

Rye Crescent Working Group meeting at Rye Crescent Play Area on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm

Present: Steve Cotton, Andrea McPhilimey, Sharon Coventry, Lynda Hicks, Madan Samuel, James Gardner, Jon Wareing

After a few words of introduction and context setting, the group discussed what works well in the current play area and James shared some suggestions about the possibilities for the revamp.

In summary it was agreed that

1. The existing swing be retained (but looking at replacing chains and seats).
2. The structure with bridges and slides would be retained if possible but replacing all the timber elements with more durable wood. The surface under this structure requires a revamp to ensure safety – there's a lot of gravel in the area at the base of the slide and in general the ground is very hard should a child fall or slip off the ramps.
3. That the tired triangular timber climbing frame and the horizontal timber bars be removed and replaced with lower level natural play features to encourage safer play options for young children (2-upwards).
4. The timber structure for walking along (including rotating log, wooden bridge etc) could be retained in full, in part, or removed dependent on timber condition.
5. That the area under the trees is developed to give more play features (natural).
6. That a table and seating be considered.
7. That a second gate be inserted into the perimeter fence.
8. That low level screening (maintaining visibility from a safeguarding perspective) be considered around the perimeter fence.

The consultation event with the local community will be planned at the next meeting. Looking at mid to late September on a Saturday.

Next meeting 22/8