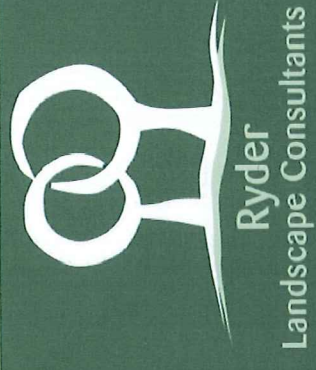


SANDBACH PARK LANDSCAPE PLAN

Stuart Ryder –
Director

Alice Cooper –
Senior
Landscape
Architect



FINAL PRESENTATION – 2010



- **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

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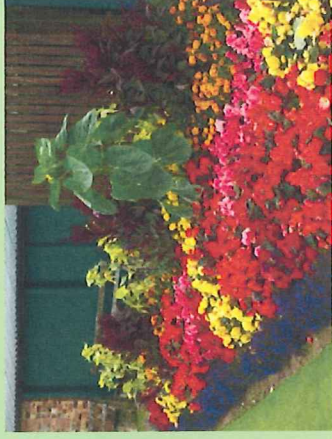
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THE DESIGNER'S COMMISSION

LIKE MOST PARKS YOU HAVE

The Good ...



The Bad ...



The Tired ...



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



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

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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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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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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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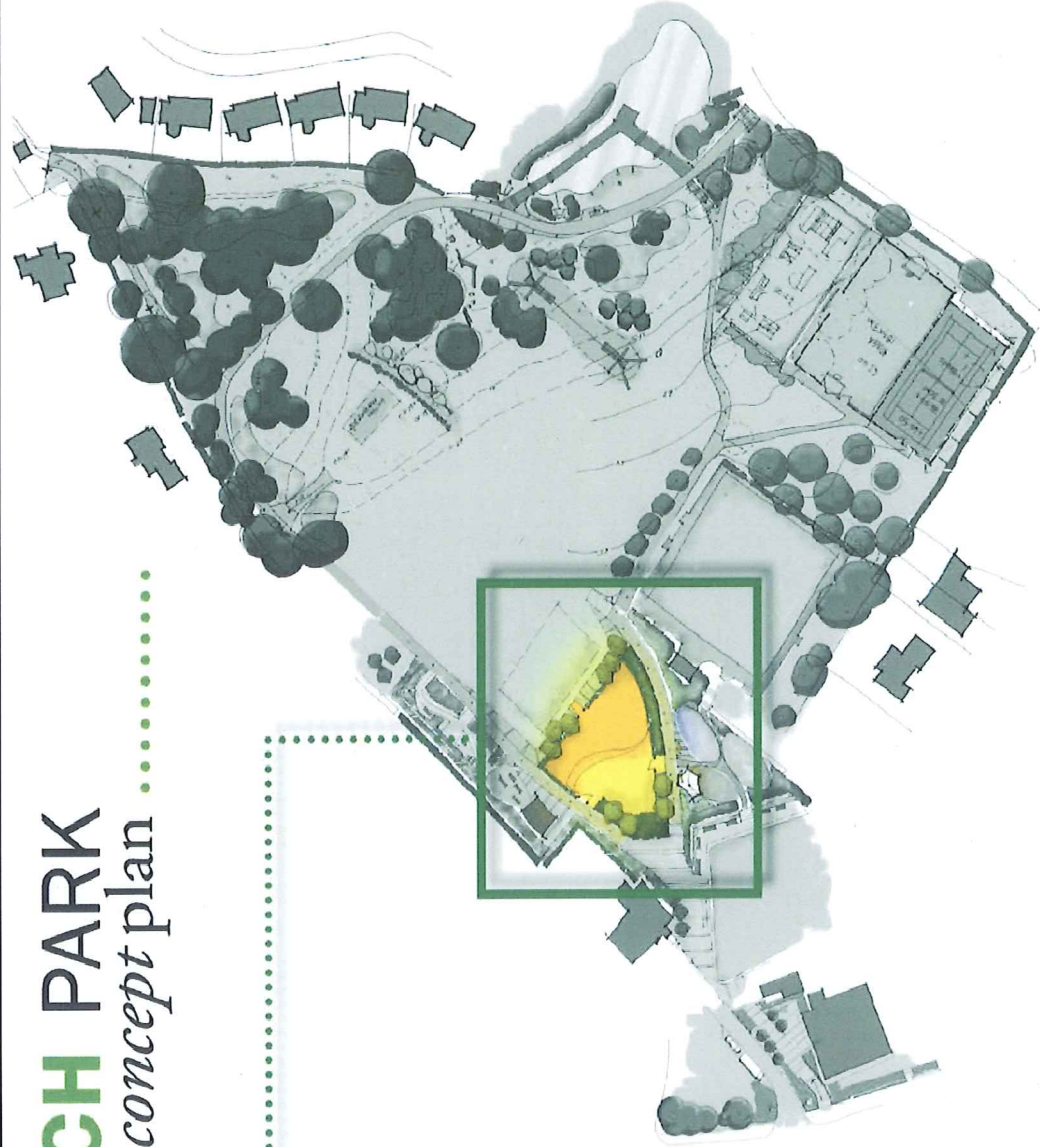
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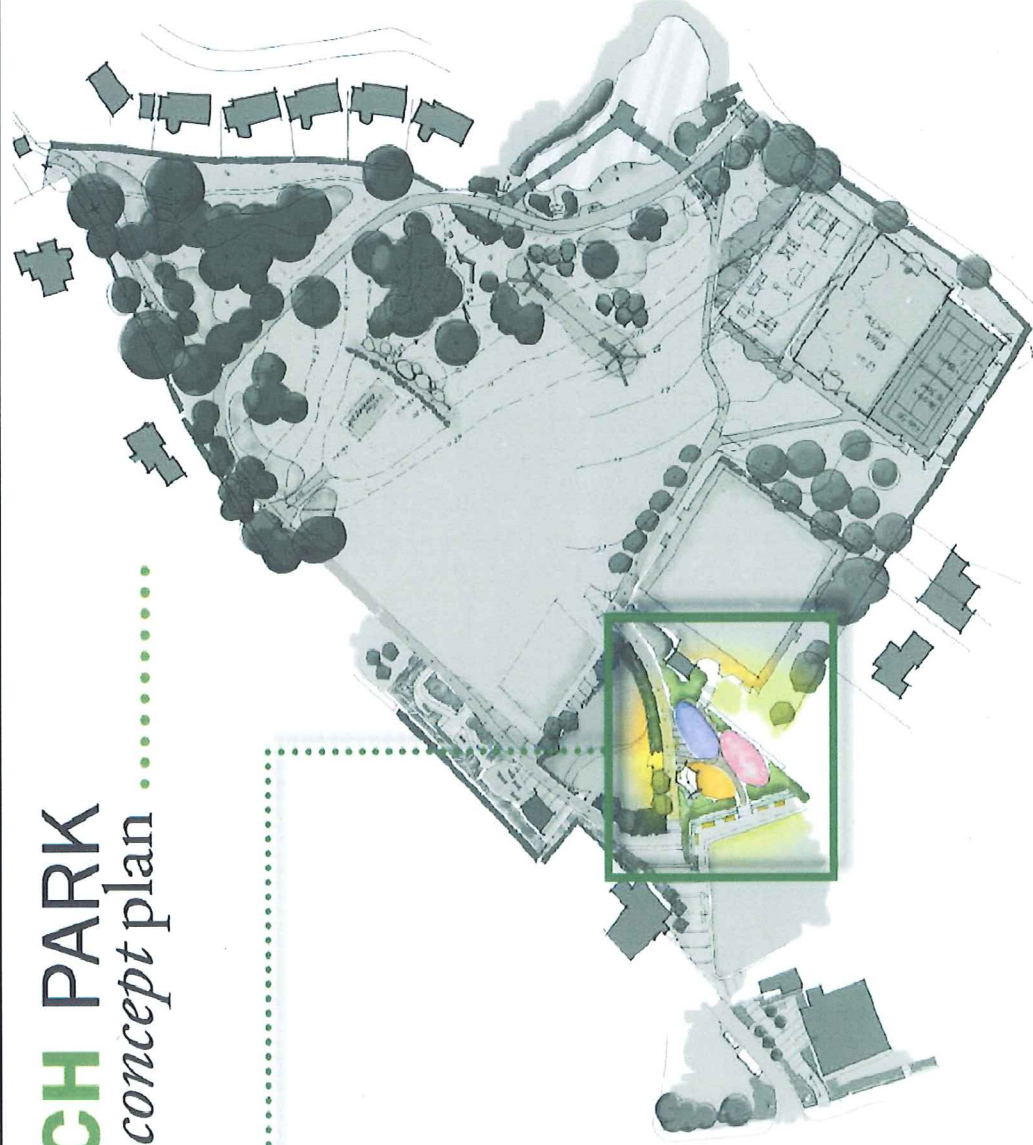
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Toddler play area

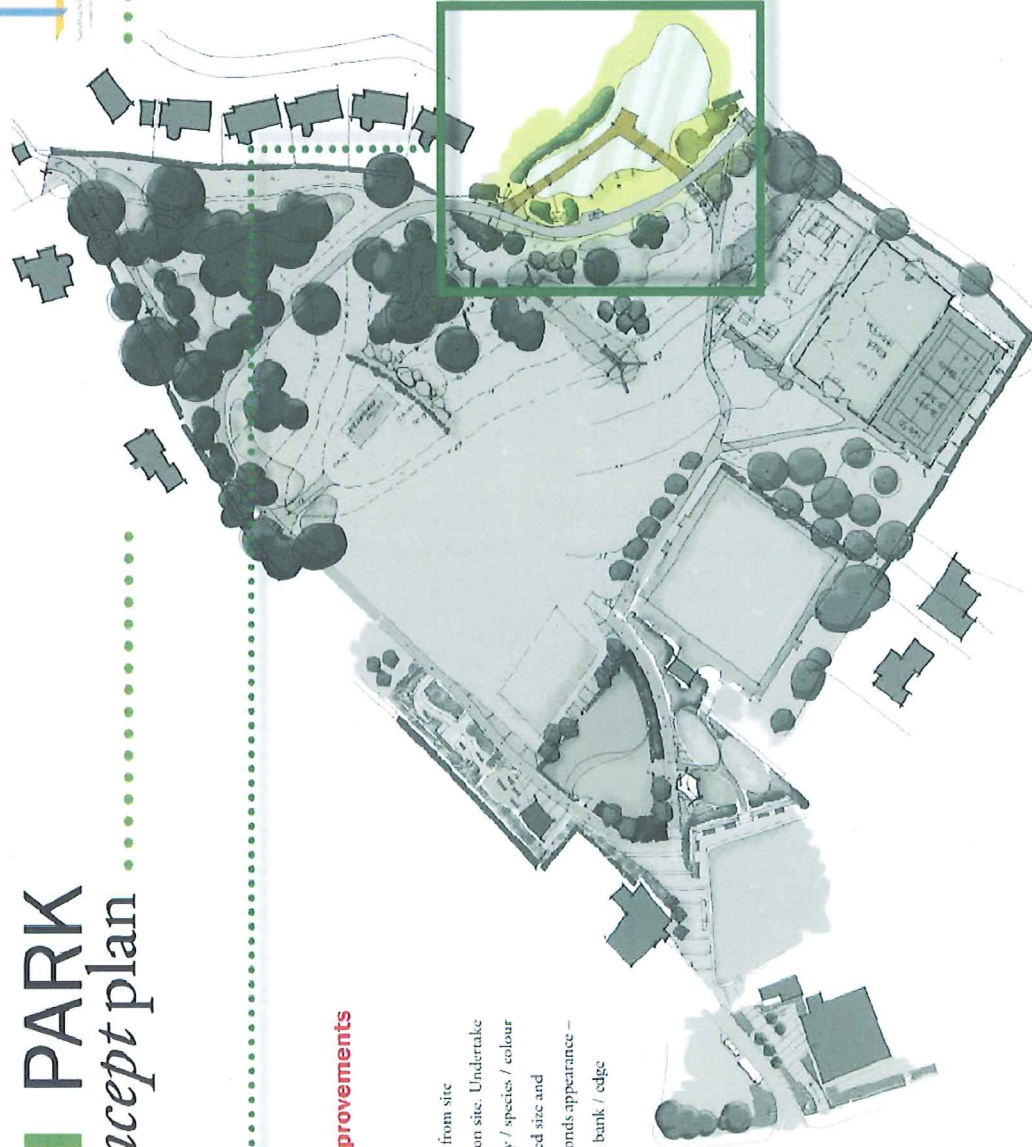


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Pond and woodland area



Essential Priority items - Ecological Improvements

1.17 POND, WETLAND AREA

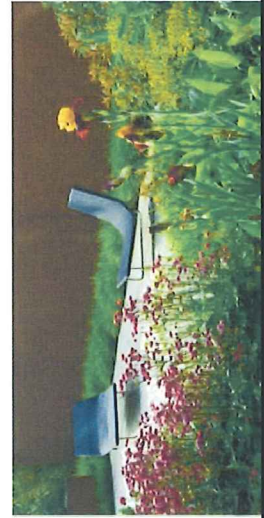
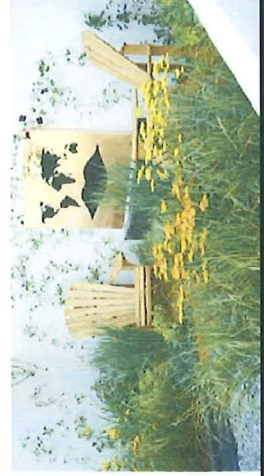
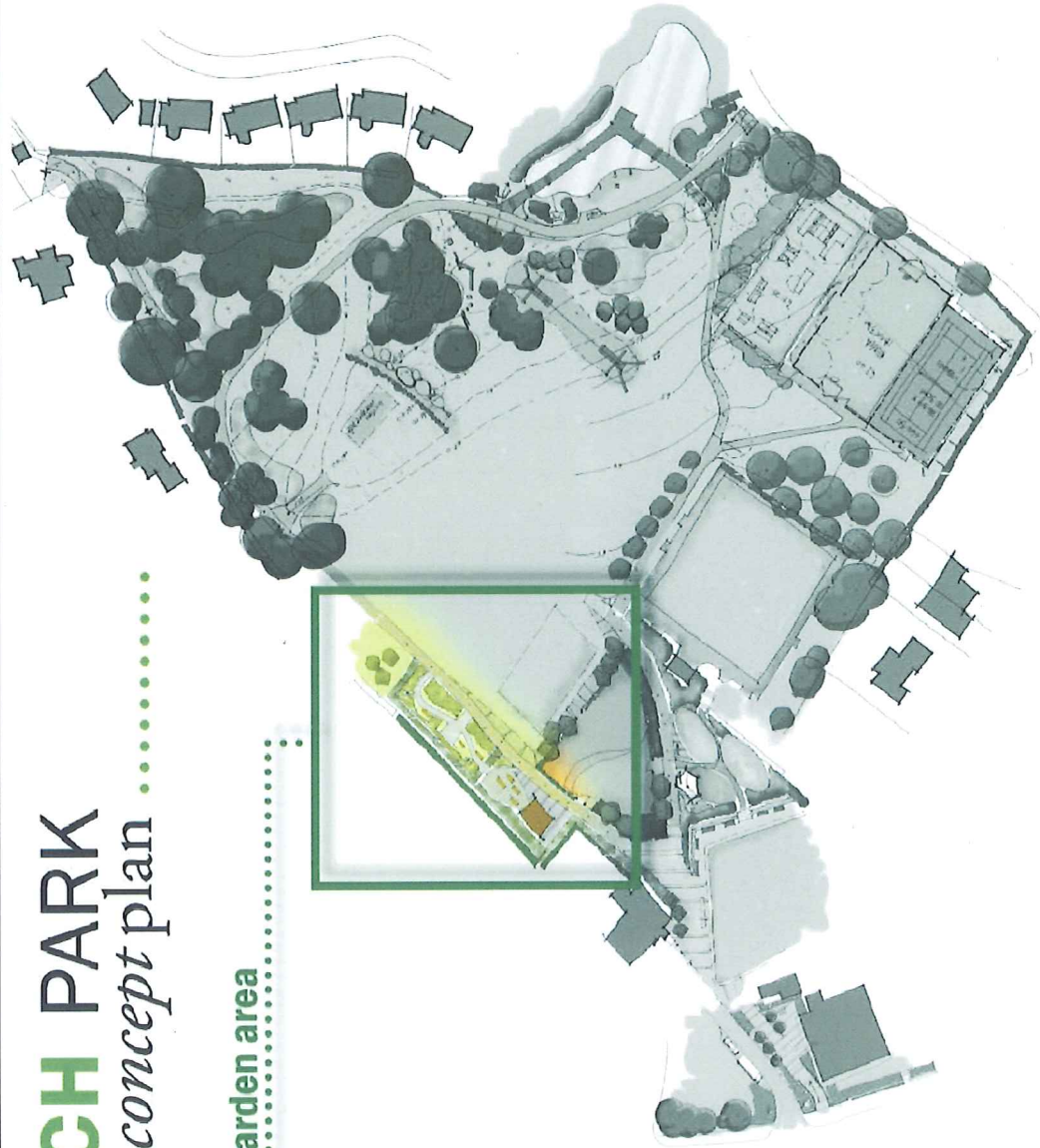
- 1.17.1 Remove existing timber jetty and gravel. Dispose from site
- 1.17.2 Diversify the native/ ecological wetland planting on site. Undertake management of vegetation to increase biodiversity / species / colour
- 1.17.3 Excavate and extend area of open water – increased size and undertake dredging 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 - pond / leetern (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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concept plan

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.

Juddah Ibn Tibbon

O for a Booke and a shadie nooke, eyther in-a-doore or out;
With the grene leaves whispering overhede, or the Streete cries all about.
Where I maie Reade all at my case, both of the Newe and Olde;
For a jollie goodie Booke whereon to lookee is better to me than Golde.

John Wilson



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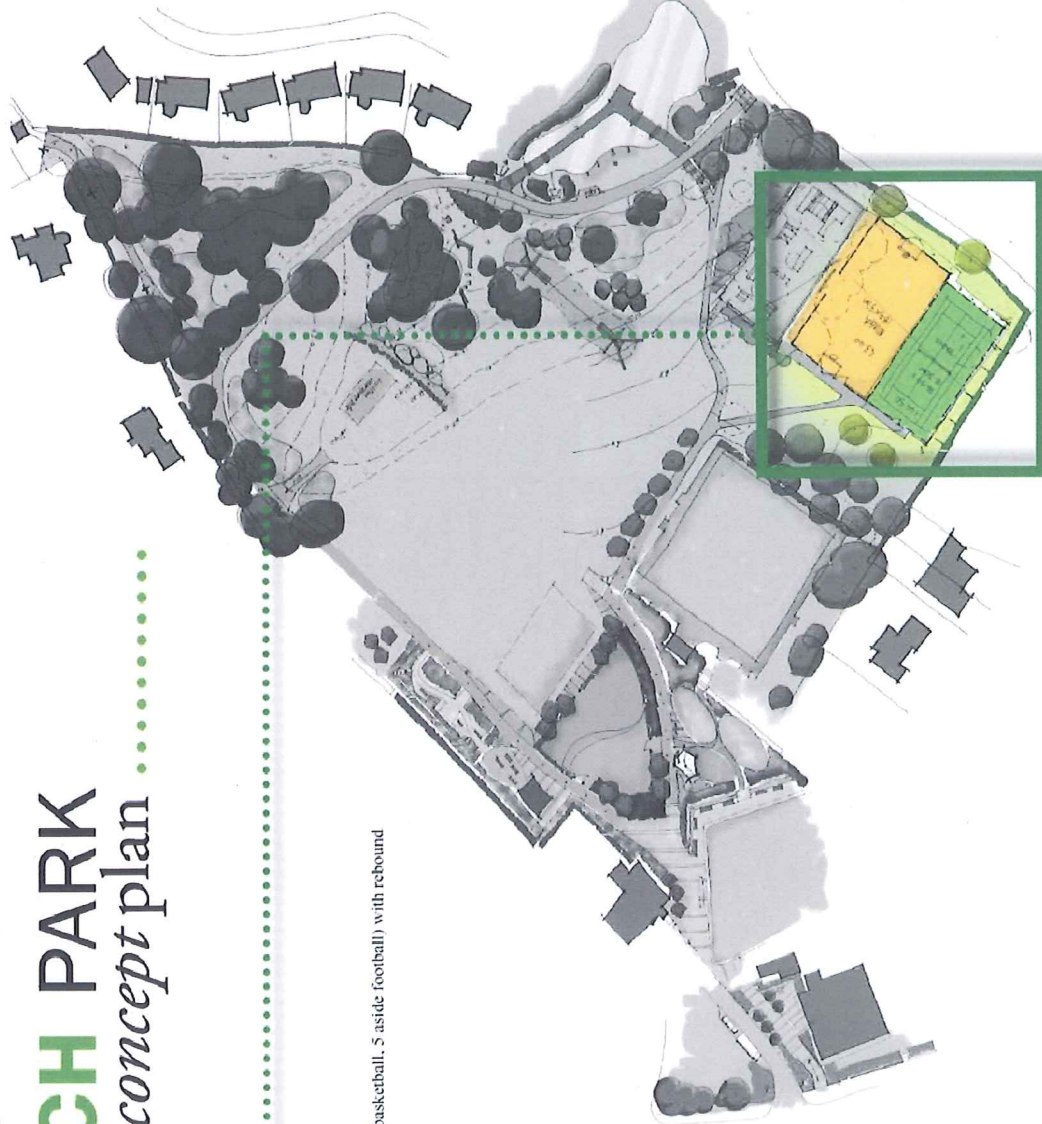
MUGA /tennis area

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 Games Area)
- 12275 Small ball courts or 12285 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 armale surfacing
- 1.13.6 Install Goal post/ 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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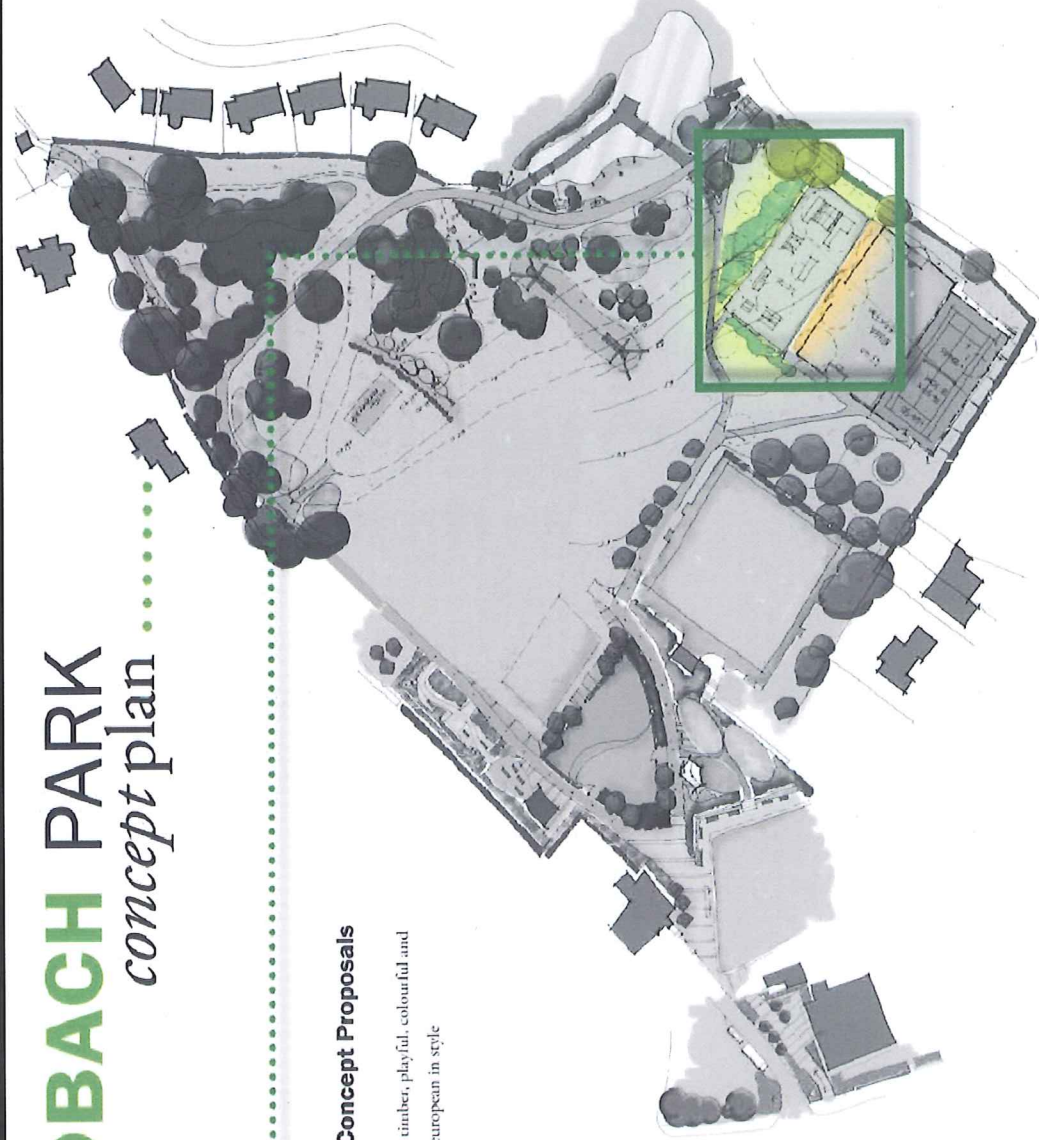
Skate park

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
- Skated BMX park



1.1.2 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.

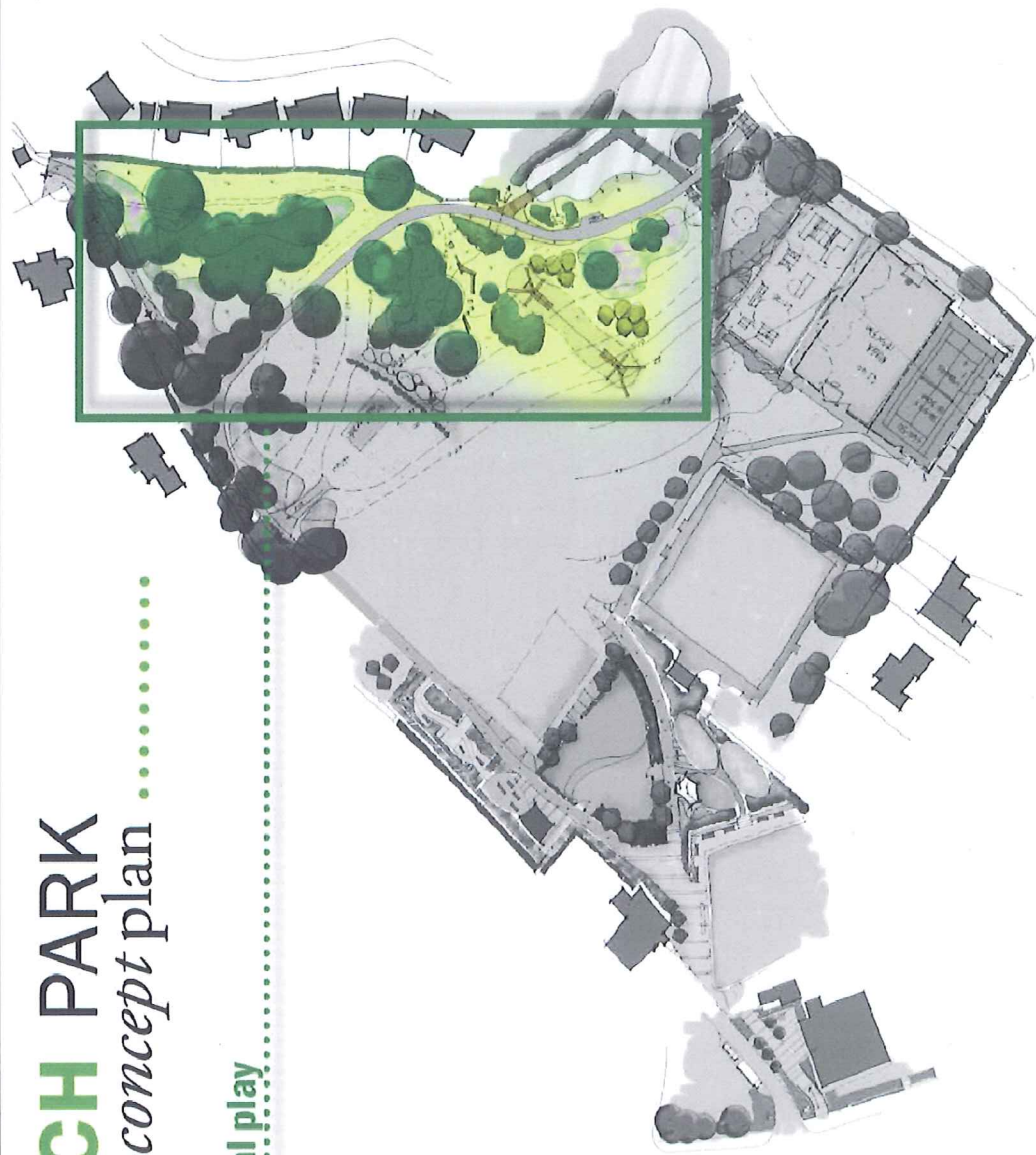
Items shown with * denote specific requests received from the community during the consultation process

- 1.1.2.1 Remove existing skate ramp and surfacing*
- 1.1.2.2 Open sided shelter* – shelter from the elements
- 1.1.2.3 Emergency vehicle access
- 1.1.2.4 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*
- 1.1.2.5 Re-align, re-grade and widen the existing tarmac footpath to remove steps
- 1.1.2.6 Entry level skate / BMX arena (located away from older teenagers)
- 1.1.2.7 Easy grade ramps (to suit 9-12 year olds)*
- 1.1.2.8 2m half pipe*
- 1.1.2.9 Better quality ramp surfacing (steel/wood or skatelite) or moulded concrete basin*
- 1.1.2.10 In-line skate circuit
- 1.1.2.11 Layout to promote a linked skating route / circuit
- 1.1.2.12 Flat area of tarmac hard standing – to practice tricks and moves
- 1.1.2.13 Install 2 nr. new benches
- 1.1.2.14 Intermediate / advanced level skate / BMX arena
- 1.1.2.15 Harder / progressive grade ramps for developing mountain boarding, skateboarding and BMX riding skills*
- 1.1.2.16 quarter pipe and roll-in tower (in addition to take-off, 'kicker' and landing ramps)*
- 1.1.2.17 big air ramp*
- 1.1.2.18 skateboard mini/half pipe ramp*
- 1.1.2.19 Increase in the number of ramps and ramps to be wider in size*
- 1.1.2.20 Better quality ramp surfacing / type of equipment or moulded concrete basin*
- 1.1.2.21 Flat area of tarmac hard standing – to practice tricks and moves
- 1.1.2.22 Install 2 nr. new benches

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concept plan

PLAYBUILDER - natural play



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concept plan



PLAY/BUILDER PLAY/ECOLOGICAL AREA

1:500 SCALE



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 Clin 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 3 balance beam
2.8 x 0.5m Net climb
1.5/7.5 x 0.5m Leap frog posts or 8 posts, varying heights 0.85 - 1.2m



Drawing not to scale

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](http://SportsEquipment.com)
- PT trim / Fitness trim rail- 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 Bluebell planting
- 1.16.4 Diversify the tree stock for greater arboricultural 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

FULL SHADE

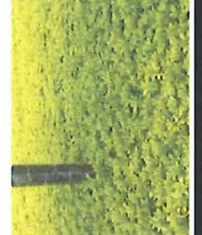
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Aquilegia vulgaris 'Manicard White'
Hedera helix hibernica

PARTIAL SHADE

Pachysandra ternstroemia
Lamium maculatum 'Beacon Silver'
Brunnera macrophylla 'Jack Frost'
Galium odoratum
Viola major 'Erschoffia'
Pulmonaria 'Cotton Cool'

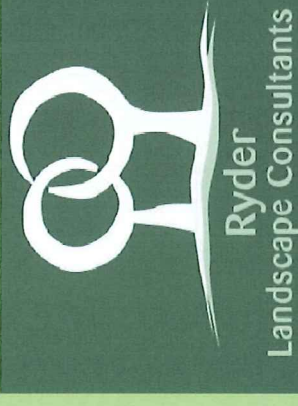
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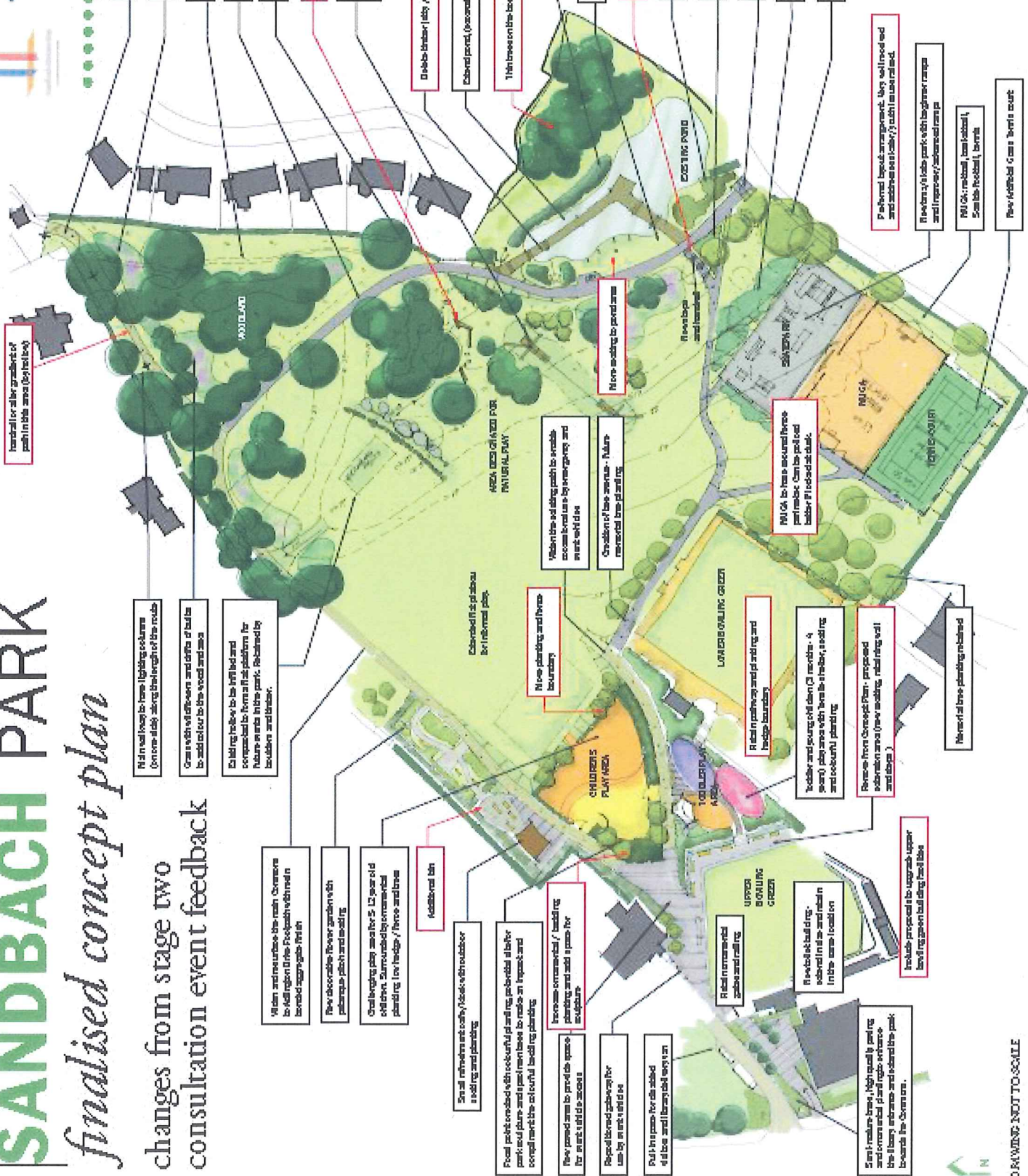
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Anemone nemorosa
Hyacinthoides non-scripta
Narcissus pectadnarcissus 'lobularis'



REVIEW OF INITIAL PLANS

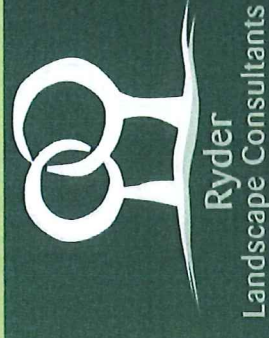
- Public exhibition held
- Presentation to Sandbach Town Council
- Discussed at length by Sandbach Partnerships
- There were 22 points of addition
- There were 16 requests that were not included
- Changes to the spatial arrangement of the proposals are shown outlined in red on next plan
- They are all clearly recorded in a document called Changes Implications and Action Plan



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DELIVERY OF A £400,000 SCHEME

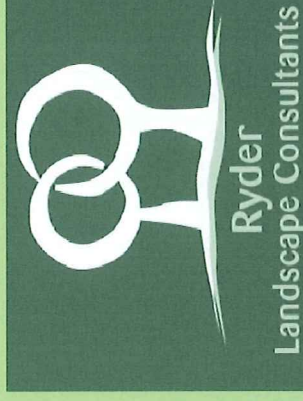
- Section 106 monies of £128,000
- There is a commitment from Cheshire East Council to provide £20,000 from capital funds for the toilet improvement project
- Key items as we see it are:
 - a. Toilet, baby change and disabled WC -£69,000
 - b. Improved vehicular access - 6,000
 - c. Paths and circulation 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



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

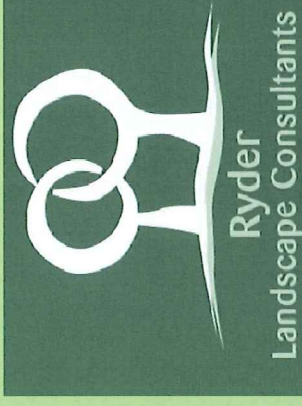
DELIVERY OF A £1,000,000 SCHEME

- All the previous items, plus the following
- Key items as we see it are:
 - a. Lighting and a new CCTV camera - £55,000
 - b. MUGA and Tennis Courts - £81,000
 - c. Trim Trail - £6,000
 - d. Cafe Base and Gardens - £51,000
 - e. Signage Improvements - £21,000
 - f. Pond and Woodland Improvements - £47,000
 - g. Enabling events and ground levelling - £118,000
 - h. Amenity and Ornamental Planting - £82,000
 - i. Library Entrance Upgrade - £50,000
 - j. Additional maintenance/miscellaneous - £8,000



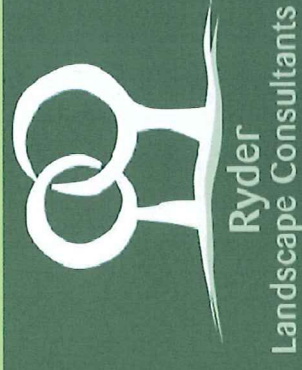
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- 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!



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 S106
- 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