



DICKSON PARK

Consultation Report October 2015



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Waverley Council respectfully acknowledges our Indigenous heritage and recognises the ongoing Aboriginal traditional custodianship of the land which forms our local government area.

The Dickson Park Consultation Report was prepared by Waverley Council in 2015.

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Introduction and Background

This Consultation Report summarises feedback received from the draft Dickson Park and Play Space Upgrade community consultation, which was undertaken in July 2015.

The findings of the consultation will help guide the proposed upgrades to the play space (stage 1 - schedule this year) and the remainder of the park (stage 2 - scheduled for 2016 / 2017)

Dickson Park

Dickson Park is located on the corner of Wellington Street and Edward Street in Bondi. The steep topography of the park is punctuated by two levelled open spaces which are divided by a series of dense tree canopy and landscaped terraces

Therefore the three park character zones have been described as:

- **Upper Park area**
- **Landscaped Terraces**
- **Play Space**

Upper Park

The upper park area is bounded by high density residential development to the south and west and open to a busy road (Wellington Street) to the east. The upper park is a designated dog off-leash area with dogs permitted except when sport hoops are in use). The sport hoops consist of an informal grassed netball hoop and a basketball ring.

Landscaped Terraces

The terraced landscapes provide a unique landscape setting of mature tree canopies, with an open shaded understory consisting of sandstone retaining walls, flag stone paths and informal seating.

Play Space

The existing play space caters primarily to younger children with traditional play structures that are nearing the end of their useful lives. The embankment slide does not meet current safety standards.

Relevance to Council's Play Space Strategy

The Principles and Strategies relevant to Dickson Park include:

A1 - Ensure the play experiences in neighbouring play spaces compliment each other to offer a range of play experiences.

B1 - Provide opportunities for physical activity for all ages of children and young people

C1 - Create play spaces that are memorable and include distinctive ways to experience play.

D1 - Create more child friendly environments by providing a network of places for play that respond to the needs of the community.

D3 - Promote inclusion and access for all abilities including mobility impaired persons.



Fig. 1 Aerial View with contours of Dickson Park

The PSS also outlines the following:

- Dickson Park Play space was identified as being the 3rd most visited play space in Waverley, with Bronte Play space 1st, and Bondi Play space 2nd.
- Dickson Park Play space is located in the suburb of Bondi which has the second highest density living and population in Waverley, with an extremely high number of children and low provision of play spaces.
- Dickson Park Play Space is one of only a total of two play spaces in the Suburb of Bondi.
- Dickson Park Play space is located on walking routes, and between schools walking routes, including a Green Links walk.
- There is a general short fall in the provision of play for children and young people over the age of 9 years across Waverley.
- Dickson Park Play space was identified in the

Play Space Strategy as an Adventure style Play space for older children.

Council’s Play Space Strategy identifies that play experiences in neighbouring play spaces should compliment each other and offer a range of play types in any locality. The PSS also identifies Dickson Park play space to offer ‘active’, ‘free’ and ‘nature’ play within an adventure themed setting for older children.

The draft Dickson Park play space concept aims to achieve these principles by offering a variety of stimulating activities while complimenting upgrades to neighbouring play spaces such as Stephen Street Reserve and Thomas Hogan Reserve which are both scheduled for upgrade in the short term (next 4 years). Furthermore the future District level play space upgrade to Waverley Park will provide additional play diversity within the locality, scheduled for upgrade in the medium term (4 - 9 years).



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- 10 Seating shaded from existing trees

Fig. 2 draft Concept plan of Dickson Park Play Space. Refer Appendix B for detail

Project Planning and Consultation Process

To ensure upgrades meet community needs, community consultation was undertaken. The methodology for upgrading the park and play space is set out below.

Project Planning

In February 2015, council officers undertook a site assessment of the entire park to discuss the state of facilities and to identify opportunities for asset renewal and opportunities to improve maintenance issues. The play space was also identified in Council's Play Space Strategy as a high priority for upgrade.

An opportunities / constraints photo study (Refer Appendix C) of the park was undertaken. This informed The draft Dickson Park and Play Space Concept which was prepared to identify potential directions for the park and play space upgrades.

Consultation Process

Consultation was designed to canvas community responses to The draft Dickson Park and Play Space Concept and to inform the ongoing upgrade process by gaining a better understanding of:

- how people get to the park and how often they visit;
- how long they stay and what they do in the park; and
- what they like about the park and what they would like to see in the future.

A consultation survey based on these objectives was made available on the Waverley Council 'have your say' website and distributed on a flyer to approx. 2000 letterboxes within a 500m radius of the park. Surveys were also distributed at Bondi precinct meetings and at a consultation day in the park.

- A total of 119 people viewed the 'Have your Say' website and were made aware of the project/s
- A total of 52 people were informed of the details of the project/s via the 'Have your Say' website
- A total of 23 responses were received, 12 online survey responses, 8 onsite surveys

completed and an additional 3 written email responses.

A consultation day was held in Dickson Park on a Saturday 4th July, 2014. On the day council officers staffed a station which included: a table, A1 signs of site opportunities / constraints, park upgrade concept, play space concept, precedents, and paper surveys. The consultation day was promoted on the Waverley Council 'have your say' website, at a Bondi precinct meeting and via the letterbox flyer drop. The consultation day was attended by approximately 12 members of the public.

Next Steps

Thank you to all community members who participated at the community consultation day or filled out the online survey. The concept plans will be modified, in light of community feedback, with more details below:

Upper Park

The improvements to the upper park are anticipated to commence early 2016 and will include:

- improved drainage
- improved turf surfacing
- improved seating and bubbler with dog bowl
- improved path access off Wellington Street
- relocation of the informal sports practice hoops

Landscaped Terraces

Council have conducted a site assessment of the sandstone retaining walls, sandstone paths and status of trees to this area. Council staff are currently seeking additional funding to improve these assets, and will undertake costing analysis and report to Council in hope to secure additional funding in 2016.

Play space:

The draft Dickson Park Play Space Concept will be modified, in light of the community feedback received. The modified plans will be displayed on the Waverley Council website, along with this consultation summary report. A detailed design will then be prepared, followed by construction of the play space (currently scheduled for early 2016).



Photo: Existing embankment slide condition. The majority of the community requested renewal of this asset.

Consultation Feedback and Recommendations

In this section feedback, both written and verbal, is summarised into common themes. Each theme is accompanied by recommendations on how to incorporate the feedback into the upgrade works.

A full table of written responses is located in Appendix F.

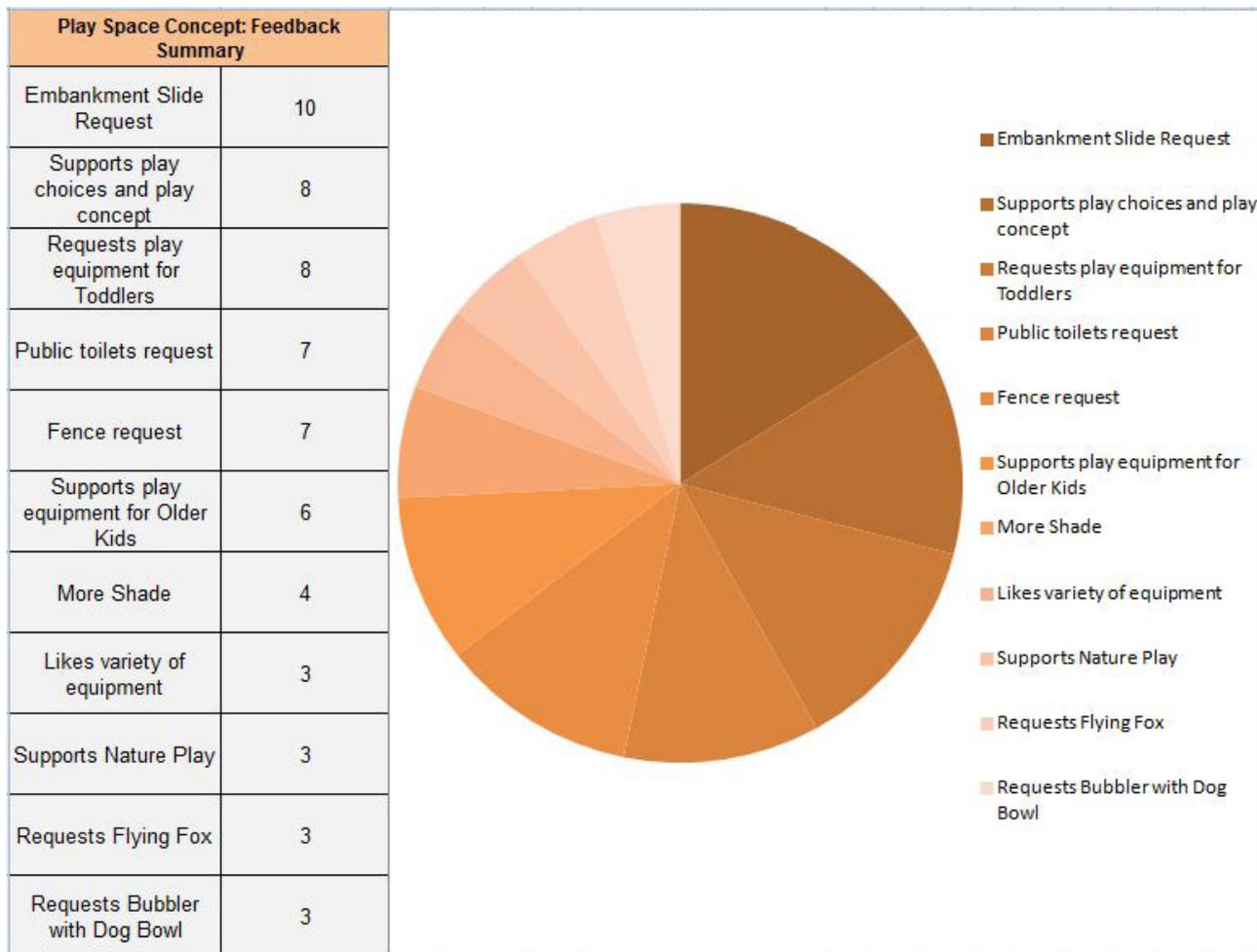


Fig. 1 Play Space Community Consultation Summary

Play Space Upgrade: Consultation Summary

Almost all community feedback was supportive of the proposed play space upgrade including the proposed play equipment. The adventure play space theme was highly supported, although a number of people also valued the toddler focused equipment in the existing play space and felt that the upgrade should accommodate a number of toddler play opportunities.

- Half (50%) of the respondents requested that the embankment slide be refurbished, relocated or replaced, as they felt that this play element was an important icon of the play space that drew children from across the LGA.
- There was an overall positive response from the local community regarding the play space upgrade, the proposed concept and the adventure themed play space to cater to a range of ages.
- There was strong support for the inclusion of play for younger children and toddlers.
- There was also strong support for the inclusion of play for older children, with physically challenging types of play.
- Some respondents also suggested improvements to the concept design such as public toilets (7), fences to the street (6), and more shade (4).
- 3 respondents supported the inclusion of nature play.
- 3 respondents suggested inclusion of a flying fox



Photo: Picnic shelter and Play Space in use by children and carers with grassed areas being used for passive recreation

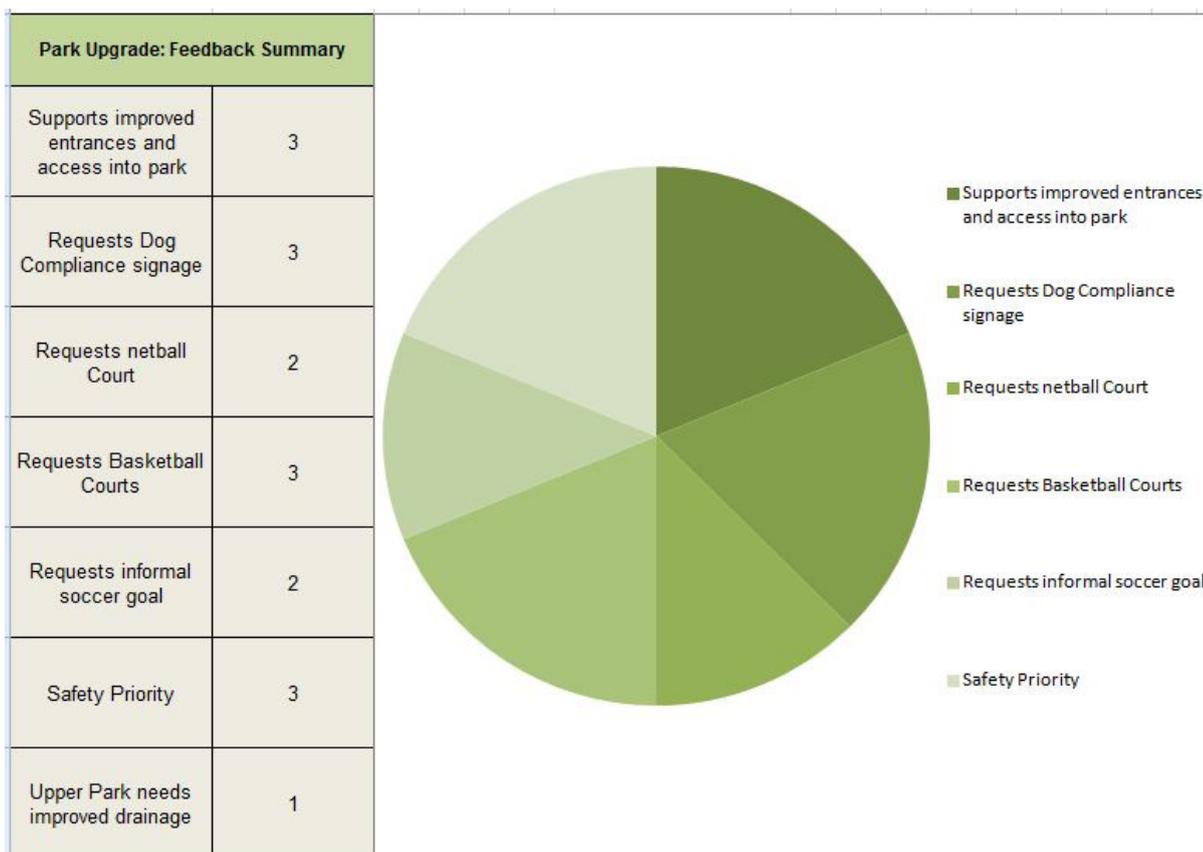


Fig. 2 Park Upgrade Written Feedback Summary

Park Upgrade: Consultation Summary

The consultation data established that the park and play space are regularly used by local residents. Most visitors walk to the park and stay for a short period of up to one hour, with most respondents spending their time playing in the park.

- 7 respondents requested inclusion of informal sport hoops in the park such as basketball (3), netball (2), or soccer (2)
- 1 respondent suggested the removal of the sport hoops from the upper park.
- 3 respondents supported improved entrances and improving access into park.
- 3 respondents highlighted the need for dog compliance signage and the conflicts of dogs using the bubbler near the play space.
- 3 respondent highlighted the need to improve safety in the park.
- 1 respondent highlighted the need to improve drainage in the upper park.
- The proposed access path through the park was not commented on in survey responses or at the open day.

Discussions with residents onsite suggested their preference to relocate the picnic shelter and remove internal partitions to improve surveillance and reduce anti-social behaviour in the park. The picnic shelter is also used for children’s birthday parties.



Photo: Upper park, overlooking residents with good passive surveillance and part of the degraded sports hoops.

Recreation in the Park

Survey responses established that the upper park and play space are regularly used by local residents. Most visitors walk to the park and stay for a short period of up to one hour. The upper park is currently used for dog exercise, for informal ball games and relaxing. The play space is used for play by younger children during the day and older children after school and on weekends. This includes informal ball games and free play in open grassed areas, with others picnicking on the grassed areas, or relaxing in the terraced landscapes. The picnic shelter is at times used during children's birthday parties, while also used during antisocial behaviour after dark given the internal partitions and poor natural surveillance into the shelter.

A significant number of respondents commented on dogs in Dickson Park. These comments were primarily regarding the need for dog compliance signage near the play space.

The upper portion of Dickson Park is currently a Council approved dog off-leash area, (dogs off leash permitted when sport hoops are not in use).

Consultation responses identified that the sporting hoop facility had some level of casual use with an additional need for to improve the asset. Council's Recreation Needs Study 2008, identifies the current shortage of casual sports play opportunities within Waverley. The study also recommends that Council investigate opportunities for half-court or mixed use courts throughout Waverley.

Recommendations:

Upper Park:

- Investigate consolidation of sporting hoops and consider relocation within upper park area, located to reduce conflict with dogs off leash.
- Incorporate bubbler with dog bowl to upper portion of park. Council continue to monitor and manage dogs at Dickson Park.

Play space:

- Install a new style picnic shelter in new location with no internal partitions to improve passive surveillance. this will open up the grassed areas and create more 'kick about' space.
- Provide a combination of seating and picnicking opportunities for both play space and upper park users.
- Review proposed path against upgrade budget and universal access objectives in the Play Strategy

Getting to and Around the Park

The majority of respondents walk to the park and a significant number of these were supportive of improved access at entrances into the park. Multiple responses requested improved pedestrian access through the park in general.

Recommendations:

Upper Park:

- Investigate an improved crossing at the Wellington Street entry to the upper park. This is not accessible by pram users due to raised traffic island. Improvements to pedestrian access at road crossings are outside the scope of this project but should be pursued as part of other projects, such as the Green Links project, kerb and gutter projects, street upgrade projects.

Play space:

- Investigate kerb realignment to Edward street to improve safety of children crossing into the play space through a possible traffic calming and raised threshold crossing point into the play space.
- In response to Council Play Space Strategy "Ensure pedestrian routes that link Waverley's Play Space network are accessible and adequate to encourage walking", Investigate a safe connection from Edward Street to the Play Space.



Photo: The footpath network around the park is used regularly by people particularly by pram users.

Improving safety

There was a strong view that fencing would improve park safety, particularly for dogs and ball game users running onto Wellington street. Some people suggested fencing extend around the perimeter of the play space park, while others suggested low fencing, designed to stop balls and children from running down the hill at Edward street near the play space as sufficient.

Recommendations:

Upper Park:

- Investigate additional funding to provide fencing between upper park and terraced landscape area, while also introduce low barrier planting with garden barrier along Wellington Street edge, with improved and formalised entrance into the park.

Play space:

- Investigate installation of a garden barrier with planting along the Edward street park boundary to prevent direct conflict between children and fast moving traffic. This will also reduce instances of balls running down the hill onto roadway.
- Perimeter fencing to the play space is not supported as it encourages unsupervised play, reduces park permeability, discourages non-play space usage of the park, and is cost prohibitive

Trees and Shade

The existing trees were widely recognized as a valuable part of the park, a source of shade and a suitable place to play or relax. Verbal feedback generally supported proposed tree planting as a source of additional shade for the play area.

Increased shade cover over play equipment was a common request at the open day and in survey responses. Some people requested shade sails while others were unspecific about the type of shade.

Recommendations:

- Undertake an assessment of existing trees onsite and develop a tree maintenance strategy, subject to arborist assessment.
- Ensure new tree planting does not obstruct play space usage
- Extend play space into shaded area (under trees) and plant additional advanced trees to increase shade coverage
- Shade sails are not supported as the high installation and maintenance costs are not within current budget
- Consider small tree plantings along western edge of upper parkland and strategic tree planting locations for improved shade



Photo: Existing play space, picnic shelter and shade from trees

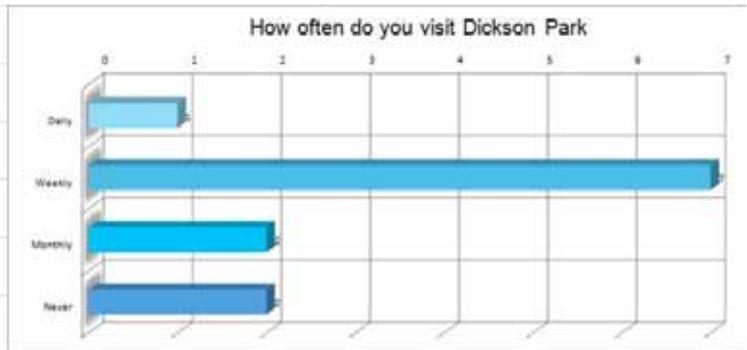


Photo: Poorly defined entrance to upper park with no vehicle control

Appendices

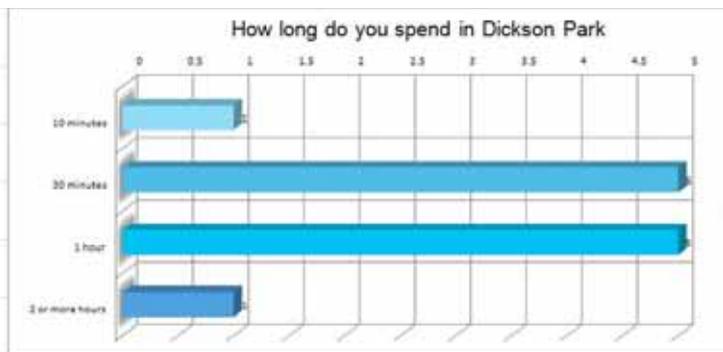
Appendix A - Online Survey Community Consultation Summary

How often do you visit Dickson Park?	
Daily	1
Weekly	7
Monthly	2
Never	2



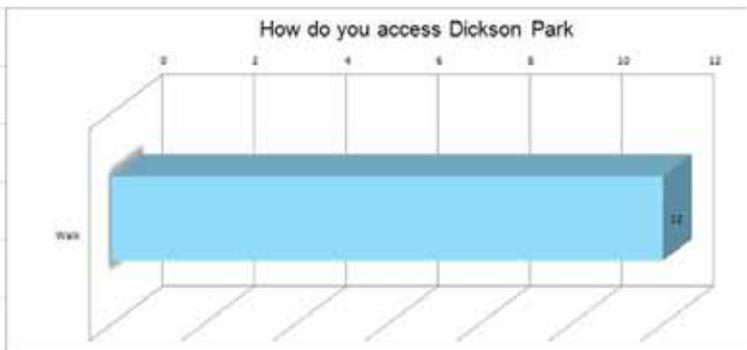
Frequency of Visit

How long do you spend in Dickson Park?	
10 minutes	1
30 minutes	5
1 hour	5
2 or more hours	1



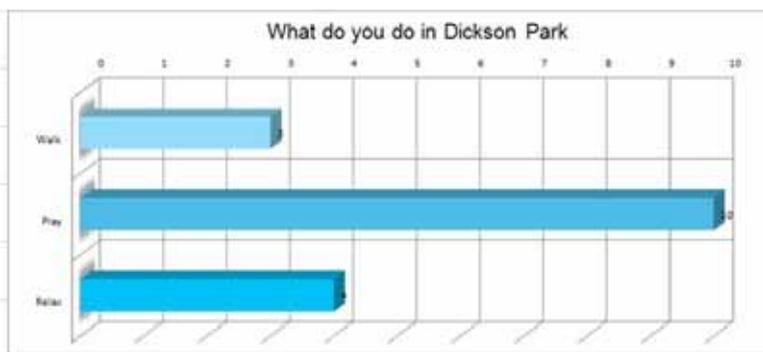
Duration of Visit

How do you access Dickson Park	
Walk	12



Getting to the park

What do you do in Dickson Park?	
Walk	3
Play	10
Relax	4

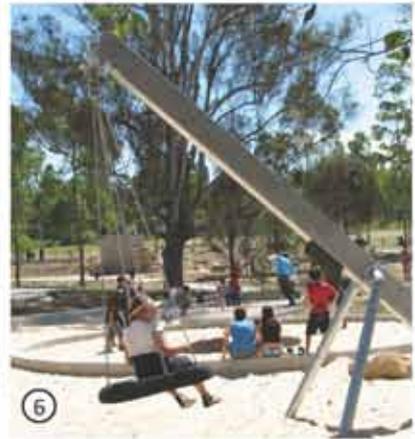


What do users do in the park?

Appendix B - Stage 1 - Play Space draft concept

DICKSON PARK UPGRADE

STAGE 1 - PLAY SPACE : DRAFT CONCEPT



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- 9 Shade tree planting with nature play activities below.
- 10 Seating shaded from existing trees
- 11 Small buffer shade tree planting
- 12 Open grassed area for free play and informal ball games

PLAY SPACE STRATEGY: IMPLEMENTING THE ACTION PLAN

Council's Play Space Strategy (PSS) identifies that play experiences in neighbouring play spaces should compliment each other and offer a range of play types in any locality. The PSS also identifies Dickson Park play space to offer 'active', 'free' and 'nature' play within an adventure themed setting. The draft Dickson Park play space concept aims to achieve these principles by offering a variety of stimulating activities while complimenting upgrades to neighbouring play spaces such as Stephen Street Reserve and Thomas Hogan Reserve which are both scheduled for upgrade in the short term. Furthermore the future District level play space upgrade to Waverley Park will provide additional play diversity within the locality, scheduled for upgrade in the medium term.

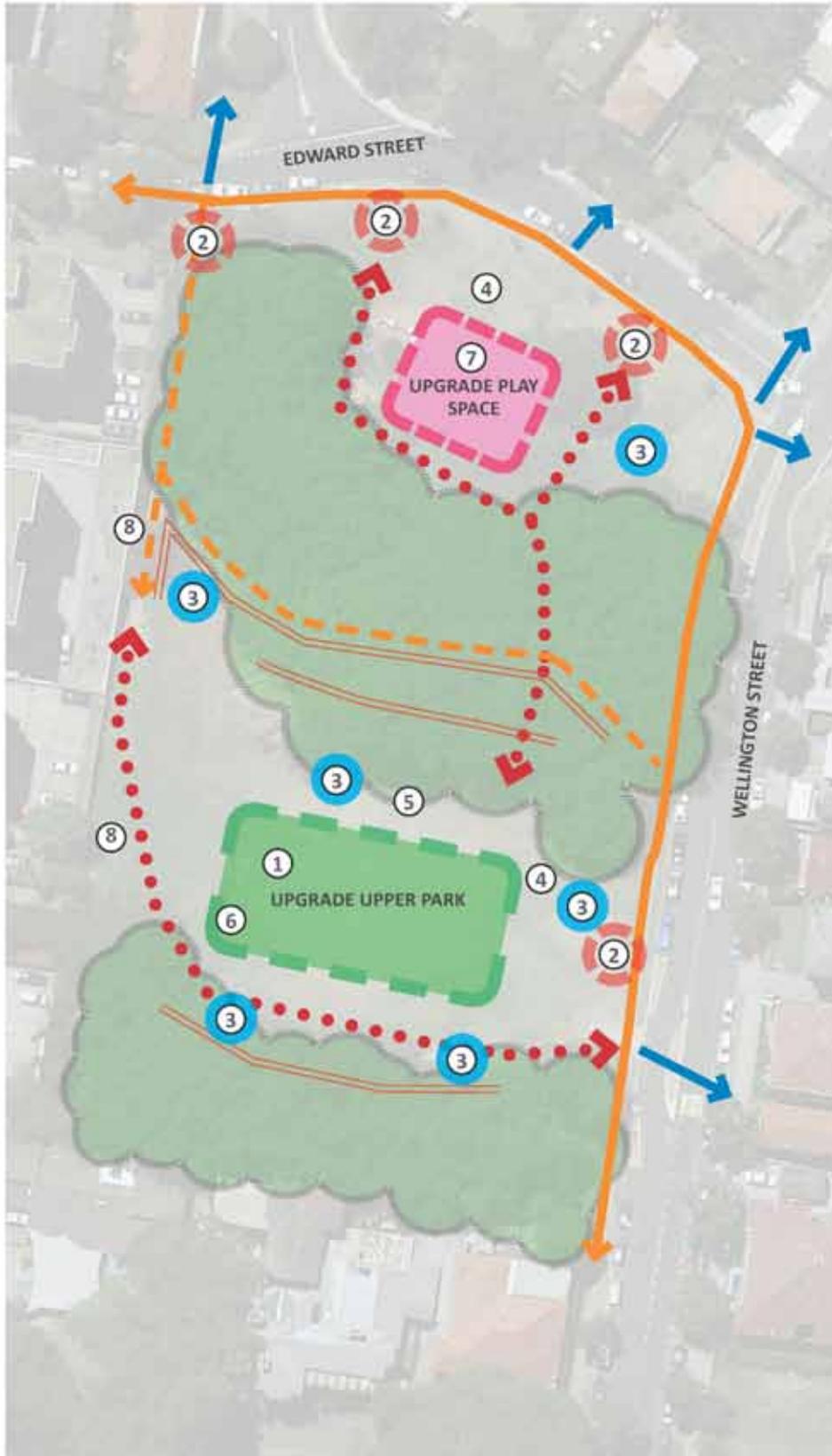
PLAY THEMES:

- 1. Adventure Play:** The play space design provides adventurous play network for challenging and active play for children up to 12 years old. These options include a group basket swing, rope climbing bridge, rope climbing wall, rope climbing "birds nest" structure and an embankment hill slide to replace the existing one (subject to future funding). Toddler and junior play elements include rocking, spinning, climbing and swinging.
- 2. Nature Play:** The play space location has been redefined to capitalise on the existing shade and nature play opportunities from the trees on the slopes. The play space also incorporates native grass plantings, stepping stones and boulders, including new small shade tree plantings and mulch softfall.
- 3. Free Play:** The playground has been located to maximise on grassed areas for free play and informal ball games. The steep grassed slope to the North West corner has been incorporated to allow sliding, rolling and ruff and tumble.



DICKSON PARK UPGRADE

STAGE 2 - PARK UPGRADE: DRAFT CONCEPT



LEGEND

- ① Improve facilities to existing dog off leash area and investigate options for dog water play. Relocate or remove existing sports hoops and consider options for multi court arrangement for netball / basketball.
- ② Formalise park entrances. Consider way finding signage and control of unauthorised vehicles.
- ③ Consider new seating types and locations.
- ④ Consider locations for new bubblers and bins.
- ⑤ Investigate options to improve the fence to the upper level of the park.
- ⑥ Investigate options to improve drainage and quality of grassed surfaces.
- ⑦ Upgrade existing playground as outlined in Council's Play Space Strategy, including investigation to replace or renew the existing embankment slide.
- ⑧ Consider additional boundary planting to upper park area to improve park amenity



Implement a tree management and maintenance strategy to include weed species removal and new plantings to promote biodiversity

- Investigate options for new pedestrian links through the park to improve circulation and access
- Investigate options to provide safer pedestrian entry points into the park
- Investigate options for repairs to existing sandstone paths to improve access for park users
- Existing concrete footpaths. Investigate options to provide safer walking routes to the park, and improve connectivity to external footpath network as outlined in Council's Play Space Strategy
- Investigate options for repairs to existing sandstone retaining walls throughout the park



DICKSON PARK UPGRADE

SITE ANALYSIS - EXISTING CONDITIONS



LEGEND

- ① Poorly defined entry with signage and furniture clutter, no vehicle control.
- ② Footpath often covered with leaf litter with poor access to seating
- ③ No continuous path of travel to seating areas
- ④ Incomplete pathway / poor pedestrian links
- ⑤ Steep heavily vegetated slopes with no pedestrian link from play space to upper levels
- ⑥ Steep slope to narrow footpath and roadway
- ⑦ Leaf litter covers play ground swings
- ⑧ Picnic shelter, no path connection
- ⑨ No path access to embankment slide. Access to slide in poor condition, play element separated from main play area
- 🌀 Basketball hoop in poor condition on unsuitable grass playing surface, poorly located in dog off leash area
- 🟩 Existing netball court on unsuitable grass surface, potential conflict with dogs off leash
- 👉 Uneven surfaces to existing sandstone flagging, damage caused by tree roots in some places.
- 👈 Existing concrete footpaths to park edge. Very steep in parts.
- 👉👈 Existing pedestrian access connections
- 👈 Existing private access gates to park from residents
- 👉 Existing raised blister island and chicane traffic calming device at main entry to upper park area
- 👉 Park edge exposed to busy road
- 👉 Existing road safety barrier
- 👈 Good Natural surveillance from adjacent residential properties
- 👉 Existing fence to upper park area
- 👉 Existing sandstone retaining walls throughout the park. Tree roots causing damage to walls in some locations.

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Appendix C - Photo Analysis - Existing Conditions



Appendix C.1 - Photo Analysis - Existing Conditions



Large mature shade trees Tall screening trees to south boundary Road to eastern edge



Degraded seating Poorly defined services & signage Private entrances into park



Netball hoops Informal grassed netball court Informal grassed half court basketball



Construction to southern parkland boundary

Dog off leash area (except when sports courts are in use). Large flat grassed area with sporting hoops for basketball and netball. Some areas of poor drainage

Dickson Park - Site Analysis
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UPPER PORTION OF THE PARK

Appendix C.2- Photo Analysis - Existing Conditions



Shaded sandstone pathway link

Poorly defined seating areas

Leaf litter to paths and seating areas

Mixed species with subtropical microclimate

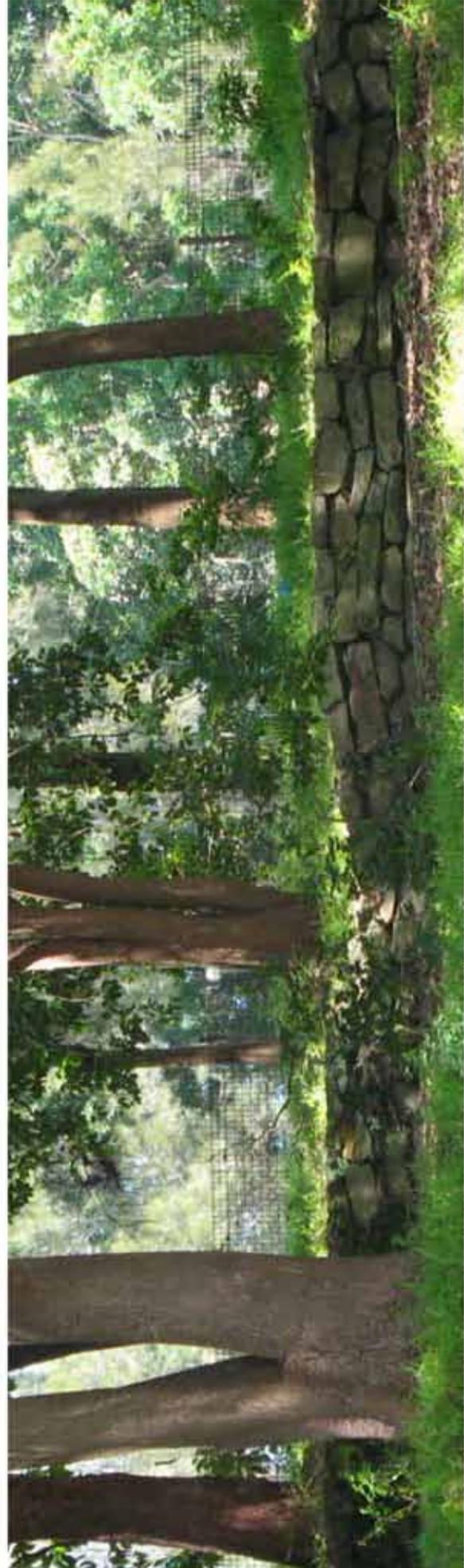


Attractive backdrop to play area

Tree root and sandstone wall.

Sandstone dry stone walls

Shaded grassed slopes



The central portion of the park includes a series of sandstone terraces with a connecting pathway meandering under a dense shaded tree canopy

Appendix C.3 - Photo Analysis - Existing Conditions



Sea-saw

Swings and picnic shelter

Slide and combination climber

Good shade to periphery of play space



Playground signage

Stainless steel embankment slide

Excessive leaf litter

Sandstone features



Grassed embankments provide an amphitheatre accessible from the footpath on the northern edge.



Open grassed areas - allowing for informal ball games, free play and passive recreation opportunities

Dickson Park - Site Analysis
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LOWER PORTION OF THE PARK & PLAY SPACE

Dickson Park Upgrade

Play Space Upgrade



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Community Consultation

Saturday 4 July 1pm - 3pm

- New play equipment suitable for a range of ages
- Boulders and new planting for nature play
- Mulch and rubber softfall
- New seating

You can also comment on the Dickson Park Concept Plan:

1. Online at haveyoursaywaverley.com.au/DicksonPark
2. In writing to the attention of Scott Spiers, PO Box 9, Bondi Junction 1355
3. By email to scott.spiers@waverley.nsw.gov.au

Submissions close on Saturday 18th July. After submissions close, your feedback will help us finalise the plans for the play space. We will let you know what the final design is by the end of September 2015.

Please see the other side of this flyer for more information.

This play space was identified as a high priority in Waverley Council's

Play Space Strategy.

The Play Space strategy guides our approach to planning, upgrading and maintaining play spaces over the next 15 years. To view please visit: www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/playspacestrategy.pdf or visit Customer Service Centre, 55 Spring Street, Bondi Junction

For more information please contact Scott Spiers on 8306 3671 or email scott.spiers@waverley.nsw.gov.au

Dickson Park Upgrade

Play Space Upgrade



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Dear Resident,

Council is preparing a draft Concept Plan to upgrade Dickson Park in Bondi. The first stage of this upgrade will be to the park's play space, as this was identified as a high priority in our Play Space Strategy. The draft Concept Plan will ensure that all members of our community can enjoy the park. It will focus on:

- improving access and pedestrian links
- repairing pathways and retaining walls
- replacing the bubbler
- improving drainage in the park
- new turfing and planting
- tree planting
- improved areas for seating.
- improving the play area
- addressing the mixed use of various types of parks users

Please come along to share your ideas and comment on draft concept plans for the park and play space.

Community Consultation

Saturday 4 July from 1pm - 3pm

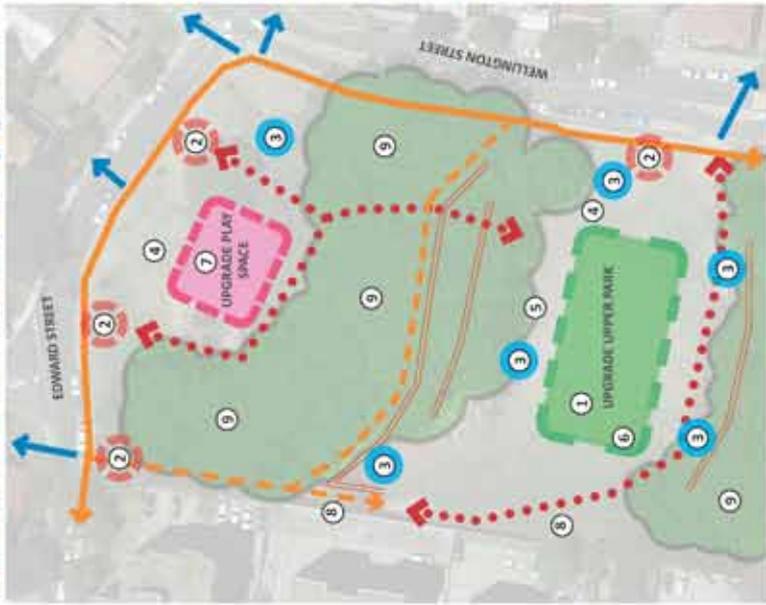
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ANOTHER WAVERLEY RENEWAL PROJECT



Draft Dickson Park Upgrade Plan



- LEGEND**
- 1 Improve facilities to existing dog off leash area and investigate options for dog water play. Relocate or remove existing sports hoops and consider options for multi-court arrangement for netball / basketball.
 - 2 Formalise park entrances. Consider way finding signage and control of unauthorised vehicles.
 - 3 Consider new seating types and locations.
 - 4 Consider locations for new hubbards and bins.
 - 5 Investigate options to improve the fence to the upper level of the park.
 - 6 Investigate options to improve drainage and quality of grassed surfaces.
 - 7 Upgrade existing playground as outlined in Council's Play Space Strategy, including investigation to repair or renew the existing equipment table.
 - 8 Consider additional boundary planting to upper park area to improve park amenity.
 - 9 Implement a tree management and maintenance strategy to include weed species removal and new plantings to promote biodiversity.
- Investigate options for new pedestrian links through the park to improve circulation and access.
- Investigate options to provide safer pedestrian entry points into the park.
- Investigate options for repairs to existing sandstone paths to improve access for park users.
- Existing concrete footpaths. Investigate options to provide safer walking routes to the park, and improve connectivity to external footpath network as outlined in Council's Play Space Strategy.
- Investigate options for repairs to existing sandstone retaining walls throughout the park.

Draft Play Space Concept



- LEGEND**
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 - E Base climbing wall with adventure rope / rock play elements
 - F Group barker seating for all ages for inclusive play elements
 - G Picnic tables to enhance for cover, comfort and acoustics (to replace existing picnic shelter)
 - H Concrete path to provide access to play facility
 - I Shade tree planting with nature play activities below
 - J Seating shaded from existing trees
 - K Small buffer shade tree planting
 - L Open grassed area for free play and informal ball games

On Saturday 4 July, Council Officers will be at Dickson Park from 1-3pm to talk through the plans for the park and play space to answer any of your questions. From Saturday 20 June until Saturday 18 July, the community can comment on the plans for the park and play space.



www.haveyoursaywaverley.com.au/DicksonPark

You can have your say in writing to the attention of Scott Spiers, PO Box 9, Bondi Junction 1355, by email to scott.spiers@waverley.nsw.gov.au, or on the web address listed above. After submissions close, feedback will help us finalise the plans for the park and play space this year.

Appendix F - Online 'Have your Say' Survey Responses

Survey Response		How often do you visit Dickson Park?	How long do you spend in Dickson Park?	How do you access Dickson Park?	What do you do in Dickson Park?	If you picked 'other', please specify	What do you like about the draft Dickson Park Concept Plan and Play Space concept?	What do you dislike about the draft Dickson Park Concept Plan and Play Space concept?	In the future, what would you like to see in Dickson Park or in the play space?	What is your age range?	If you visit with children, how many and how old are they?
Weekly	30 minutes	Walk	Walk, Relax				There is more paved area within the park especially for the kids playground area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is mention of relocating existing slide but no indication on the plan to exactly where it is to be relocated. It should continue be included in new playground facilities Concerned that the statement and the area outlined in the Stage 2 Park Upgrade Draft Concept plan "implement a tree management & maintenance strategy to include weed species removal and new plantings to promote diversity". While better weed management is a good outcome the removal of significant tree coverage throughout the park, especially on the upper park area and near the north western edge is not desirable. Increased biodiversity of species is good for new plantings. 				
Never	1 hour	Walk	Play			Multi use areas, greenery and variety. I'm particularly keen to see the upper level park improved. A basketball hoopcourt would be a fantastic addition. NB: We don't currently use the park much at all because the facilities are limited for older kids.		My daughter is 10yrs so she has outgrown the current lower playground area, but there is no other option for the older kids who still want to play. Two basketball hoops and a netball court would be great additions.	41-50	My child is 10 and her friends are also primary school aged. They all go to the local school and like to use the park.	
Weekly	30 minutes	Walk	Play				The play area needs a fence around it like waverley oval and Bondi beach play area.	A diverse range of play equipment to cover a range of age groups. No big rocks in the play area.	31-40	Two children... 4 months and 2 years	
Monthly	1 hour	Walk	Play, Relax			Play equipment for older kids More carer seating	No plan for shade over playground. It gets searing hot during summer	Toilets Shade	41-50	5, 7	
Weekly	10 minutes	Walk	Play			New play equipment There are a varied range of ages that play at the park on a daily basis. It is popular with school age children after 3pm and toddlers during the day.		Please can you consider an enclosed park area. Many times my children and I have also seen other children that have wandered off towards the road. There isn't a huge amount of space between the park and the road	31-40	x3 2,4 and 8	
Weekly	30 minutes	Walk	Play			I like the natural play areas and variety of playground structures. I also like that the embanked slide will be moved closer to the other equipment. The promise of greater maintenance (for weeds, for instance) is a plus. Proper entrances and walkways are urgently needed.	The reliance on trees for shade, rather than a shade cloth seems unreliable. The park gets very hot in the middle of the day. I also think the playground should be fenced, especially as it can help to leave out dodgy characters who roam the park, and also dogs that also come through when they escape the upper part of the park.	- Flying for: - Prominent signs that say what is a leashed and unleashed area. - Plastic (i.e. safe) stairs leading up to equipment, that are short enough for small kids to climb (like the coloured stairs at Clementson Park, but even shorter) - Removal of the homeless men that live in the park (if possible) as it can be scary to be in the park alone with my children	31-40	Two kids - 10 months old and 2.5 year old.	
							More age appropriate play equipment and safety surfaces if children fall.				

Daily	2 or more hours	Walk	Play	All these improvements will definitely enhance the park, but safety is a priority and I think what I am suggesting is of the utmost importance.	Consider SAFETY first.	I would like to see some of the foliage removed from the bottom of the trees on the slope and more ground cover so this area can be accessed. At the moment it is a walled area of ground that isn't utilized because of the density of the foliage. Also some of the trees need to be pruned back and also the height of the trees could also lessened allowing more light into that area. Tree branches need to be looked at also as some of them look to be unstable when the wind is very strong. That whole area look like it could be an accident waiting to happen.	81-70	I have 4 grandchildren and we use the park almost daily as they are adventurous they tend to go into this area which I consider to be dangerous.
Monthly	1 hour	Walk	Play	The play equipment upgrade is essential for this park. MUST keep existing long slide - which is a major drawcard of this park - integration with other play equipment would be great. Love the adventure play aspect.	What is the flooring? Not fenced Needs a smaller slide as well for younger kids No toilet facilities included Access for prams/scooters needs to be addressed.	31-40	2 children: 3yr and 6mths	
Weekly	30 minutes	Walk	Play	New equipment	No toilets? Given so many children visit this park a boys and girls toilet should be a priority. Update of large slide but not removal. The fact it's covered by the shade of the gorgeous trees sees this slide always in use.	41-50	2 aged 4 and 7	
Weekly	1 hour	Walk	Relax	A lot more trees for some shady areas and loving the rope equipment. Also liking how there is going to be some more open grassy spaces.	I don't dislike anything!	41-50	I have one child and she is 8 turning 10 very soon though the swings while children are swinging and get hurt.	
Never	1 hour	Walk	Walk, Play, Relax			21-30		