

Dale Road park proposals

Results from public consultation – 15th January 2011

This is the preliminary results from the consultation. An estimated 120 people attended and 44 questionnaires have now been processed. Some are promised to be returned direct later.

Car park and paths

There was a clear preference for the resurfacing of the car park with tarmac (possibly influenced by this being the cheapest at £13,000). The other 2 options were equally ranked but with one comment that gravel is unsuitable for wheelchairs. About half of the respondents thought that “grass mat” paths around the football pitches would also be a good idea (additional £8,000).

Changing room facilities


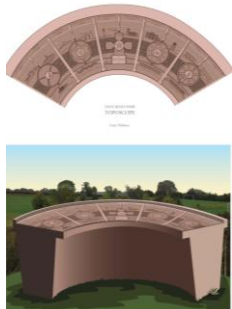
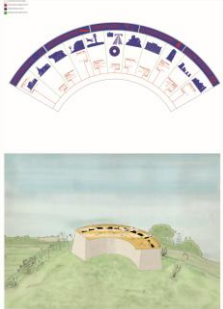
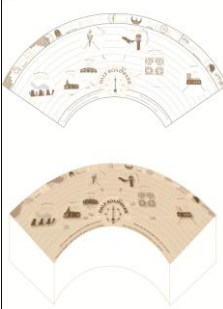
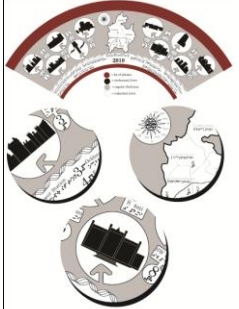
Of those who expressed a preference, 55% would prefer the changing facilities NOT to be maintained, with savings going to other aspects of the park.

Seating

There was a preference for additional benches (approximately £300 each), but nearly as many also wanted picnic facilities, with an even split between conventional square (£400) and hexagonal (£500) benches.

Toposcope

There was a clear preference for design B, with designs A and D equal second. 17 of the respondents picked design B as their first choice.

1 st choice	2 nd choice	3 rd choice	4 th choice	5 th choice
Design B	Design A	Design D	Design E	Design C
Amy Richards	Gary Holmes	Chris Medlock	Katie Leedham & Sarah Adams	Nikki Potter & Amanda Whiley
				

Play equipment

The order of preference for play equipment was:

1. Boulders (£200 each) (first choice of 6 people)
2. A grass labyrinth (£1400) (first choice of 9 people)
3. Wobble dish (£2900) (first choice of 3 people)
4. Logs (£600 each) and dry river bed (£3600) equally placed (both first choice of 4 people)
5. Embankment slide (£5000) (first choice of 6 people)
6. Sound cushions (£900 each) (first choice of 1 person)
7. Daffodil labyrinth (£1230) (first choice of 2 people)

Fitness equipment

There was a clear preference for the timber fitness trail, with little to choose between the 3 standard of outdoor gym equipment. 14 people would prefer there to be no fitness equipment at all.

Waymarkers

There was a clear preference for the traditional finger posts (£500 each), with little support for any of the other 3 options.

Entrance feature

The first choice was option 1 (£3000), shown top here, but option 3 (£2500) was very close behind (19 votes against 17)

Overall preferences

The order of priority given was:

1. Improved car park and path surfacing (first choice of 18 people)
2. Improved seating (first choice of 8 people)
3. Waymarkers (first choice of 5 people)
4. Entrance feature (first choice of 3 people)
5. Play equipment (first choice of 2 people)
6. Toposcope (first choice of 3 people)
7. Fitness equipment (first choice of 1 person)
8. Deal with changing facilities (first choice of 2 people)

