



Activity Park Proposal - Exhibition

Dear Resident,

The 3rd bulletin was not posted to all the key areas and I apologise for this. This meant that some residents were not aware of the consultation events that took place between February 20th and 25th.

In order to rectify this I have organised one more event as follows;

Venue	Manned
Miskin Hall	Saturday 14th March 2009 from 9am to 6pm
Miskin Hall, Hever Court Road, Gravesend DA12 5EG	

This event will conclude the pre planning application consultation process, which has taken place over the last year, during which over 2,000 people have been involved in making suggestions, commenting on designs and helping us to improve the proposal.

So please come along and find out how we have taken on board your views. At the event you can ask the design team questions, meet representatives of British Cycling and local cycling and athletics clubs from Gravesend and others who have helped with the design so far and who can tell you more about the facilities that this park may provide.

The following was set out in the 3rd bulletin, but given the problems concerning delivery I am including this again to make sure everyone is up to date.

General responses on the last round of consultation;

- You thought it would be a good place for children and adults of all ages to cycle safely, with access to proper training, but some thought there was too much emphasis on young people. We have included quiet areas within the park, additional landscaping and over 5 hectares of new woodlands and designed the cycle tracks to allow for all abilities.
- Many of you preferred to retain local access points close to your homes. So the new design shows how we have retained these.
- You were concerned about the potential impacts of the Activity Park on the local roads with either added congestion or potential impact of parking in nearby roads; and we will present our ideas in the form of plans and drawings at the exhibition events.
- You wanted to be sure that the activities in the park would still be within a green setting with plenty of trees; so we are including over 5 hectares of woodland, 5 hectares of conservation grassland and garden style landscaping around the proposed pavilion. Large areas will have free public access with informal paths for walking.
- You were concerned that the 'pavilion' building, parking and play area may be a source of noise to nearby houses; so we are setting the pavilion within a landscape design that will prevent this.

- Many of you wanted to know more about what would go on in the pavilion building; please come along and see what the design team are considering in light of your ideas and suggestions.
- Many of you were concerned about potential problems of illegal motorised access and anti social behaviour. So we will make sure the boundaries are secure through improved fencing and or barriers where appropriate, installing CCTV cameras, paying for a security company that can respond to incidents and once fully operational, staff on site who will make sure that the park is well cared for.
- Many of you were concerned that the park would contain intrusive lighting; and the new design will show how we have made sure that all lighting is designed and positioned to only light the park facilities to ensure they are safe to use.
- You had new ideas such as creating dedicated space for dog walkers, play groups in the pavilion, trim trails; again come along and see the new design to see what we're proposing.
- Many of you found the extent of the Highways Agency park area confusing comparing this to the proposed area for the Activity Park. So we have produced a publication that shows what the current HA scheme will provide and what additional green space and increased access our scheme will provide, this will be available at the events or by request
- You said you liked the idea of the proposed park with lots of activity as long as it is well managed, so we will be setting up an organisation that will operate the facility.

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