

# How your views created a vision for Jenny Lind Park



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## Background

Over the last 18 months we have been working with you – local children, young people, community groups, residents and other interested groups to get a picture of how you would like your new Jenny Lind Park to be.

We have designed a new layout for the park based on what you have told us (see pages 4 and 5)

Here are some of the things you said:

- The park is bleak and unattractive.
- You like green space and trees.
- Most of you like open space and do not want to see it enclosed.
- Some of you feel safer if you have a clear view across the park.

- You want to relax in the park and need it to feel safe and inviting.
- Some of you want to play and be energetic.
- Others of you want to be able to sit and watch the activity, chat with friends and enjoy nature.

Funding is available from the development of the hospital site specifically to improve the play provision for children and young people.

We have looked at the park as a whole, because the success of the project to improve the quality of play and teenage facilities is seen as wider than just adding new equipment.



## The vision

The design, or vision plan, makes more use of the same park space to create:

- more grass areas for picnics, events, relaxation and informal games
- a more compact play area for juniors and toddlers that will contain at least as much play value as the old tarmac play area
- a teen social area which can also be used as an additional play space with perch seating and a basketball hoop
- a sports area with two courts to enable more use by different age groups
- a zone with more challenging equipment for older children and young teens
- a sensory garden with seating for relaxation in a quiet corner of the park.

## What we are planning for the different users of the park

### For everyone

We are proposing to replace all the tarmac in the old play area with grass for picnics, relaxation and ball games.

To maximise the grass area, we plan to move the fenced play area to a different location in the park. Much of the old play area was taken up with unused tarmac, the new space, although smaller, will be big enough with same amount of play value and equipment.





New feature entrance to park

New access into multi sports area

Perch style seating within social area to also contain basket ball hoop and boulders for seating/climbing

Two football/ basketball courts

Existing mounding maintained

Additional paths

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Paths to be re-surfaced

High fencing to control balls

Toddler and junior play area

Area lit to current levels

Existing rebound wall removed

Path redirected around play area

Exploration zone

Existing toilets to remain

Zone with challenging fixed items of equipment for older children and young teens

Relocated Jenny Lind archway

Fence

Focal central area with decorative paving, new cherry trees, planting and seating

Lawn area for play and community events

Focal entrance

Wildflower/bulb drifts on banks

Trees will be protected during the construction phase

Sensory garden with seating

TRINITY STREET

# Jenny Lind Park vision plan

## For toddlers and juniors

Children from Bignold School worked hard to let us know what their ideal park would be like and we have taken all those views into consideration.

Bignold School children, local residents, parents and children wanted:

- to keep the junior and toddler area as one
- an exciting, modern play area
- dog proof fencing
- grass and trees for safe exploration within the fenced area

We have not yet chosen the equipment for the play area but have looked carefully at the children's work and produced a summary of the ideas which will be used to design the best play area possible. We will consult people on the final design.

## For older children and young teens

Older children said they wanted a more exciting play experience and so we have proposed that some more challenging equipment is located outside the play area, closer to the ball court area.

Details of the equipment for this area has not been decided but it is intended to be attractive to both younger teenagers and older children. We will involve these users in the final selection of the equipment. There is also scope to include gym equipment suitable for adults.



## For teens and more active park users

Most people agreed that young people need a space in the park and we have spent some time gathering the views of different young people.

Our vision includes:

- two ball courts, which should stop the conflict between the different users and enable different age groups to play alongside each other
- fencing and surfacing designed to reduce noise. The fencing will be high enough to prevent balls escaping
- a hard surfaced, unfenced social area which young people can use for chatting with friends or watching the activity on the ball courts
- seating, in the social area, designed to be perched on and not comfortable for sleeping or slumping on
- ball courts with football and basketball goals. There will also be an additional basketball hoop in the young people's social area
- a space that can be also be used by children on bikes or skates.

## For less able users

- Wheelchair access to five a side pitches
- Better paths
- A sensory garden
- Seating
- Free standing play equipment
- Disabled friendly play area

## Other points raised in the consultation

**The toilets** – most people wanted to keep these in the park.

**Archway** – to be moved to the park centre or an entrance

**Paths and walking** – many wanted more opportunities to walk around the park, without too many new paths or we would lose green space under tarmac

**Relaxation** – you wanted somewhere quiet to sit and relax. A new sensory garden is proposed near the sheltered housing

**Planting** – to make the park more attractive, you wanted more plants and flowers.

A full report and summary of the questionnaire results are available on our website [www.norwich.gov.uk](http://www.norwich.gov.uk) or contact us for a copy if you do not have internet access.

**This plan is very much based on what you've told us. Have we got it right? Let us know what you think by 29 June 2009.**

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