

Burgess Hill Town Council response to St Johns Park Consultation

1. The improved drainage is to be welcomed as are improved entrances especially at the South East Entrance. Similarly tree planting and picnic benches are positive additions. The improvement of footpath surfaces is also a positive step. Additional paths are welcomed especially around area 9.
2. Improvements to the pavilion are not as extensive as expected or desired. This is a concern as the Cricket Club is one of the most dynamic and successful clubs in the County and can be considered leaders especially in the development of youth and women's cricket. The suggested improvements go some way to meeting their needs but more should be done. Of further concern is the condition of the outfield and the quality of maintenance. In some places it is positively dangerous and some measures should be taken to repair and improve it.
3. It is felt that the wild meadow is inappropriate at its current location as it takes up too much room. There are many other areas within the town that this would be better suited to. Removing the meadow would free up valuable space for the public.
4. Modern accessible toilets are needed and should be open 24hrs a day. In addition a changing places toilet would be most welcome and would unlock the park for numerous disabled people. Will these be in the pavilion? It seems odd to have these tacked on to a public building.
5. Cycle stands, lit and under cover are needed at strategic points around the park. In particular the Skate Park and car park would benefit from cycle racks.
6. The Council wishes to raise its concern regarding any intention to have shared pedestrian and cycle paths as we consider this to be dangerous.
7. Recreational cycling is acceptable but a designated cycle way would be inappropriate. It is not clear what is intended and clarity is required. There appears to be some inconsistency over what is intended.
8. What is the intention of the terraced area around the community plaza? Permeable surfaces are needed rather than tarred surfaces.
9. An electric supply is needed at area 9.
10. Additional disabled parking bays are needed. Could an EV charging point be considered?

11. It was unclear as to what is intended with regard to lighting. Stud lighting along the main paths could be considered. Environment friendly lighting should be used. We are not suggesting flood lighting.

12. Could a Swift tower be considered to attract birds and as a feature?