

OPEN SPACES CONSULTATION

Activities for consideration

The following have been suggested as opportunities for use within existing green spaces in Cringleford. None will be discussed by the Parish Council until after this consultation has been completed and analysed. Inclusion in this list does not imply initial approval of any of the suggested activities. The list order does not imply any priority order:

- Pump track for cyclists
- BMX adventure site
- Skate park
- Woodland child adventure trail with a focus on the disabled
- Multi use games area
- Outdoor amphitheatre
- Trails for safe off road running, walking, horseriding
- Wildflower and nesting bird protected areas
- Crazy golf pitch
- Additional community orchard
- Greater allotment or community garden areas

What we are asking you to do

On the sheet of paper provided (ask for further sheets if you need them), for any of the above activities you would like us to develop:

- Rate it on a scale 1-5 where 1 is strongly supported and 5 is definitely not supported
- Provide any additional reason or information regarding your opinion on this activity
- On the boards are maps of the three main available green areas where these activities could be sited (around the Willow Centre; the Recreation Ground off Oakfields Drive; and on the new St Giles Park Development). Each area on the maps has a grid letter. Please indicate on which grid letter you believe this activity should go
- A contact email address so we can let you know the outcome of our analysis. This address will not be used for any other purpose, and the addresses will not be kept after the conclusion of the consultation.

Additional background

Pump track for cyclists

A structured area particularly focused on young cyclists allowing them to race and challenge each other. Area involved is about half a football pitch and could be put within existing or proposed walking areas. Could be noisy and intrusive to some non participants but very attractive to the teenage group for which there is not much available in the village

BMX adventure site

Another teenage focused activity but less structured than the pump track. These are often sited on small rises or around treed areas to allow the cyclists to test their skills. It does not require a very large area but can be quite hard on the environment and will need continuing maintenance. As with pump track, can be intrusive but does offer something to teenagers.

Skate park

Very attractive to a surprisingly wide range of children and adults (there is one at Eaton Park that is always in use). Expensive to build but low maintenance. Realistically about half a football pitch is needed for the park and for the participants. Could be somewhat noisy.

Trails for safe off road running, walking, horse riding

The roads and lanes in the area are extensively used for both competition and club cycling, recreational cycling, running, horse riding, and walking. Participants have to share road use with others, which can be dangerous. Areas can be developed within our green sites to provide facilities for walkers, recreational cycling, and horse riding (walking only). Paths would be multi use and laid out by close mowing of the existing grassland rather than hard landscaping (following the practices of Ladybelt Country Park in East Carleton).

Outdoor amphitheatre

This would support activities such as concerts and theatre. It could be used by both child and adult groups and clubs. Typically there is a raised stage area (although this can be temporary; there have been outdoor theatre events in the cloisters at the Cathedral), with adequate space for an audience. It needs to be sited away from traffic noise and may be intrusive during rehearsals and performances.

Wildflower and nesting bird protected areas

Some areas could be set aside to provide nesting sites for ground nesting birds, and the hedges managed to provide shelter and nesting sites for wildlife, and to encourage wildflowers and maintain biodiversity.

Woodland child adventure trail with a focus on the disabled

This could use existing or proposed woodland areas and could involve simple focused child centre adventure trails, allowing children to access and understand the wild environment. Particularly for disabled children, such facilities are very scarce in this vicinity. It will need good access for wheelchairs, as well as disabled toilet facilities nearby.

Multi use games area

A multi user games area (MUGA), is a hard, all-weather surface which allows a range of sporting activities throughout the year, such as netball, basketball, volleyball, and five a side football. The immediate MUGA area is again about half a football pitch. It would need to be fenced, have a

security gate and be flood lit. Will need access to changing and toilet facilities. It may be periodically noisy and the flood lights could also be intrusive.

Crazy golf pitch

Will require ongoing maintenance but useful activity for both adults and children. Unintrusive and does not need much space.

Additional community orchard

Provision for community orchards exist within current development plans. Potentially these could be expanded if the demand existed.

Greater allotment or community garden areas

There is some limited provision for allotments in ongoing developments. Expanding or creating community gardens will need proper management arrangements with users as well as access to water.