

Play Area Consultation Notes.

1. What do you think of the Play Area?

The overall feedback was that the play area is well used, very popular, a great meeting place for parents as well as children, a good location and very good for it's size. However, it does need updating and with a little work could be excellent.

The existing Parallel bars were popular with children.

The new accessible swing was very popular.

2. What improvements would you like to see?

The current seating was thought to be in the wrong location, both from a supervision and sunlight perspective.

A bench, more seating and a picnic table by the gate was suggested by many. The addition of a waste bin was discussed and suggested but it was acknowledged that this would cause the issue of cost and emptying it.

The smaller Multi Play Tower was thought to be redundant and the low roof actually dangerous as even toddlers can hit their head when entering.

Improved matting under the new swings was suggested.

Some form of climbing wall/frame/nets or structure was a consistent suggestion.

Two parents thought the new seesaw was not user friendly as a child couldn't play safely on their own there.

Some form of spinning 'dish' or plate was suggested.

The current vertical chain was unpopular and the monkey bars thought to be too high to be of use.

The issue of birds sitting on the top frame bar of the swing and fouling the swings was discussed and it was suggested to add anti bird spikes there.

2 way Springers were thought to be a good addition.

3. Would you like to see the roundabout replaced?

While a couple of parents said that the roundabout was something that concerned them from a safety aspect, there was unanimous view from parents and children alike that it was very popular and should be replaced. That said, there were several comments that a replacement with alternate seats would be a better design and more popular.

4. Any other comments?

Could it be extended?

A significant proportion of the Roundabout replacement costs was the new base and it was suggested that cost savings could be made if the company that most companies subcontract that work too were contacted directly and the work separated from the supply and install.

Immediate action required.

It was reported that the roundabout is prone to stopping/jamming in mid spin so this will be investigated ASAP.

Recommendations:

Look at alternative designs for the roundabout.

Ask [REDACTED] to quote for the replacement base of the roundabout to reduce cost and allow for other work or additions.

Remove the smaller Multi Play Tower and replace with more modest structure than the original proposal, again to reduce cost and allow us flexibility.

Investigate and include a climbing structure of some form.

Install Bench or Benches near the gate and a picnic table if practical.