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Subject: RE: DC/19/2464 southwater phase 5

Hi Ines

I've had a chance to review this now. I think that there is a good argument for pushing this a little more towards a space for older children. Particularly because the provision for teens (currently skate park and mugs) is over 1km away.

I agree that the large climber unit would be good for sitting on in groups. Adding a tiered seating area in the northern part of the play space would help to make the space more well used by all genders. Roselund modular seating comes in a variety of colours and serves the purpose of creating multiple areas of seating as well as stage area. This could replace the seat and the tyre trainer which I don't believe would be well used, and also make up for the lack of additional swings that we requested.



In creating a space where older children feel comfortable, signage needs to be welcoming i.e. Welcome to The Hideout. No upper age restrictions. Include looking after the area, respecting each other and local residents, contact details for maintenance or repair. Include restrictions on drinking and smoking.

We need to be careful to ensure that the space isn't too secluded or a dead end, so I think there need to be some gaps in the planting to enable an escape route around each of the ponds.

I think they need to know that they must provide steel footings now, as they will cost it based on what this plan is.

We also need clarification on surfacing. It looks like it's loose bark mulch, which I don't think the parish will approve of (I think they will be taking it on). They also mention rubber crumb but clarity is needed on what this is – do they mean bonded rubber mulch which would be ok.

I agree it needs a linking path to allow all year around access and surfacing at the top and bottom of the slides.

Happy to discuss further.

Regards

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