

SOUTH PARK, MACCLESFIELD Strategic Masterplan

A significant urban park serving the needs of Macclesfield town centre & surrounding areas

South Park is a valuable large open space near to Macclesfield town centre, which serves a large population. It lies in close proximity to two conservation areas and is classified as historic parkland within the local plan. South Park is popular with walkers and dog walkers who come to enjoy the open space, with magnificent views, a variety of trees and attractive gardens. The play facilities are also popular and the park is seen as a peaceful haven in which to sit and relax and meet other members of the local community. Park users also like to visit the lake and the ducks. These proposals aim to protect the character of this historic parkland, whilst maximising its potential for sport, culture, recreation, education and nature conservation.

KEY

	Park boundary		Existing pitch & putt
	Existing grass/trees		Existing vehicle access
	Existing shrubs/hedges		Existing pedestrian access
	Existing formal bedding		

KEY ISSUES

- The roles of the three Macclesfield town centre parks
- How to create an identity for the park.
- Addressing the major concerns about uncontrolled dogs, dog fouling, anti social behaviour and personal safety.
- The demand by park users for a safer park.
- Inappropriate existing maintenance regimes, lack of natural habitats and no long term plan for the management of the landscape.
- The poor environmental quality of Ryles Pool.
- The need for better and safer play.
- The current under use of the pavilion
- Unauthorised use of the park by motorised vehicles.
- The future of the bandstand and capacity to hold concerts/events there.
- The desire by park users to protect it from development pressure
- Tackling specific maintenance problems in 'hot spots'.
- How to conserve the historic features within the park.
- Infrastructure problems, eg poor footpaths

MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS

- To create a separate identity for the park as an area for challenging play, sport and active recreation.
- To develop corporate approaches to managing the problems of uncontrolled dogs, dog fouling and anti-social behaviour.
- To protect wildlife, enhance natural habitats and develop the potential for education and nature conservation.
- To provide better signs and information for visitors.
- To protect and improve the environmental quality of Ryles Pool.
- To enhance the children's play facilities.
- To improve the pavilion and related facilities for the benefit of the whole community.
- To secure boundaries and control unauthorised access by motor vehicles.
- To provide a park manager, dedicated personnel and security patrols at night.
- To introduce dedicated personnel to look after the park.
- To introduce 'hit squads' to tackle specific maintenance issues.
- To conserve and enhance the historic features of the park.
- To repair or replace the bandstand and hold organised events and concerts.
- To improve access and routes for the disabled and push chairs, cyclists and pedestrians
- To provide lighting to strategic routes.
- To improve drainage.
- To retain, protect and enhance the quality and good layout of the park.
- To encourage community involvement.
- To enlarge the car park and provide disabled parking spaces
- To provide additional co-ordinated seats and litter bins.



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Tender evaluation

Tenders will be evaluated using the following scoring framework:

% Weighting	Evaluation Criteria	Breakdown of criteria
15%	Status of Company	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Capacity to provide▪ Project History/background▪ Customer reference sites▪ Financial situation
15%	Management and Operation of the Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Project management▪ Organisational ability/capacity▪ Insurance Liability Policy▪ Staffing details/Equal Opportunities/ Employment / Training Policy▪ Health & Safety▪ Environmental Considerations▪ Quality management▪ Service commencement date▪ Service set-up
30%	Goods and Service Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Design of facility▪ Provision of project▪ Method statement
40%	Initial Price	Does not exceed £150,000.00 and includes roof/canopy to a total not exceeding £170,000.00
1 st Preference Company		
2 nd Preference Company		
3 rd Preference Company		

Approved.....

Head of Strategic Procurement

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Councillor

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