational and financial reasons. Approval of the concept design will allow for the progression of the project and the search for additional funding. As such this option is recommended for approval.
 - (b) To reject the Ryder Landscape Consultants report. A considerable amount of officer time and partner funding has been spent on progressing the Plan to its current position. There is no further funding available to develop an alternative proposal. This option is not recommended.

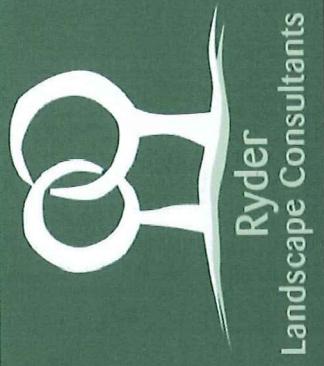
11.0 Access to Information

- 11.1 The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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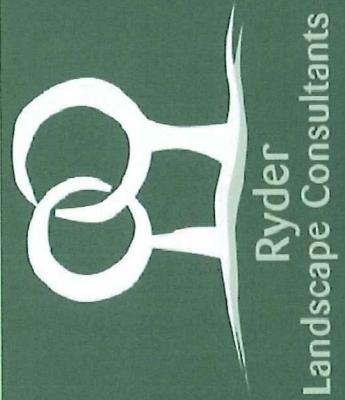


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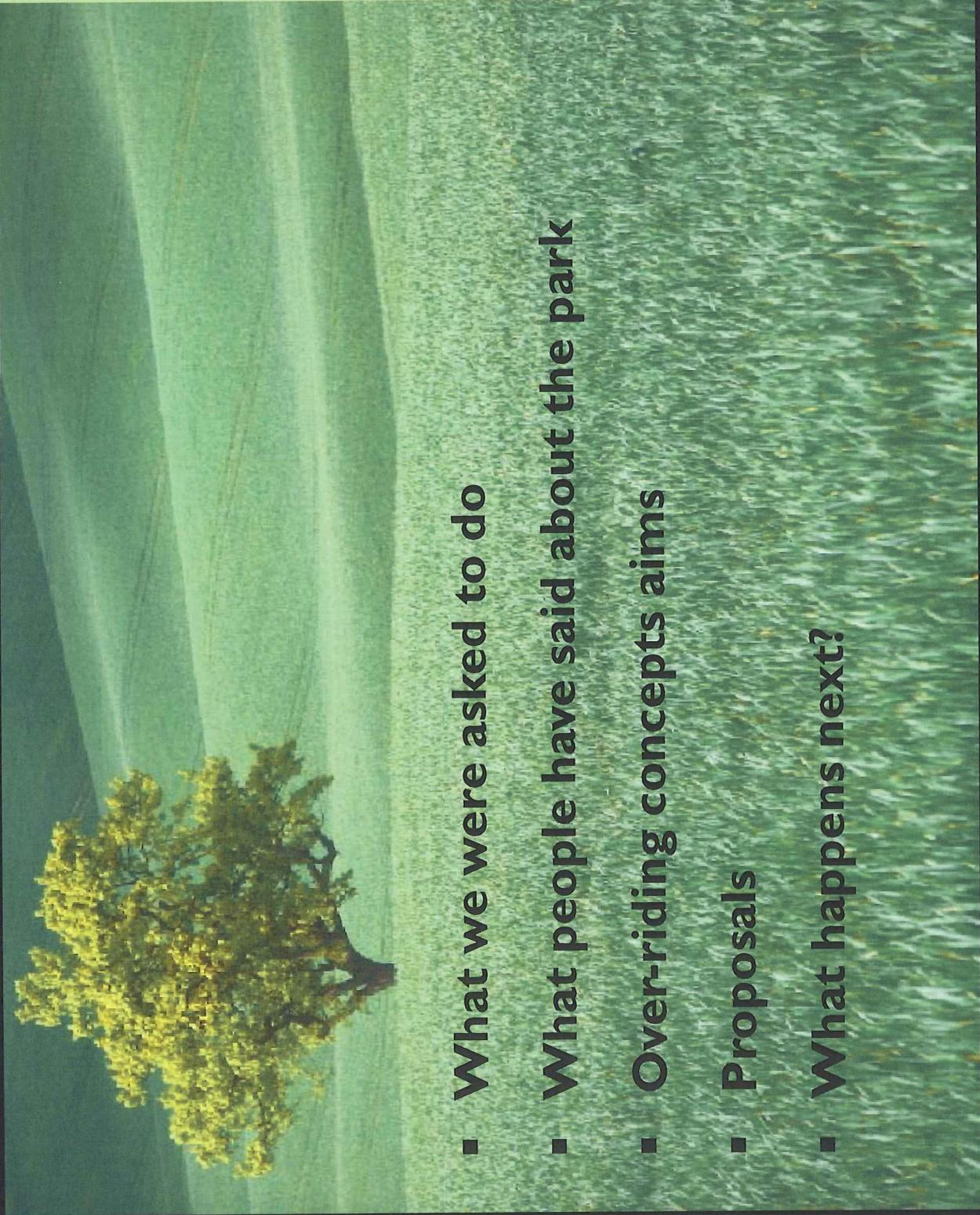
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PRESENTATION STRUCTURE



- What we were asked to do
- What people have said about the park
- Over-riding concepts aims
- Proposals
- What happens next?



FIVE PHASES OF WORK

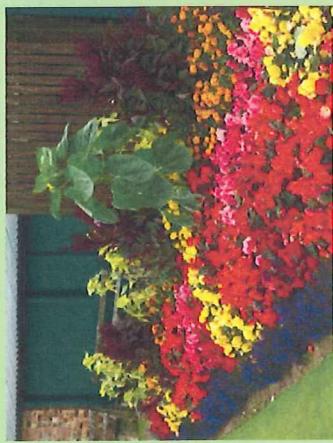
1. Baseline Survey of the Park
2. Baseline Consultation Study
3. Objective Setting
4. Option Assessment and Draft Concept Plans
5. Public Exhibition and Final Concept Plan



THE DESIGNER'S COMMISSION

LIKE MOST PARKS YOU HAVE

The Good ...



The Bad ...



The Tired ...



THE DESIGNER'S COMMISSION



REASONS FOR VISITING THE PARK

- 15% - For exercise and fresh air
- 12% - For peace, quiet and relaxation
- 12% - To take the children and grandchildren
- 10.5% - To enjoy the plants and flowers
- 10% - On route somewhere else
- 8.5% - To go bowling
- 8% - Visit play areas
- 7.5% - Go to an event in the park
- 6.5% - To walk the dog
- 4.5% - Picnic
- 2.5% - Tennis
- 2% - Casual games of football, rounders, etc



BASELINE CONSULTATIONS

POSITIVES FOR THE PARK

- 15% - Colour and floral displays
- 10% - Bowling facilities
- 8% - Sense of openness and open green space
- 7% - BMX and skate park
- 6% - High standard of maintenance
- 5% - Solitude and peacefulness
- 4% - Toddlers play areas
- 4% - Good place to lunch near town
- 3% - Swings
- 3% - Interesting place to walk
- 2% - Tennis courts
- 2% - A good place to meet friends

Hesketh Park, Southport Derby Park Conservation Management Plan, Bootle Park, Ponciau Banks Rhosllanerchrugog Breakwater Country Park, Holyhead Grosvenor Park, Chester Leasowe Community Park and Angling Lake Hazel Grove Park, Manchester Play Areas, St John's Infants School and Community Centre Black Path and Tilery Park, Stockton-on-Tees Blue Hall Allotments and Pigeon Lofts, Stockton-on-Tees Stanley Park, Liverpool Hesketh Park, Southport Derby Park Conservation Management Plan, Bootle Ponciau Banks Park, Rhosllanerchrugog Breakwater Country Park, Holyhead Grosvenor Park, Chester Leasowe Community Park and Angling Lake Hazel Grove Park, Manchester Play Areas, St John's Infants School and Community Centre Black Path and Tilery Park, Stockton-on-Tees



BASELINE CONSULTATIONS

NEGATIVES FOR THE PARK

- 15% - Standard of toilet facilities
- 9% - Anti-social behaviour
- 8% - Litter problems and not enough bins
- 6% - Lack of shelter/have a place that's warm
- 5% - Pond area could be better for wildlife
- 5% - Skate park area is ugly
- 4% - Dog waste and methods of management
- 4% - Signs of vandalism
- 3% - Boring, not enough for young people
- 3% - Play area is too small
- 2% - Muddy paths and grass
- 2% - Paths a trip hazard

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BASELINE CONSULTATIONS

TOP 10 SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PARK

- 1 – Improve toilet facilities (11.1%)
- 2 – Provide more play & teenage facilities (5.8%)
- 3 – Skate Park improvements (5.8%)
- 4 – More play for children 8-12 years (4.6%)
- 5 – Improved and bigger play for all ages (4.5%)
- 6 – Provide open air shelter (4.2%)
- 7 – More play for children 3-5 years (3.5%)
- 8 – Extra lights along the main paths (3.2%)
- 9 – Cafe / Ice Cream Stall (2.7%)
- 10 – Place for music and other events (2.5%)

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CONSULTATIONS

MARKS OUT OF 10 FOR THE PARK

- 0 – 0.5%
- 1 – 0.5%
- 2 – 1.4%
- 3 – 3.6%
- 4 – 8.6%
- 5 – 5%
- 6 – 21%
- 7 – 28.9%
- 8 – 22.4%
- 9 – 3.6%
- 10 – 3.6%

80% of all people asked marked the park as 6 or higher

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BASELINE CONSULTATIONS

IN SUMMARY

- Keep the positive elements that people enjoy.
- Remove (within reason) the negative elements that people do not like.
- Improve those elements that people do not value or do not recognise have a value.
- Only bring new features to the park if they are going to improve the park for people.
- In general people were happy with the park but recognise it could be improved.



CONCEPT PLAN AIMS - Summary

- 1 – Buildings in the Park
- 2 – Play and recreation
- 3 – Improved signage and orientation
- 4 – Historical reference
- 5 – Circulation improvements
- 6 – Lighting
- 7 – Quality of park furniture
- 8 – Park entrances and boundary treatment
- 9 – Lower Park – woodland and pond improvements
- 10 – Ensure long-term sustainability

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CONCEPT PLAN AIMS

SANDBACH PARK initial concept plan

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Main walkway to have lighting columns (on one side) along the length of the route

Grass with wildflowers and drifts of bulbs to add colour to the woodlands area

Existing hollow to be infilled and compacted to form a flat platform for future events in the park. Retained by boulders and timber.

Widen and resurface the main Commons to Aulington Drive. Footpath with resin bonded aggregate finish

New 'Roy Sutton Commemorative Flower Garden' with pelargoniums and seating challenging play area for 5-12 year old children. Surrounded by ornamental planting, low hedge / fence and trees

Small refreshment cafe / kiosk with outdoor seating and planting

Focal point created with colourful planting; potential site for park sculpture and specimen trees to make an impact and compliment the colourful building & planting

New paved area to provide space for event vehicle access

Repositioned gateway for use by event vehicles

Pull-in space for disabled visitors and library delivery van

Retain ornamental gates and railings
New toilet building - extended in site and retain in the same location

Semi-nature trees, high quality paving and ornamental planting to enhance the library entrance and extend the park towards the Commons.

Toddler and young children 3 months - 4 years) play area with Tensile shelter, seating and colourful planting

Remove existing hedge, move wall back and create more seating for visiting players

Planting to act as a sound buffer

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Wildflower planting to create ecological area

Widened the existing path to enable occasional use by emergency and event vehicles

Creation of tree avenue - future memorial tree planting

New steps & handrail

Artificial surface

Memorial trees replanted to form a new avenue

Gentle grass slopes down to the water edge

New ecological planting and timber fence

New areas of native planting to add colour to the lower park

Dingle Lane entrance: Timber post and rail fence with pedestrian gate and paved area.

Remove and replace metal railing; Gap up hedge to make boundary secure.

Remove existing shrubs to open up views.

MUGA, netball, basketball, 5-a-side football, tennis

New bollard/stake mark with brighter ramps and improve/advanced ramps

Extend court into wasted space along boundary.
Requires returfing and fenced closure

DRAWING NOT TO SCALE

SANDBACH PARK *developed concept plan*







The logo for Shire East Council, featuring a stylized blue and yellow swoosh graphic above the text "Shire East Council".





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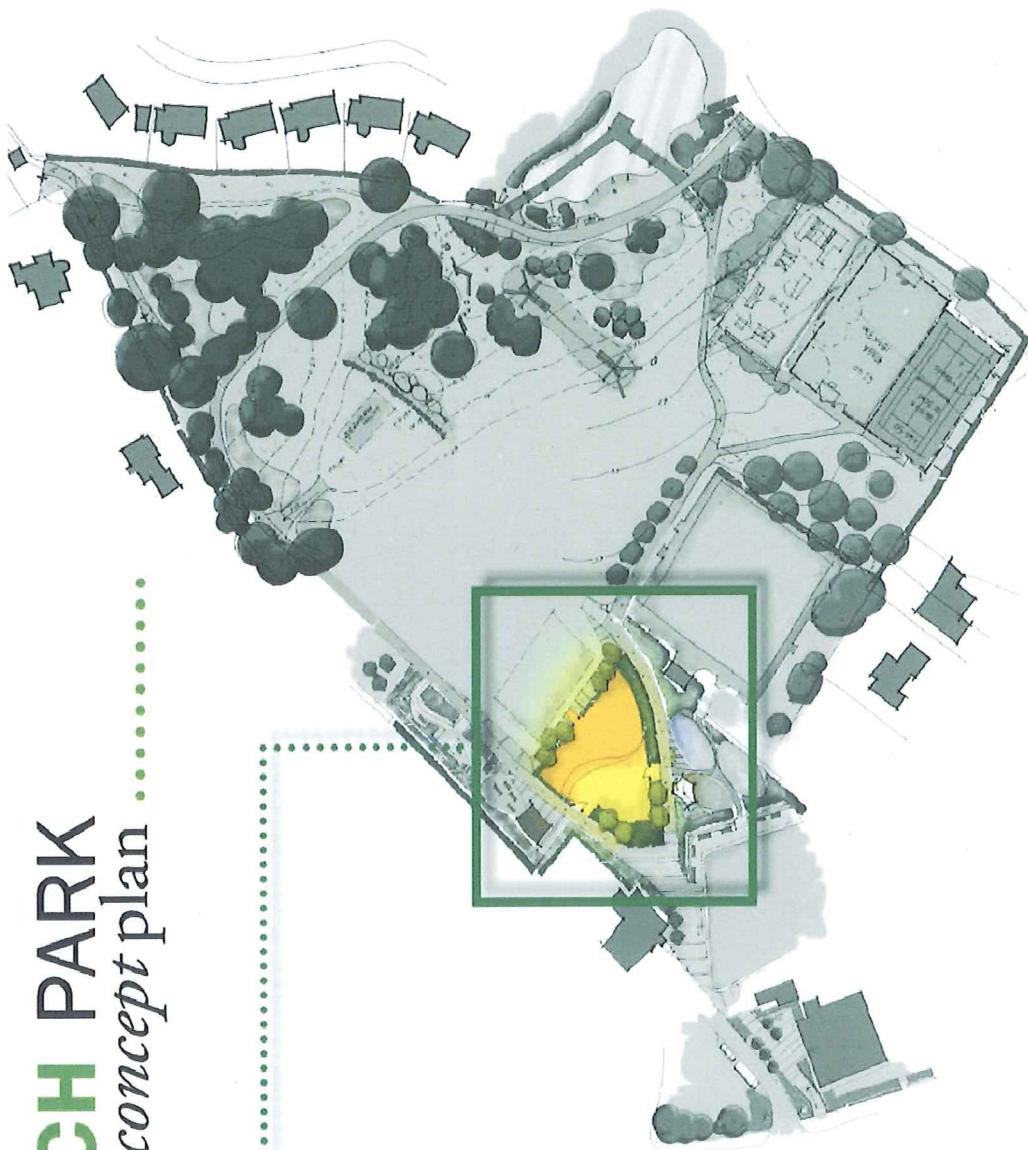


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Adventure play area





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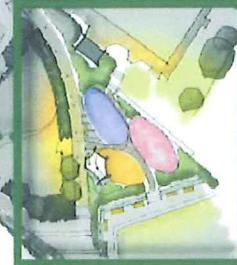
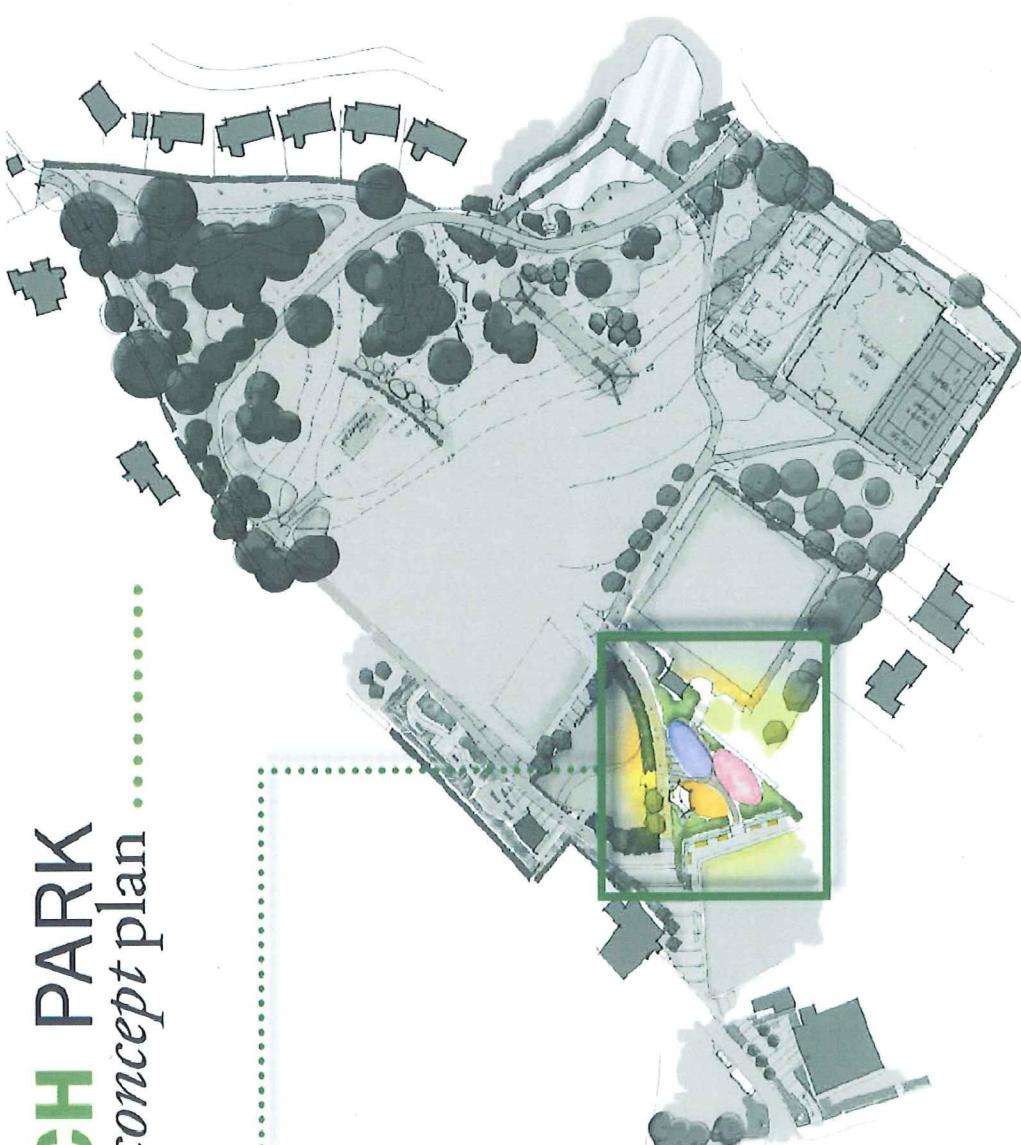


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Toddler play area





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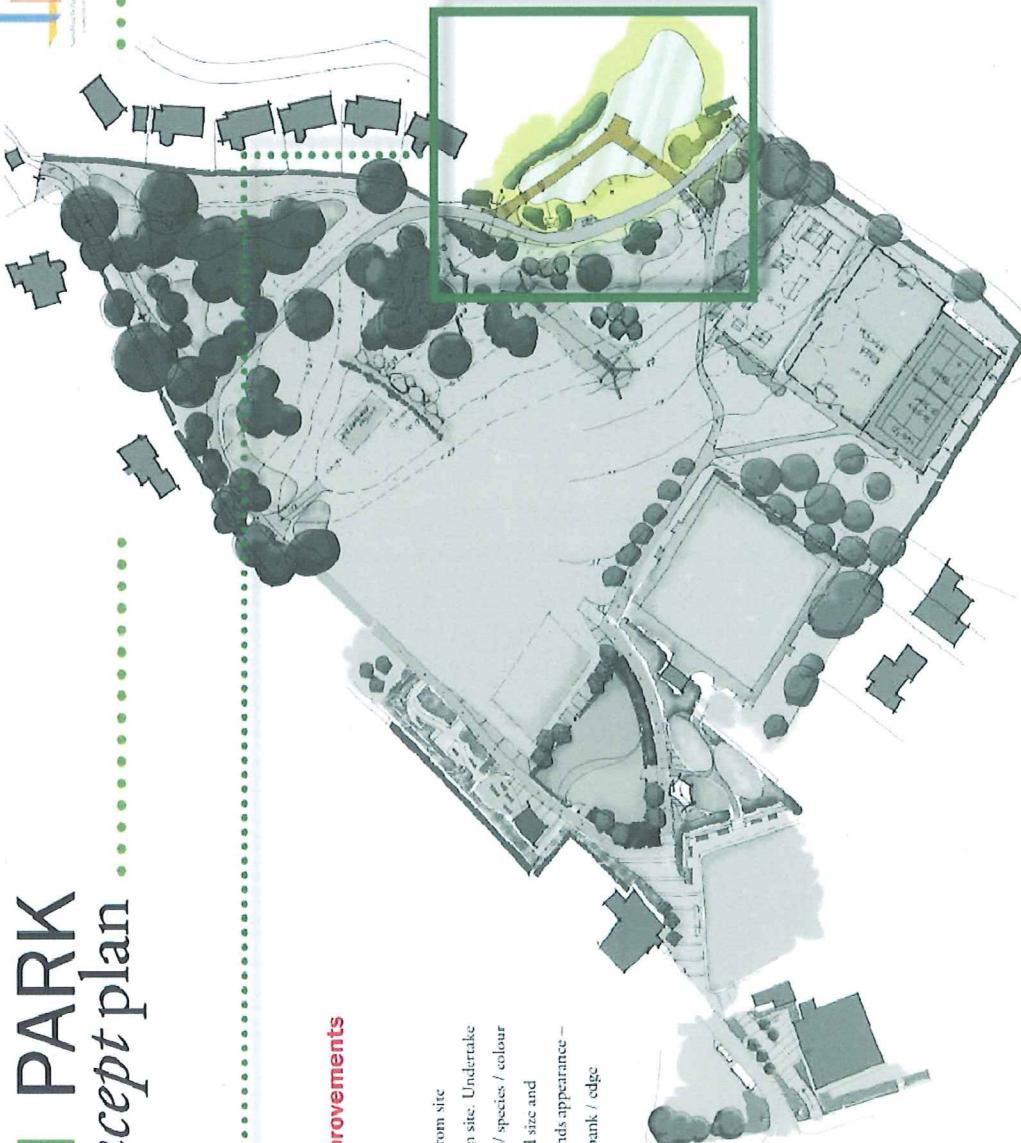
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Pond and woodland area

Essential Priority items - Ecological Improvements

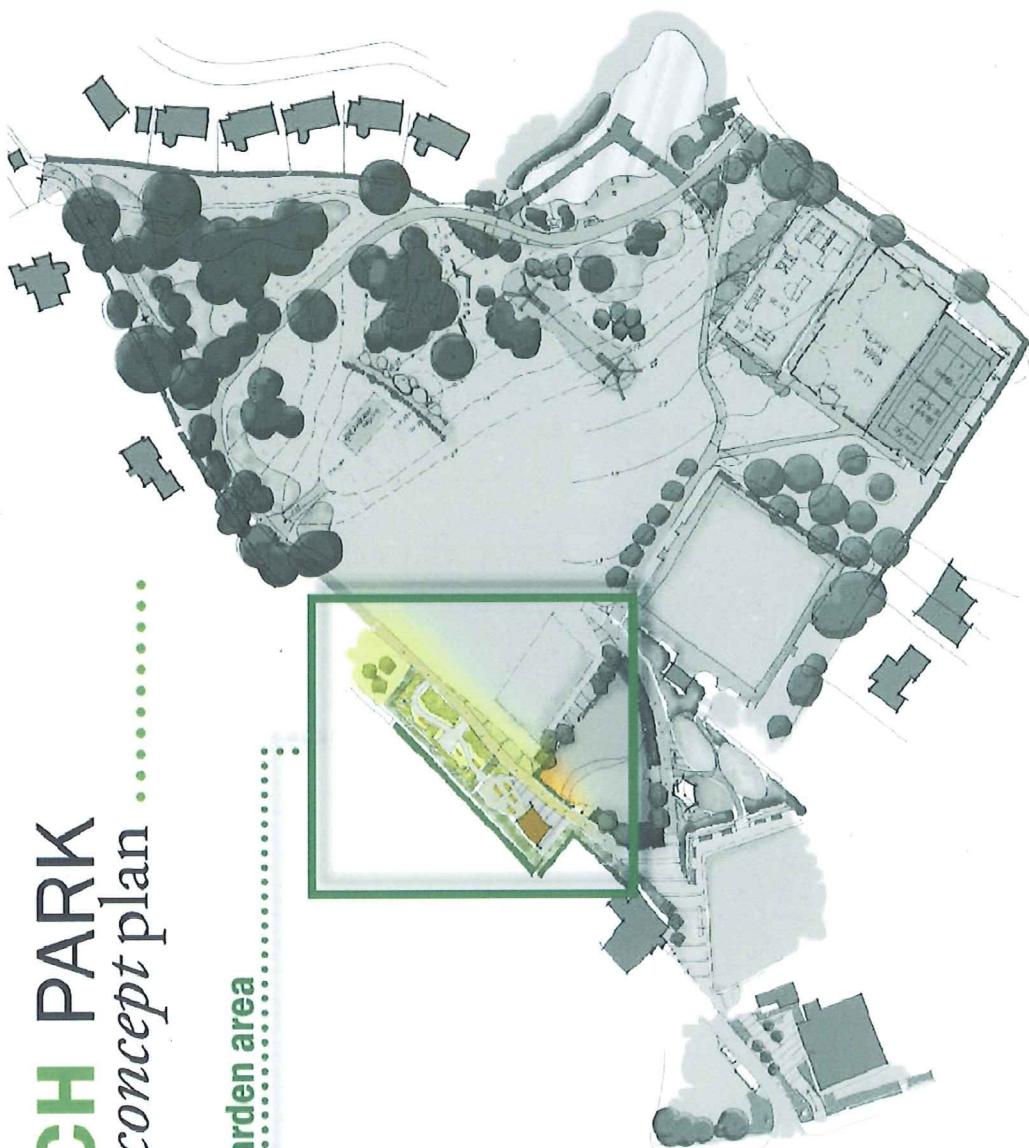
1.17 POND, WETLAND AREA

- 1.17.1 Remove existing timber jetty and gravel. Dispose from site
- 1.17.2 Diversify the native/ ecological wetland planting on site. Undertake management of vegetation to increase biodiversity / species / colour
- 1.17.3 Excavate and extend area of open water – increased size and undertake dredging to increase depth. Improve ponds appearance – rubbish clearance and create gently shelving grass bank / edge
- 1.17.4 Provide access path down to the water's edge to feed the wildlife
- 1.17.5 Timber boardwalk and pond dipping platform
- 1.17.6 Increase peoples' understanding of the park's natural features through effective interpretation. Interpretation board fixed to boardwalk for school educational visits - panel / leveret (1 nr) and inclusion into the Sandbach Environmental trail (A Rocha Charity publication)
- 1.17.7 Undertake Wildlife habitat improvement works recommended by Cheshire Wildlife Trust



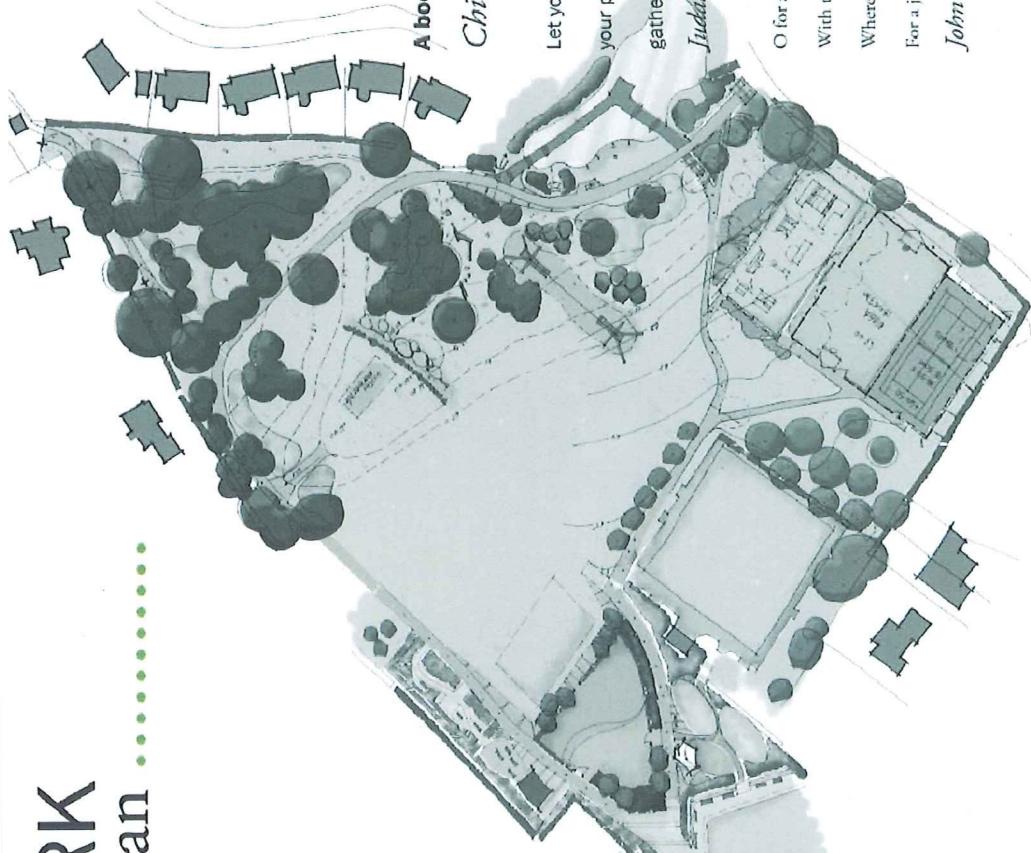
SANDBACH PARK concept plan

Cafe and Roy Sutton garden area



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Library entrance area



A book is like a garden carried in the pocket

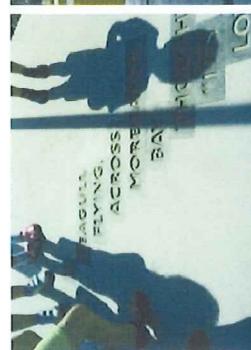
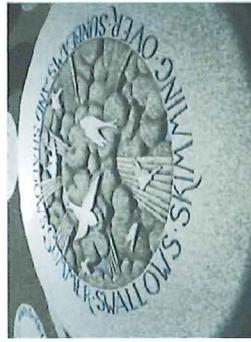
Chinese Proverb

Let your bookcases and your shelves be your gardens and
your pleasure-grounds. Pluck the fruit that grows therein,
gather the roses, the spices, and the myrrh.

Judah Ibn Tibbon

O for a Booke and a shide nooke, cyther in-adhoore or out:
With the grene leaves whispering overhede, or the Streete cryes all about.
Where I mane Reade all at my case, both of the Newe and Olde:
For a jollie goode Booke whereon to looke is better to me than Golde.

John Wilson



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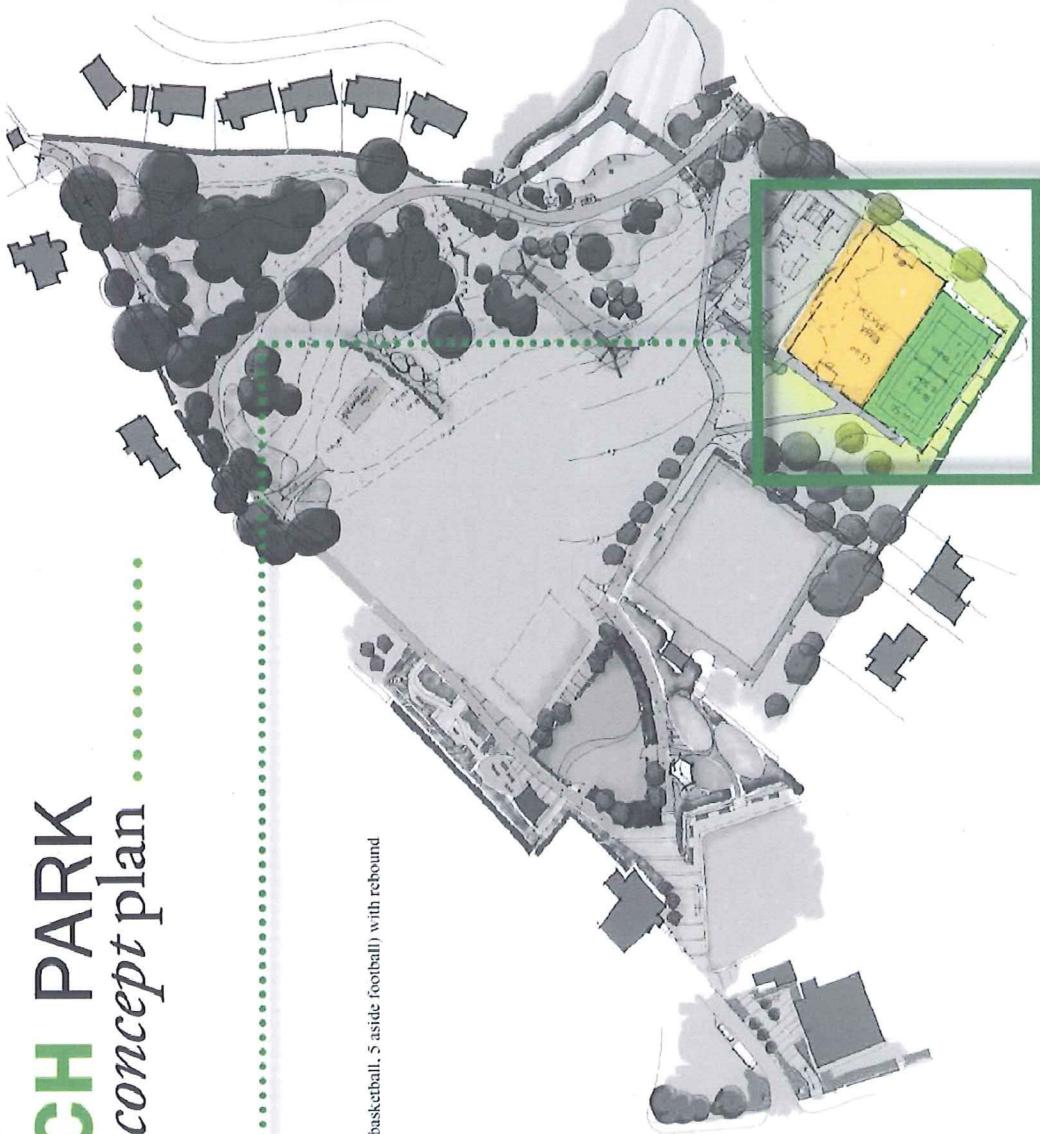
MUGA / tennis area

Teenager Sport - Concept Proposals

Provision of Multi use games arena (netball, tennis, basketball, 5 aside football) with rebound fencing and separate tennis court

Indicative equipment

- Artificial grass Tennis Court
- MUGA (Multi User Game Area)
- J2275 Small ball court; or J2285 Large ball court
- Free standing football net



Essential Priority Items – Recreational Facilities

1.13 MUGA - MULTI COURT (NETBALL, TENNIS, BASKETBALL, 5 ASIDE FOOTBALL*) COMBINATION

- 1.13.1 Remove existing wire mesh panels and posts surrounding tennis court, dispose from site
- 1.13.2 Retain tennis court and extend perimeter to include multi-games ball court
- 1.13.3 Install new welded mesh panel and post to perimeter
- 1.13.4 Retaining wall and kickboard perimeter boundary treatment
- 1.13.5 Lay coloured tarmac surfacing
- 1.13.6 Install Goal posts/ Netball / Basketball hoop freestanding unit
- 1.13.7 Tennis court nets and posts
- 1.13.8 Paint multi-game court lines
- 1.13.9 Install 4 nr. New seats

1.13.10 New Tennis Court*

- 1.13.11 New posts and wire mesh fencing to perimeter
- 1.13.12 Artificial turf surfacing
- 1.13.13 Repaint white lines
- 1.13.14 1 nr. Set of court net and posts
- 1.13.15 Install 4 nr. new seats and 2 nr. benches



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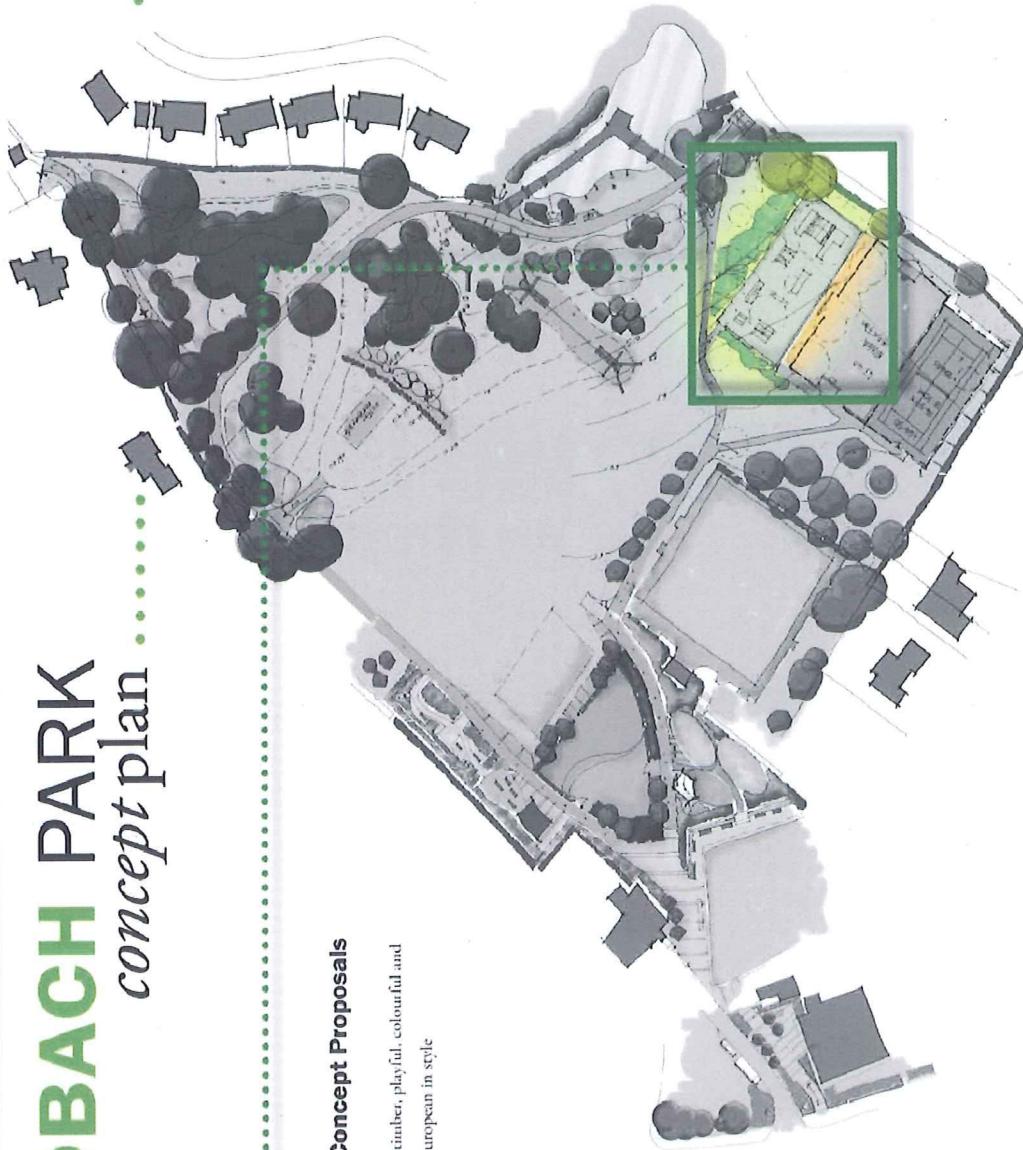
Skate park

Teenager Sport - Concept Proposals

Stainless steel, red rope, square timber, playful, colourful and bright and contemporary and European in style

Indicative equipment cont:

- Gravity Skate Park Ltd
- Skate/BMX Park Ltd



1.12 NEW SKATE/ BMX PARK AND TEENAGER FOCUSED FACILITIES

Provide informal and casual 'kick about / basket ball areas' for young people. The areas are to be for young people to use without any need for changing facilities and without the need for booking the facilities.

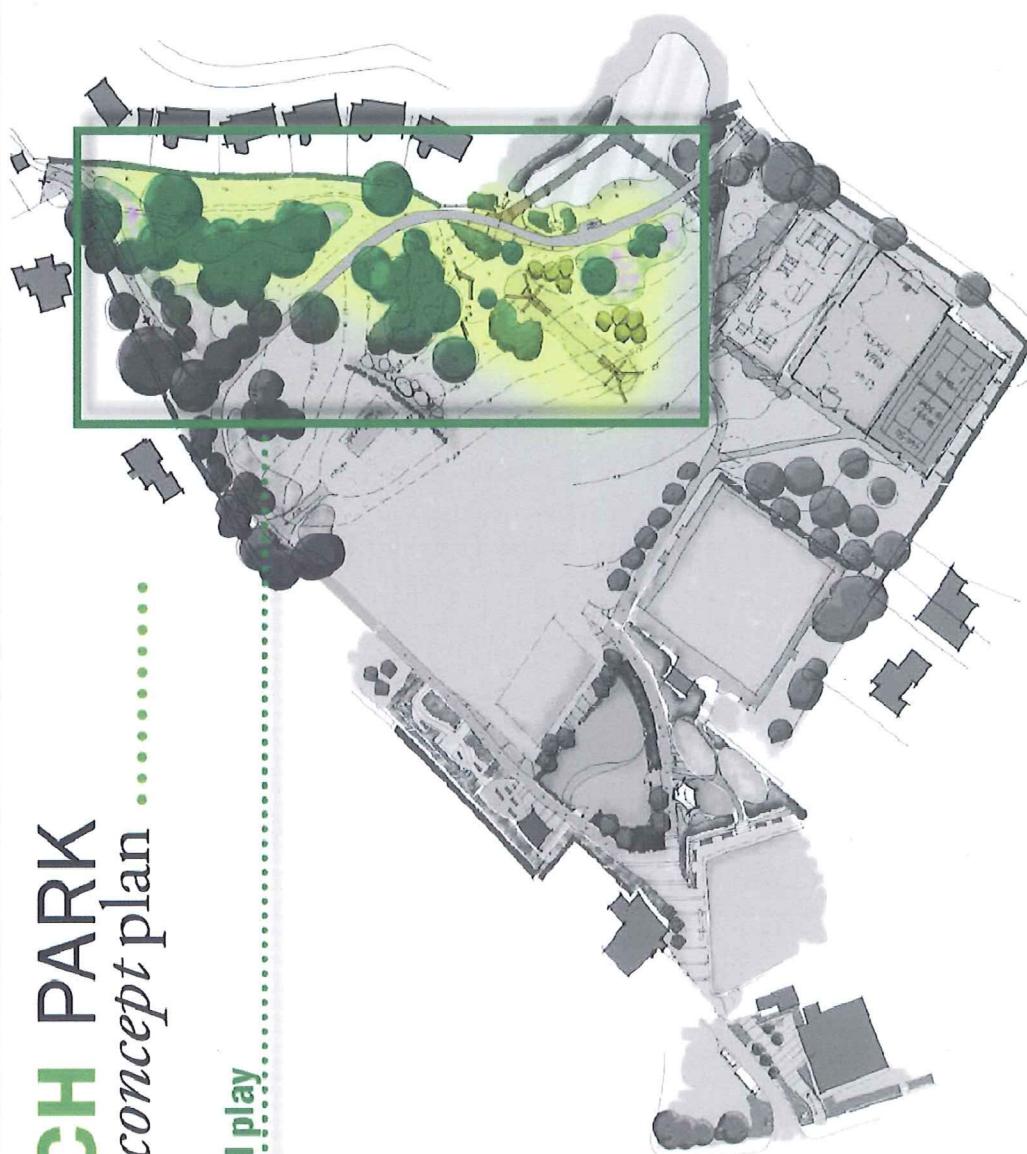
Items shown with * denote specific requests received from the community during the consultation process

- 1.12.1 Remove existing skate ramp and surfacing*
- 1.12.2 Open sided shelter* – shelter from the elements
- 1.12.3 Emergency vehicle access
- 1.12.4 Skate facility to be positioned to have an open aspect and not shaded by trees *
- For safety reasons there is a need to avoid leaves and debris falling on skate surface*
- 1.12.5 Re-align, re-grade and widen the existing tarmac footpath to remove steps
- 1.12.6 Entry level skate / BMX arena (located away from older teenagers)
- 1.12.7 Easy grade ramps (to suit 9-12 year olds)*
- 1.12.8 2m. half pipe*
- 1.12.9 Better quality ramp surfacing (steel,wood or skatedite) or moulded concrete basin*
- 1.12.10 In-line skate circuit
- 1.12.11 Layout to promote a linked skating route / circuit
- 1.12.12 Flat area of tarmac hard standing - to practice tricks and moves
- 1.12.13 Install 2 nr. new benches
- 1.12.14 Intermediate / advanced level skate / BMX area
- 1.12.15 Harder / progressive grade ramps for developing mountain boarders, skating and BMX riding skills*
- 1.12.16 quarter pipe and roll-in tower (in addition to take-off, 'kicker' and landing ramps)*
- 1.12.17 big air ramp*
- 1.12.18 skateboard mini/half pipe ramp*
- 1.12.19 Increase in the number of ramps and ramps to be wider in size*
- 1.12.20 Better quality ramp surfacing / type of equipment or moulded concrete basin*
- 1.12.21 Flat area of tarmac hard standing - to practice tricks and moves
- 1.12.22 Install 2 nr. new benches



SANDBACH PARK concept plan

PLAYBUILDER - natural play



SANDBACH PARK

concept plan





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Cheshire East

Council

Sandbach Partnership
a strategic partnership

SANDBACH PARK

improvement project

Trim Trail - Fitness And P.T. Trail

STRATEGY - INDICATIVE LAYOUT

- A Individual pieces of equipment stations

- Fitness route

Trim trail equipment - indicative

UPPER BODY EXERCISE

- 3.6 x 1.0m 2.6m horizontal ladder
- 2.6 x 1.0m Chin ups

LOWER BODY EXERCISE

- 3.6 x 1.5m Bench sit ups
- 6 x 1.5m Bunny hops

CLIMBING AND JUMPING, BALANCE, CO-ORDINATION

- 1.8 X 1.7M Run and leap timbers
- 3.2m beam x 5 balance beam
- 2.8 x 0.7m Net climb
- 1.5-7 x 0.7m Leap frog posts or 8 posts, varying heights 0.85 - 1.2m





SANDBACH PARK

improvement project

Life-long Health and Recreation

Stainless steel, red rope, square timber, playful, colourful and bright and contemporary and European in style

Indicative equipment cont:



- *sports Equipment.com*
- *PT trim / Fitness trim trail- 8 m: individual timber pieces. Placed throughout the woodland and adjacent to paths to form a loop circuit*
- *horizontal ladder*
- *chin ups*
- *bench sit ups*
- *bunny hops*
- *run and leap timbers*
- *net climb*
- *leap frog posts (8 m)*
- *balance beam (low level)*

SANDBACH PARK

improvement project

Lower Park - Woodland Area



Essential Priority items - Ecological Improvements

1.16 LOWER PARK AND WOODLAND

- 1.16.1 Introduce areas of ground cover/ low growing native planting to provide seasonal variety, reflect light and add colour* beneath the woodland canopy to the woodland walk throughout the year
- 1.16.2 Wildflower plug planting on slopes*
- 1.16.3 Protect areas of existing Blubell planting
- 1.16.4 Diversify the tree stock for greater arboreticultural interest and age range in the park. Undertake programme of Arboretum style specimen tree planting to increase diversity and replace trees removed.
- 1.16.5 Develop the concept of SANDBACH Arboretum with tree trails and self-guide or download information
- 1.16.6 Creation of seasonal gardens of bulbs and flowering plants at the path nodes



BULBS

- Crocus vernus 'Pickwick'*
Anemone nemorosa
Hieracanthoides non-scripta
Narcissus pseudonarcissus 'bodularis'

PARTIAL SHADE

- Pachysandra terminalis*
Lamium maculatum 'Beacon Silver'
Brunnera macrophylla 'Jack Frost'
Gaultheria odoratissima
Vaccinium 'Excalibur'
Pulmonaria 'Cottontail Cob'
Aquilegia vulgaris 'Mansfield White'
Hedera helix 'hibernica'

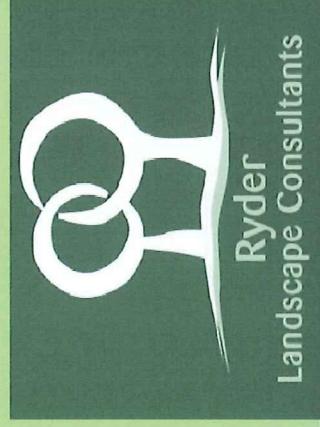
FULL SHADE

- Mahonia aquifolium*
Epinotia x rubrum
Epinotian graniflorum 'Lilac'
Epinotian x youngianum 'Nitens'
Tellima grandiflora 'Purple'
Aquilegia vulgaris 'Mansfield White'
Hedera helix 'hibernica'

REVIEW OF INITIAL PLANS

- Public exhibition held
- Presentation to Sandbach Town Council
- Discussed at length by Sandbach Partnerships

- There were 22 points of addition
- There were 16 requests that were not included
- Changes to the spatial arrangement of the proposals are shown outlined in red on next plan
- They are all clearly recorded in a document called Changes Implications and Action Plan

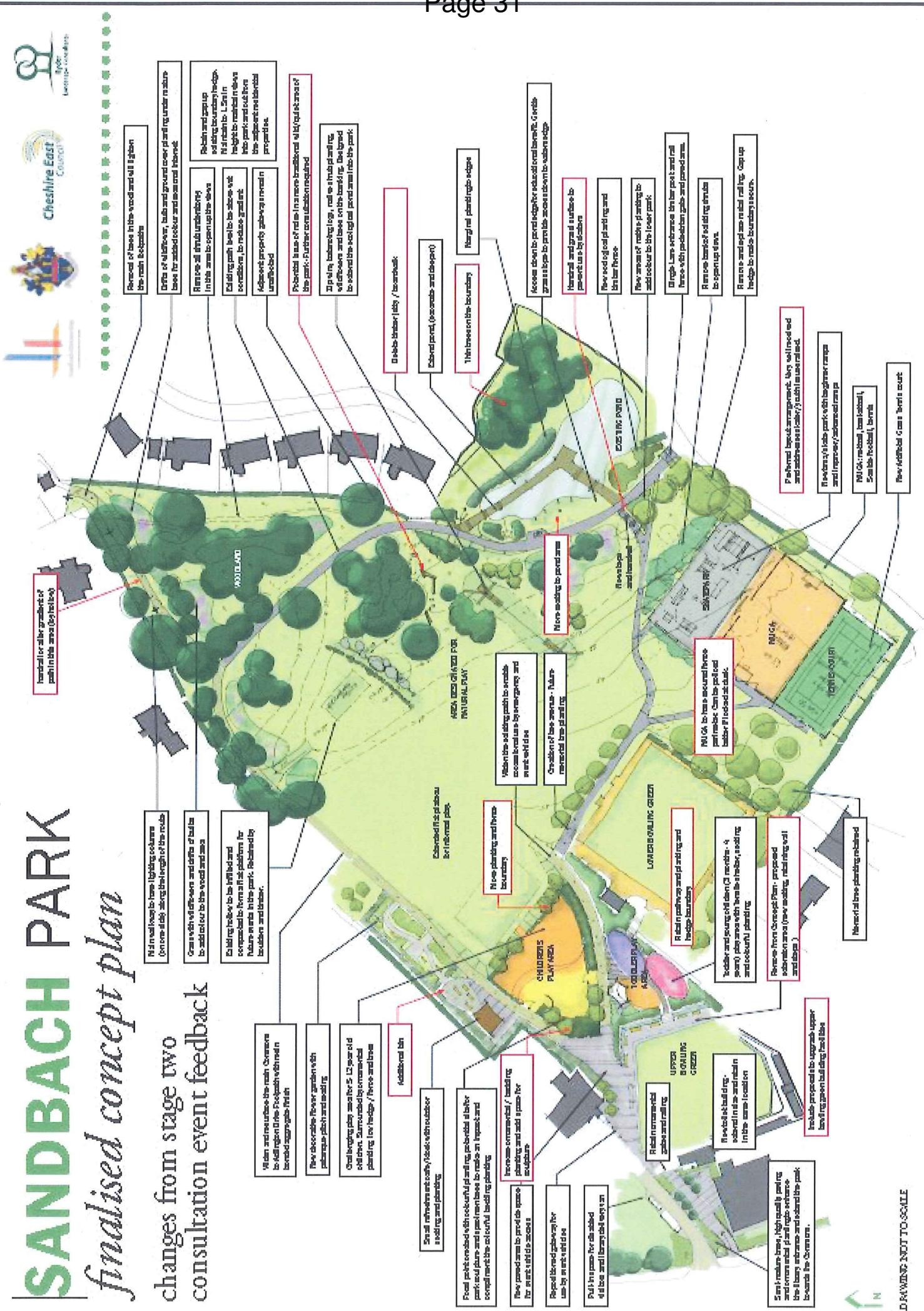


LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

SANDBACH PARK

finalised concept plan

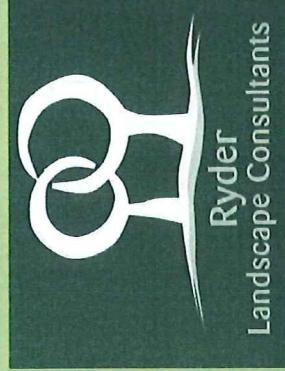
changes from stage two consultation event feedback



DELIVERY OF A £400,000 SCHEME

- Section 106 monies of £128,000
- There is a commitment from Cheshire East Council to provide £20,000 from capital funds for the toilet improvement project

- Key items as we see it are:
 - a. Toilet, baby change and disabled WC - £69,000
 - b. Improved vehicular access - 6,000
 - c. Paths and circulation works - £76,000
 - d. Skate Park and active play - £128,000
 - e. Toddler play area - £69,000
 - f. Adventure play - £102,000
 - g. Park furniture - £49,000

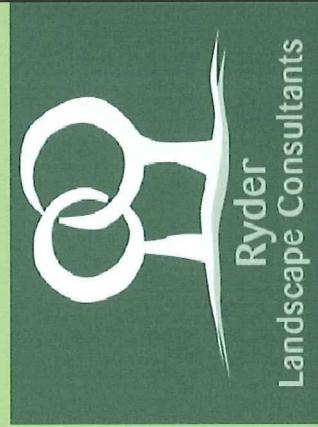


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DELIVERY OF A £1,000,000 SCHEME

- All the previous items, plus the following

- Key items as we see it are:
 - Lighting and a new CCTV camera - £55,000
 - MUGA and Tennis Courts - £81,000
 - Trim Trail - £6,000
 - Cafe Base and Gardens - £51,000
 - Signage Improvements - £21,000
 - Pond and Woodland Improvements - £47,000
 - Enabling events and ground levelling - £118,000
 - Amenity and Ornamental Planting - £82,000
 - Library Entrance Upgrade - £50,000
 - Additional maintenance/miscellaneous - £8,000



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WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

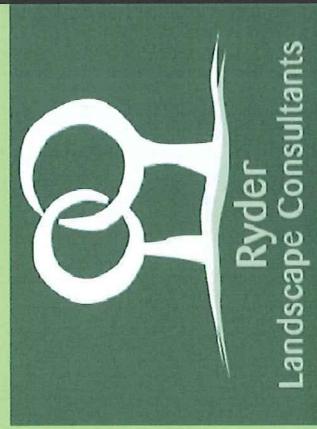
- There are two potential schemes have been costed.
- There is now the ammunition to tackle potential funders with.
- A raft of such funders have been identified.
- Form a funding committee.
- Tackle the most likely funds first.
- Look upon the park as a back-drop for other activities e.g. Health, fitness, wildlife, education etc.
- Use the Section 106 money to act as your match funding.
- Form a Friends of Sandbach Park to keep its profile high and assist with funding applications.
- Review the masterplan at least annually to consider new opportunities and mark successes!



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

IN SUMMARY

- We have shown you a lot tonight
- There is a lot to take in
- This is just the 'end of the beginning'
- The Park will be different to these proposals
- Look upon this work as a framework to take advantage of funding opportunities
- Funding is now the major challenge
- Match funding tends to be the key – use \$106
- These proposals will demonstrate to funders you mean business
- Continue with engagement and empowerment of local people to reach balanced decisions
- Encourage more people to the Park to make it a special place in Sandbach.



A GOOD START

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