

Arnold Rhodes - Masterplan

Making the Park a better place for the whole community, all ages and all abilities, an enjoyable place to play in, walk, get fit in, or simply sit in.



Entrances

1 Buxton Rd Entrance

Buxton Road Entrance – The main entrance to the park will be enhanced with public art and new signs to create a strong sense of place and provide a warm welcome to visitors. Tree canopies will be raised to allow clear views into the park and bulb planting will enhance the grass banks providing a lovely spring display.



Existing

2 Redhouse Lane Entrance

The improved parking area will provide better accessibility and help to tidy up the Redhouse Lane entrance. New signage and information on site will help to welcome visitors and strengthen the identity of the park. The uncluttered entrance will encourage visitors to look beyond and into the park.



Existing

Children's Play

3 Play

Play – some of the play equipment like the mushrooms will be replaced with equipment and a play space aimed particularly at younger children. Additional play equipment will increase accessibility within the existing play area.



4 Tennis Courts

A resurfaced and marked out tennis court will revive this much loved facility. Clear the understory and improve light.



5 Mini Track

Mini track – a small tarmac scooter/ balance bike track provides a starter track for young children to learn how to ride their bikes before progressing to the main footpath and the bmx track.



8 Football Pitch

The current football pitch will benefit from improved maintenance and better drainage.



9 BMX Track

The proposed BMX track is located at the east end of the park providing a new entertainment and exercise opportunity for users.



Playing Fields

6 Outdoor Gym

Outdoor gym – an outdoor gym provides fitness facilities for young adults through to elderly people and could be used in conjunction with the circular route around the playing field for a complete workout.



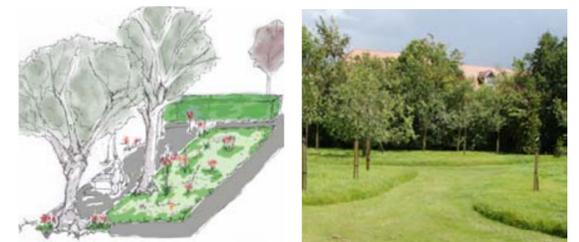
Trees and planting on site

A more detailed assessment of the existing trees and shrubs will be carried out to assess which add wildlife and scenic value to the site. Trees and shrubs can be selectively thinned to allow for replanting to allow more light into the park and to make the boundaries feel safer. The security fencing in railway perimeter is partially screened with shrubs and trees, but is not well planted and is unattractive. This fencing will be planted with climbers which would attract wildlife and soften the appearance. The long bank parallel with the railway line will be graded in places. This will allow better maintenance, soft landscaping improvements and potential for natural play.

Orchard Avenue Picnic Area

7 Picnic Area

an avenue of fruit trees will be the main feature of a new picnic area encouraging people to pick and try the fruit. The avenue will draw visitors along the path into the wider park area and the picnic tables will provide seating for refreshments. Bulb planting and areas of longer grass will make this area feel informal, relaxing and natural.



Drainage and Paths

Drainage in the park will be addressed to tackle the worst areas. New paths will make the site accessible all year round and provide a multi-use surface for walking or cycling.

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