

Summary of Feedback from Councillors on the Review of Burnley Play Area Strategy

Feedback was provided by Councillors for three wards, Worsthorne, Trinity and Rosehill with Burnley wood.

Worsthorne Ward

- Provide more information on how the Borough's play areas can boost mental and physical wellbeing of residents. Making the connections between wellbeing and facilities needs to be writ large into such strategic reviews. For example, does Greenspaces/Parks have a cost benefit analysis of how much each pound invested into parks/play areas/green spaces saves money on public healthcare?
- Insert a climate action analysis into the Strategic Review. This should be at the core of all council work. To see it missing from any strategic review undermines any intent towards reductions.
- Welcome the recommendation for a wheeled facility in the town centre. In the past, the private skatepark in Bank Hall was known as the best skatepark in the country, inspiring riders to go on to national and international success.

Trinity Ward

- Jessie's Park: Piccadilly Park generally attracts older children and teenagers due to it having the skate park and the parents are not comfortable about their young children having to pay there too.
- the report mentions Tay Street and Scott Park but in reality, most residents are not going to walk there with their young children to play there, they want something close to home. Scott Park in particular means crossing two fairly busy roads.
- Healey Wood Park has fairly positive local support for bringing the play equipment down from the Delph onto the Evans St Park as the Delph isn't overlooked and is often used for drinking and drug taking. The play area is definitely in need of renovation and the soft surface in a very poor condition.
- Suggest that a memorial bench be installed once the equipment has been moved for Jessie and some tree planting and landscaping to make the site look attractive.
- Please provide a map showing all the play areas and identifying where play areas are proposed to be removed (including if being combined)?
- I do not agree with closing Jessie's Park (Specifically) or other play areas. Covid has taught us we should value multiple spaces to enjoy outdoors, and the research shows younger kids (and parents) don't like being in parks with older kids so they may not then use the space and that communities have an identity

with certain parks and play spaces. Merging them is exclusionary particularly for areas with high levels of deprivation on official indices

- Piccadilly Park – this needs proper investment too – not just taking equipment from Jessie's Park (which is opposed). Do you need help calling for residents to form a friends of group?
- Riding Street – basketball court area, we should turn this into something great. I have ideas for getting funding, etc.
- Clifton Street – I am surprised to only see £10k there, I hope that means that the picnic benches, zip wire and full refurbishment is still going ahead. Please can you confirm? Also, can we bring this forward to asap because it would look awful if the college was built before the community was considered.

Rosehill with Burnley wood

- As you are already aware I am opposed to a pump track being situated on Healey Heights adjacent to the turning circle on Rosehill Rd for reasons previous outlined not to mention the opposition from other residents who are already with young people and incidents of anti-social behaviour.