

Tenterden Recreation Ground

*Focus Group Meeting
Thursday 1st May 2019*

Meeting Notes



**TENTERDEN
TOWN COUNCIL**



Project: Tenterden Recreation Ground
Purpose: Focus Group Meeting
Date: Thursday, 1st May 2019
Time: 7:00 PM
Venue: Tenterden Town Hall, 24 High Street, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6AN

Present: **Ground Control**
Rahsan Arber
Chris Chippendale

Tenterden Town Council
Town Clerk, Phil Burgess
Cllr. M Carter
Cllr. K Mulholland
Cllr. A Sugden

Chairman
Roy Isworth

Focus Group Members

James Mason	Archie Anderson
Alan Bates	Dr John Parker
Ray Walker	Ann Walker
Ruth Clarke	Sam Bolidai
Alexandra White	Bruce Nepp
Sheila Jones	Sussie Hall
Sue Denton	Jono Kadacham

Apologies:

Laura Weston	Andy Barwise
Nick Leggatt	Harriet Pullen
Dr Tony Wynter	Richard Parsons
Nick Clapp	Jo Vos
Lorna Jones	Ian Brooks
Mollie Miller	Tom Vincent
Jennie Goodall	Tom Carlton
Suzanne Goodsell	Jack Burrill

Please let us know if there is any error on the above attendees list.

Circulation: All present (where we hold emails addresses) and wider Focus Group members

1.0 Introduction:

Please can we take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the focus group who attended our workshop on the evening of the 1st May 2019 at the Town Hall.

The copy of the Focus Group Power Point Presentation is enclosed as an Annex A.

The aim of this presentation was to further define and agree the schemes layout in order to move to the next stage of workshops and detail design development.

The session opened with Chairman Roy Isworth's introduction; outlining the objective of the meeting and providing the project update from Tenterden Town Council's point of view. These updates are also provided within the enclosed Power Point Presentation – Annex A under 'Project Update' section.

This was followed by the Ground Control's presentation providing project updates and presenting the further developed Landscape Master Plan in line with previous focus group feedback. This was then expanded with a more detailed presentation and focus on specific areas such as children play area, Skate Park and youth hub building as included within the Annex A.

Following the presentation an activity was undertaken to receive focus's group's feedback on the presented plans. Please see below section for the summary of the feedback received and feel free to advise if anything has been missed.

The focus group members had the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback about the amended design layout.

The presented scheme layout was put to vote by the Focus Group Chairman of which the majority of the group was in agreement of the proposed scheme layout as presented and that this should now be developed further through the agreed smaller focus group workshops. Please see below and Annex A - Power Point Presentation for the list of specific workshop areas. Workshop sign-up sheets has been set up and signed by the interested members.

2.0 The meeting notes:

We are pleased to share the following notes as a record of the discussion points raised during the focus group meeting including:

- The scheme principles and general layout was voted on and agreed with the majority of the focus group members with some recommendations/ feedbacks to be considered which are outlined below.
- Focus group members were happy with the works being undertaken in phases prioritising the features such as skate park, youth hub and tennis/netball courts.
- Focus group members agreed that the following key areas will be formalised in smaller focus group workshops and outcomes to be discussed/presented during the general focus group meetings.

Children Play
Skate Park
Youth Hub Building
Tennis and Netball Courts

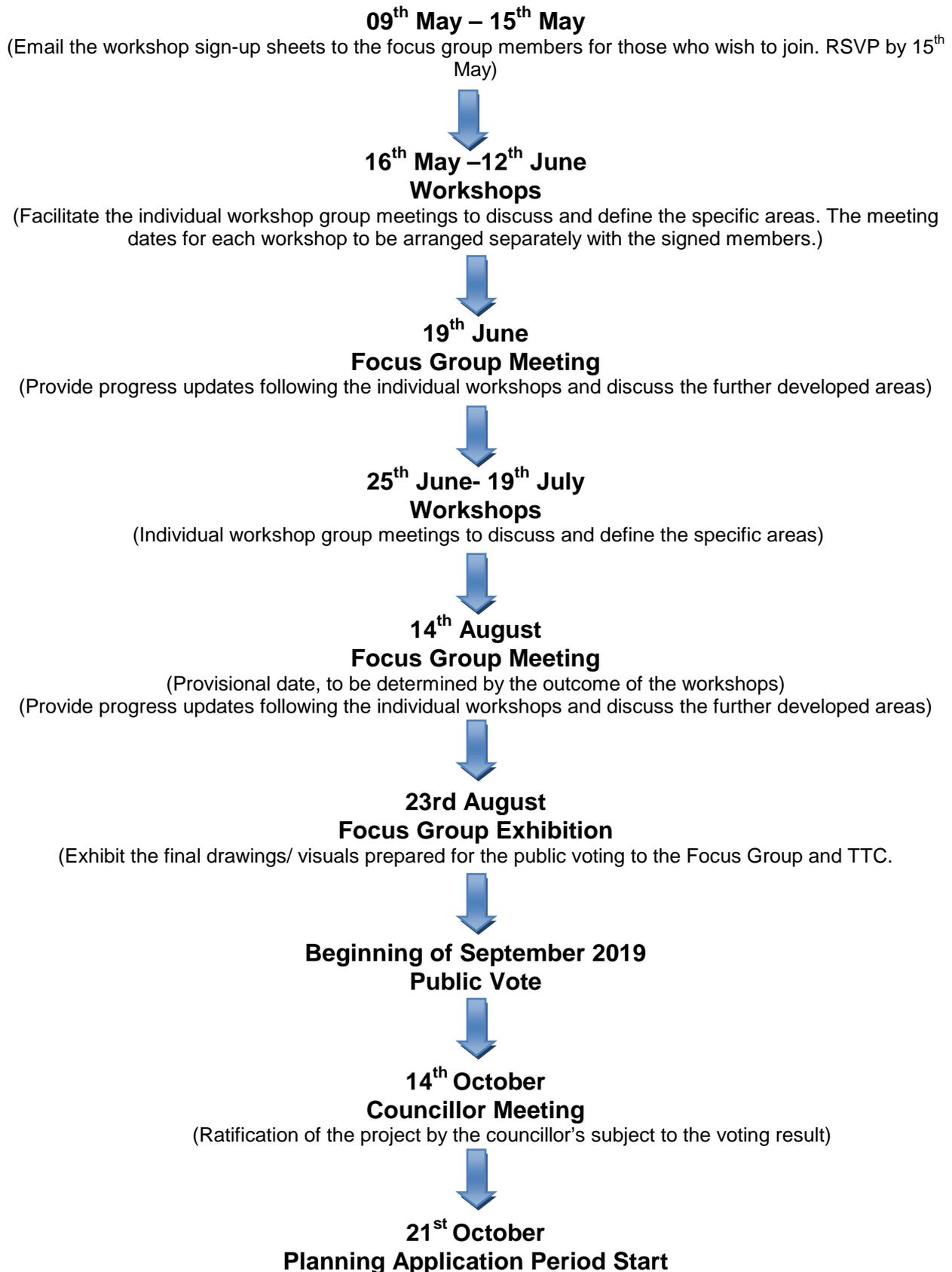
- The sitting of the skate park is to be reconsidered and moved towards the leisure centre slightly to avoid conflict with the temporary surgery compounds.
- Review if the tennis courts can be located closer to the leisure centre adjacent to the footbath in order to maximise the room for green space on the recreation ground side. It is noted this would require removal of the existing vegetation bank.
- General consensus that it would be beneficial to remove the existing vegetation between the recreation ground and leisure centre
- Review car park entrance amendments as it was recently widen to reduce the traffic.
- Bowls club confirmed they were happy with the proposed new entrance location and that they did not want any entrance from the northern side of the green.
- Councillor Carter raised his thoughts on relocating the proposed MUGA to St Michael's recreation ground. This was discussed in the breakout groups of which the majority consensus was to retain this feature on Tenterden Recreation Ground. It is this option that will be progressed.
- Bruce Nepp raised his concerns about the location of the children's play area from a visibility and security point of view. Ground Control advised that the police will form part of the next stage of consultation in line with the 'Secure by Design'. It was suggested to locate the children's play area nearer to the skate park and Recreation Ground Road and moving the tennis courts to the back of the existing football pitch.

The reasoning behind both solutions was discussed and voted on by the focus group. The majority of the focus group agreed to the location and principles of the children's playground location as shown in the current presented scheme. Based on this vote the relocation of the play area will not be explored further unless specific requirements are identified through consultation with the local police.

- Request to remove the nest swing from the youth hub area.
- The youth group were happy with the principles and 'landscape' approach to the skate park of which this will be developed further in the smaller skate park focus group workshops in line with the additional budget allocated to the skate park. Ground Control to arrange meetings with another one or two skate park specialist in line with the workshop meetings.
- The group also provided their feedback/comments on the provided sample design which will be taken into account during the skate park design development. Annex B
- Request that the path leading to the Youth hub and bowls club is to be lit with low level lighting along the footpath

3.0 Next Steps / Outline Programme

The following next steps will be taken in order to move the project forward;



Annex A:
Focus Group Meeting 1st May 2019 - Power Point Presentation

Tenterden Recreation Ground

Focus Group Meeting

1st May 2019



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Objective of Today's Focus Group Meeting..

***“ Further definition of the scheme layout in order to
move to the next stage of workshops and detail design
development“***

Agenda

1. Design & Project Update

2. Design Workshop

3. Children's Play Area

4. Skate Park Design

5. Youth Hub Design

6. Activity

7. Next Steps

8. Q & A

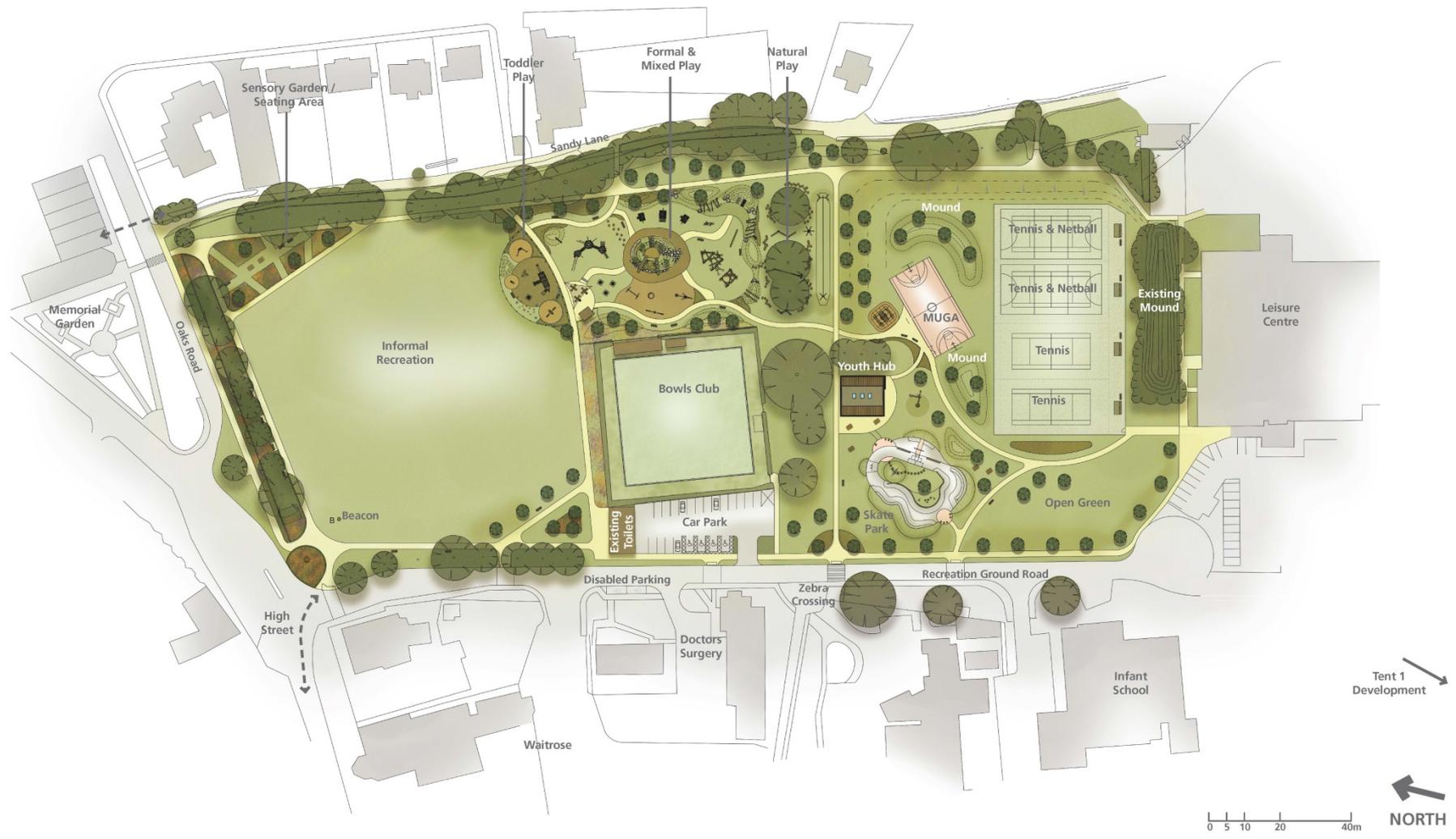
Project Update

- ***Councillors would like to tackle the individual areas separately and carry out the works in phases***
- ***Staging of the works will enable this project to move forward without compromising the projects requirements and design***
- ***Staging the works prevent a prolonged shutdown of the recreation ground***
- ***This will also provide further funding opportunities at a later stage***
- ***Council is in favour of revisiting the skate park spec at a higher spec and increasing the court numbers to 4nr***
- ***Tenterden Town Council also setting aside the interest on their capital investment and an additional amount for project from their annual income.***

Design Development Actions from Focus Group Meeting

- ***Refine Master Plan Option 2 further***
- ***Retain village green character at the frontage of the rec***
- ***Wrap the Children's Play Area around the bowls club***
- ***Improve link between children play area and existing football field/MUGA***
- ***Refine footpath circulation and fluidity around childrens play and sports area***
- ***Retain 4nr Tennis/Netball Courts and future proof design for potential club house***
- ***Introduce low level lighting for the main footpath links***
- ***Allow a buffer zone to enable Bowls Club extension and new access point***
- ***Skate park design to integrate with the landscape***

Tenterden Recreation Ground Landscape Masterplan





Design Development Workshops

Continue to formalise the proposals in smaller focus group workshops for key areas including;

- ***Children Play***
- ***Skate Park***
- ***Youth Hub Building***
- ***Tennis and Netball Courts***

Sign up and engage on specific focus group workshops;

4-6nr People within each group



Children Play Area Design;

- *Focus Group Feedback*
- *Lipton's Consultation Report*
- *Play England 'Design For Play: A guide to creating successful play spaces*
- *Secure by design*

What you wanted from your children's play space ...

- *Serves to different age groups*
- *Facilities for older young users such as boulders, climbing walls, zip wire trampoline, and adventure park features etc*
- *Fits in with the character of Tenterden Town*
- *Provide natural play opportunities and use natural materials*
- *More formal play for younger children*
- *Visibility to younger play area from the café/seating area*
- *Mounds*
- *Covered seating*
- *Focal point play equipment/ feature*

Lipton's Consultation Report recommends;

- ***Natural Play opportunities***
- ***Facilities for older and younger users such as boulders, climbing walls, zip wire and adventure park features etc.***
- ***Café within the park***

Play England 'Design For Play: A guide to creating successful play spaces.'

The 10 principles for designing successful play spaces successful play spaces...

- ***are 'bespoke'***
- ***are well located***
- ***make use of natural elements***
- ***provide a wide range of play experiences***
- ***are accessible to both disabled and non-disabled children***
- ***meet community needs***
- ***allow children of different ages to play together***
- ***build in opportunities to experience risk and challenge***
- ***are sustainable and appropriately maintained***
- ***allow for change and evolution.***

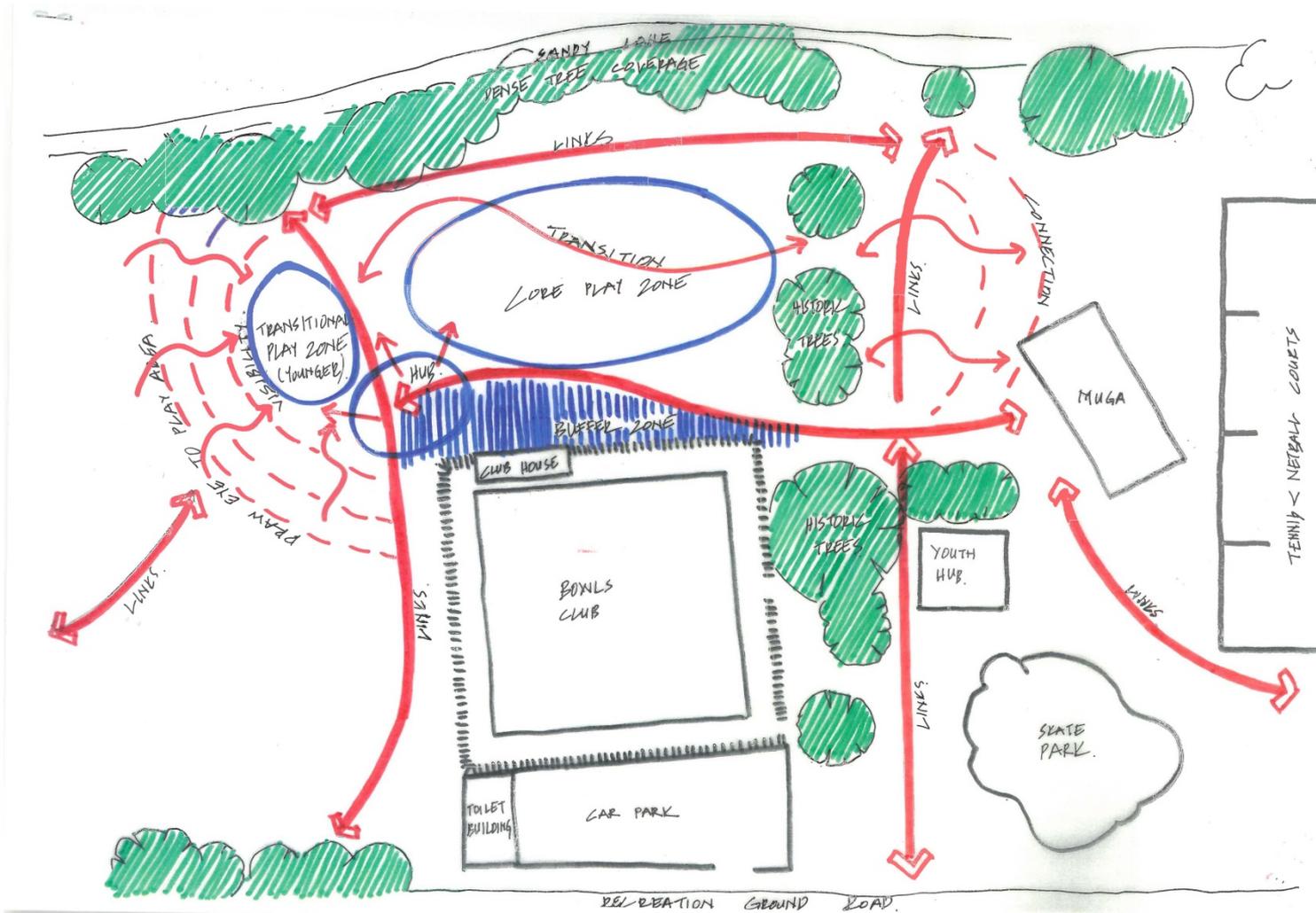
Secure by design

Is a tool and service;

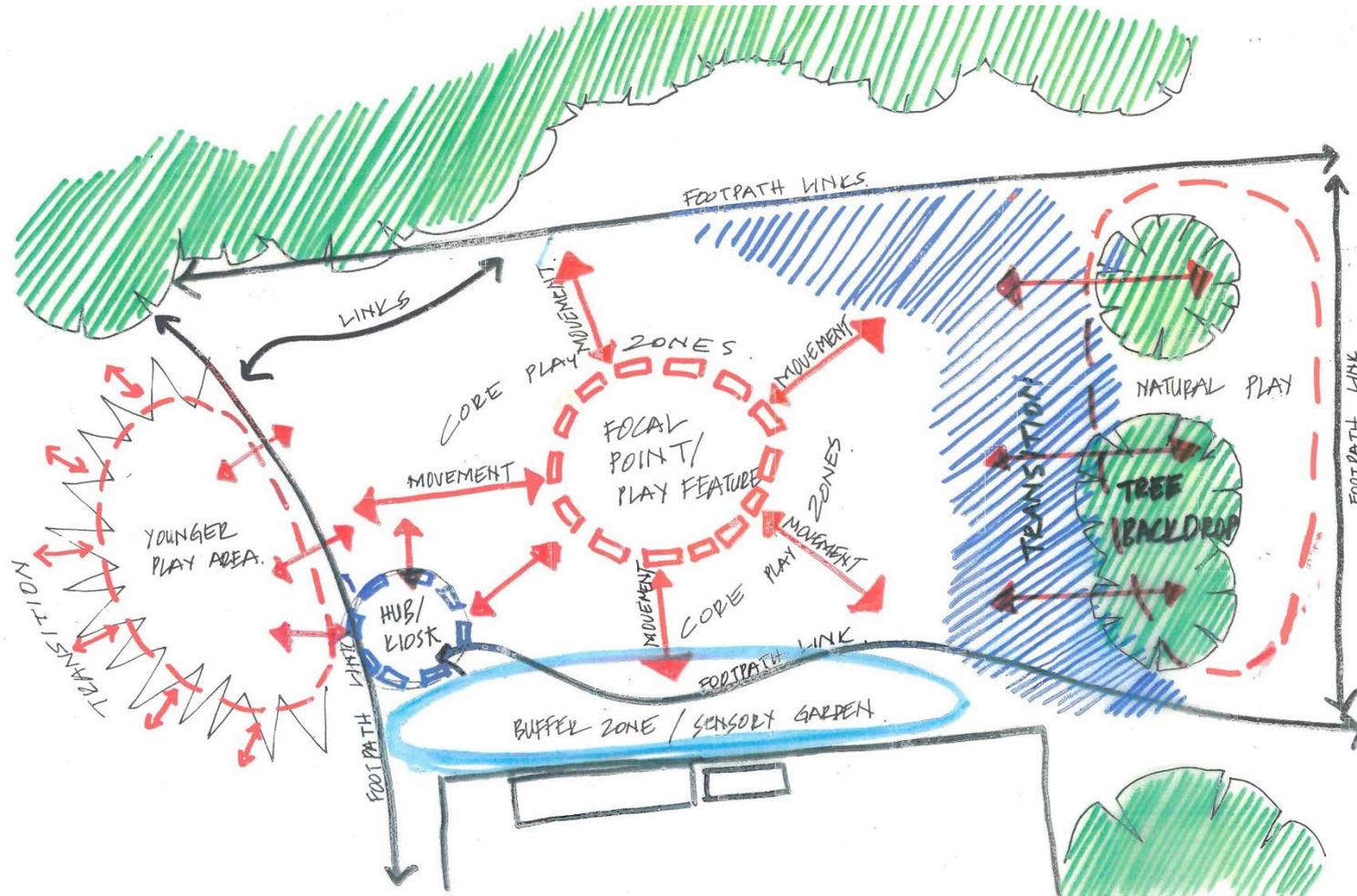
To assist in the design process to achieve a safe and secure environment for residents and users of public space, without creating a “fortress mentality”.

By providing quality environments and ensuring that they are properly managed and maintained, communities can more readily be encouraged to exercise a sense of ownership and responsibility.

Circulation and Links



Schematic Zoning and Key Moves



Play Character



Tenterden Recreation Ground Children's Play Area



Natural Play

25 Play Logs



26 Mound Slide & Ascent



27 Stepping Logs



28 Balance Beams



29 Timber TeePee



30 Fallen Tree



31 Log Bridge



32 Zip Wire



Younger Play (Ages 2-6yrs)

1 Timber Seesaw



2 Coloured Play Balls



3 Mini Trampolines



4 Bespoke Timber Play Train



5 Tree Trunk Spring



6 Bespoke Timber Windmill



7 Hammock Swing



8 Mounding/Contouring



Tenterden Recreation Ground Children's Play Area

Formal & Mixed Play (Up to 12yrs)



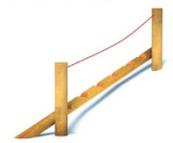
3 Mini Trampolines



8 Mounding/Contouring



9 Climbing Log



10 Timber Multi-play Unit



11 Stepping Logs



12 Timber Double Swing



13 Play Turntable



14 Timber Seesaw for 4



15 Nest Swing



16 Metal Slope Slides



17 Stone Seating



18 Ramp Ascent with Rope



19 Rock Scramble



20 Timber Stake House



21 Timber Gable House



22 Stepping Stilts



23 Balancing Beam



24 Timber Climbing Structure



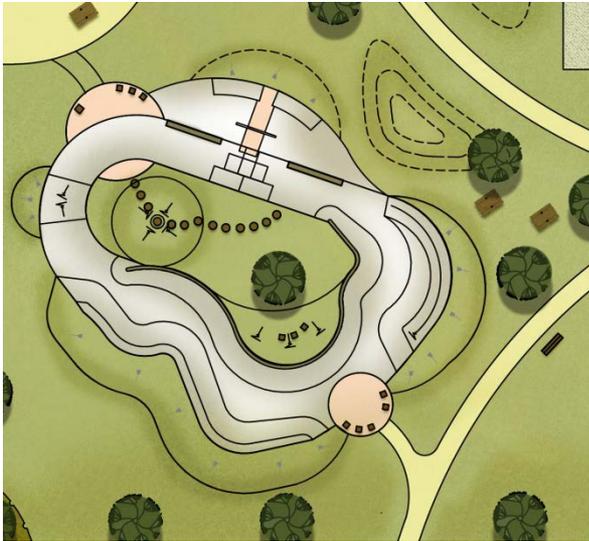
Skate Park Development and Design Workshop 1

- ***Met with a skate park specialist – 15th April***
- ***Skateboarders expressed their requirements***
- ***Sample design options provided by the skate park company***
- ***Council is in favour of revisiting the skate park spec at a higher spec.***
- ***Include BMX and Scooter***
- ***A design that blends in with the landscaping and fits the character of recreation ground***
- ***A skate park specialist will be selected by a competitive tendering on a D&B basis.***

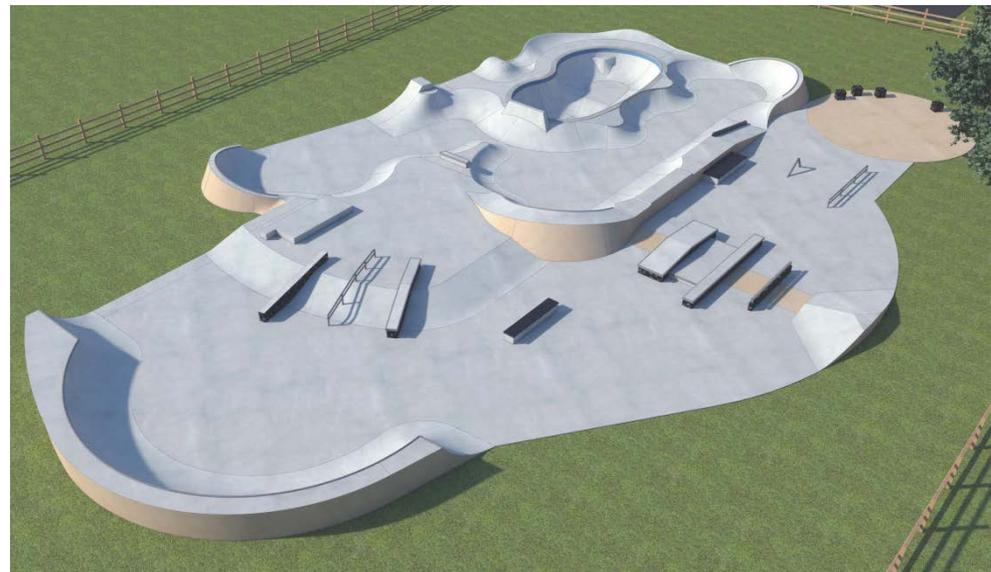
Skate Boarders Requests – Workshop 1

- ***Kicker to Kicker over bin with Grind Ledge***
- ***Sloped Grind Ledge***
- ***Jersey Barrier style transition with hip***
- ***Transition to Kerb Slider***
- ***Slapy Kerb***
- ***Flat Bank (level change) with 2 way Pole Jam or with Slider Bank Transfer***
- ***China Bank***
- ***Double pump Roller with Grind Ledge/Manual Pad***
- ***Flat bank to block***
- ***Jersey barrier style Vert Wall with Inset Quarter Pipe***
- ***Kerb manual pad with brick print and Grind Over Ledge into flat bank***
- ***Floating Grind Ledge/Manual Pad with Kicker end***
- ***Jersey Barrier with Inset Grind Ledge/Manual pad***
- ***Set of 3 steps with China Bank***
- ***Quarter Pipe/Flat Bank Hip Bend***
- ***Up/down Flat Bar***
- ***Pump Bump to Kicker Ramp***
- ***Bag of Suck Ledge escalating curved Grind Ledge***
- ***Solid Grid Rail***
- ***Roll-in, Vert Wall***

Skate, BMX and Scooter Sample Designs



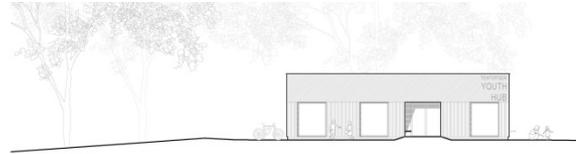
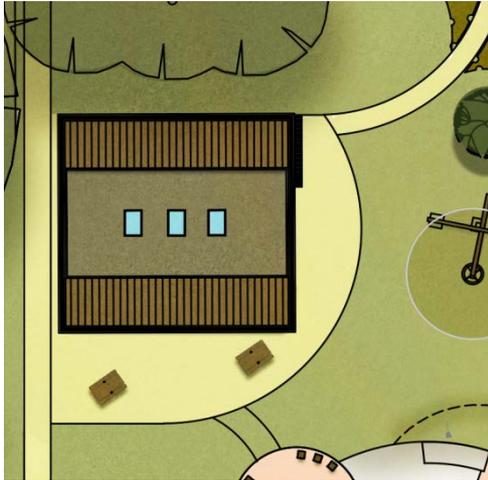
- ***Up/Down Grind Ledge /Manual Pad***
- ***Grind Rail***
- ***Curved Grind Ledge /Manual Pad***
- ***Grind Ledge***
- ***Burmed Pump Roller***
- ***Snake-run area***
- ***Rounder Quarter Pipe Hip***
- ***Quarter Pipe Pocket***
- ***Angled Quarter Pipe Hip***
- ***Escalating Quarter Pipe with Roll-in Platform***
- ***Soft landscaping in the middle***



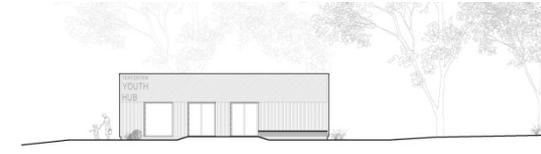
Youth Hub – Workshop 2

- ***A building architect appointed***
- ***Youth hub design has been presented to youth workers and youth and feedback received***
- ***Two design option; New building or Refurbishment***
- ***Eco- friendly building option to be explored as grant funding might be available.***

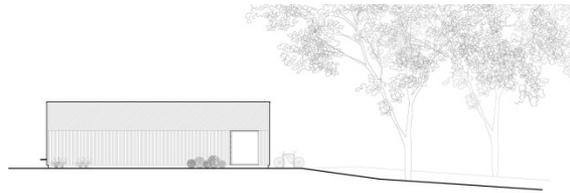
Youth Hub Design Options



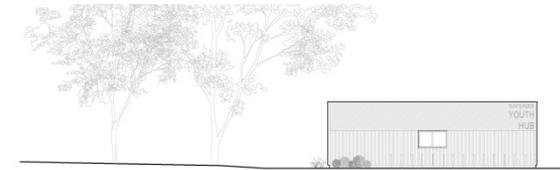
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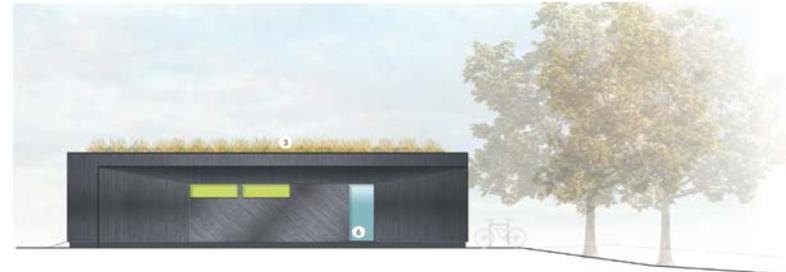
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Activity; Discuss and Reflect



- *Discuss the scheme as mixed stakeholders*
- *Using the stickers plot positive and negative zones (Red/Amber/Green)*
- *Each plot needs a justification*
- *Select 1 member to present back to the group*
- *30 minutes exercise*

Next Steps

Workshops with the smaller groups to further develop and define the specific areas



Define the design and prepare final presentation documents for the public voting



Public Vote – September 2019



Subject to results

First council and ratification of the project by the councillors – 14th October 2019



Planning Application for the entire scheme subject to vote and approval



Phased construction

THANK YOU

QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

Annex B:
Skate Park Feedback – Marked Up Plan

