

Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel

Fareham Park Vision Update

Tuesday 4 February 2025

Fareham Park Vision Aims

- To develop new leisure and community facilities to meet the needs of our most deprived area in consultation with local residents
- To free up land for much-needed affordable housing.
- The effective and efficient use of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund allocation (£700K) – needs to be spent by March 2025!



Phase 1 Update

Play Improvements

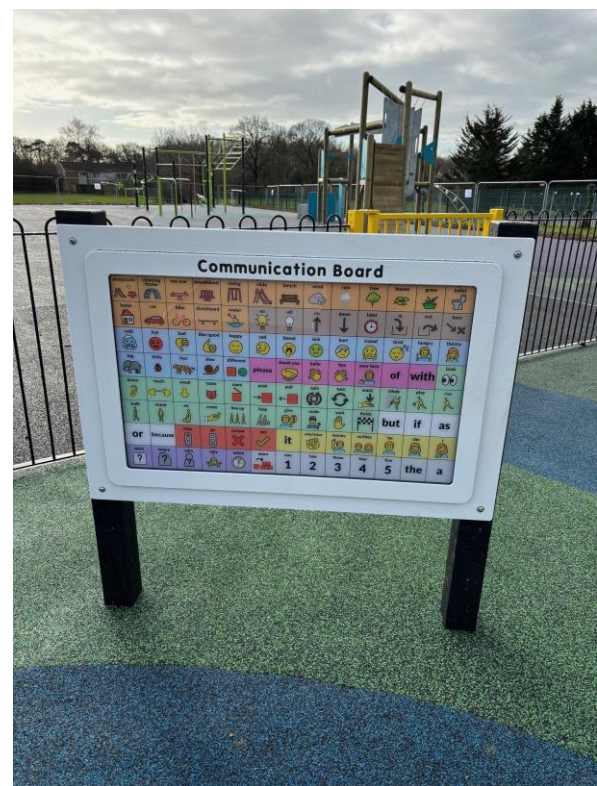
- Play area, multi-use social area and gym equipment waiting to be inspected prior to being opened
- Line marking the MUSA and running track to be completed when the weather is better
- Landscaping, fence protection, signage and path works to be completed in the Spring
- Old play area and MUGA removal works have just started
- Official opening in the Spring

Play Improvements



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Inclusive equipment



Multi-Use Social Area



Running will go around the green fencing (MUGA)



FAREHAM PARK MUSA, WELLNESS ZONE AND INCLUSIVE PLAY AREA

150+ USERS
2-18+ YEARS
30+ PLAY VALUES

NEW INCLUSIVE WELLNESS ZONE

eibe complete inspiration
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Pitch and Site Improvements

- Reorientation of football goals
- Pitch drainage
- Removal of mound
- Installation of benches and bins
- Improvements to car parks



Image showing the mound and old fencing



Image showing the area afterwards

Corporate Social Responsibilities

- Play contractors, Eibe have donated:
 - Two electronic tablets to Henry Cort Community College and St Columba School
 - £200 to Hampshire Food Revolution
 - Donation of around 300 trees
 - Support at the official opening



Community Engagement

- Door-to-door engagement prior to Planning Application submission
- Community stroll event
- Identification of community volunteers for the Advisory Committee
- Let's Talk Fareham
- On-site communications



Phase 2 Update

Advisory Committee

- Chaired by Councillor Fred Birkett
- 3 Community representatives
- Representation includes Community Association, Hampshire Food Revolution, Petanque Club, Key to Joy, Social Prescribers, Citizens Advice, Y Services.
- Internal layout feedback and webpage drafting
- Ongoing consultation – development of the new community facilities
- Training sessions for 1 year to add confidence and upskill new committee members
- Transfer to Community Association Trustees so Association is engaged and effective ready to take on the responsibility of running the new Community Centre

Planning

- Submission of Outline Planning in December.
- Few public comments received
- Further information requested from Ecologist
- Delegated decision – 14 February



Grant Funding Opportunities

- Work with Moneytree
- Case of Support
- Identification of potential funders
- Memorandum of Understanding
- 15-20% success rate currently
- Working with Finance colleagues



Next Steps

- Update from HCC on Henry Cort College – review car park requirements
- Working with Property Services to develop a specification to appoint a design team
- Finalise costs for delivery and timeframes – anticipate up to 3 years before completion of community centre.
- Progress with grant funding applications

Next Steps

- Continue to work with Advisory Committee to make sure design reflects the needs of the community
- Further updates to be presented to the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel as project progresses
- Reserved matters to be approved (appearance, access, environmental impact, layout, scale/dimensions)
- Report to the Executive to flag any identified funding shortfall and to appoint contractors to build the new community centre

Questions?