

Innox Park Improvement Project - Proposal Feedback Report

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to summarise and respond to public feedback on the recently published proposal to improve Innox Park.

Background

Using section106 developer contributions from local developments, the Council has proposed a range of priority and longer term improvements for Innox Park to enhance it as a place for people and wildlife. The recommendations in the proposal are largely based on feedback from the initial phase of consultation but also take into account other relevant projects, studies and policies/strategies.

Consultation

The improvement proposal was presented at a drop-in event held at Rose Cottage Hub, Twerton High Street on the afternoon of Friday 16th November following which it was published on the Council's website. The drop-in event and publication of the proposal were promoted by email to those who had signed up for updates, on posters displayed at Innox Park and online via groups such as the 'Proud of Twerton, Whiteway and Southdown' facebook group. The window for feedback closed on 31st December 2018.

Feedback from the consultation

3 written responses were received by feedback form, each of which is anonymously reproduced and responded to on the following pages.

2 responses fully supported the proposal and 1 would support the proposal if some things were changed.

Outcome and Future Programme

The consultation has not identified any significant issues or opposition and the priority works identified in the proposal will now proceed.

Next steps:

- Tender work and produce a work plan for when the priority works will be delivered

- Continue to work with community to encourage the formation of a Friends of Innox Park group and identify opportunities for volunteers to help carry improve the park
- Continue to provide updates via web page, email subscription list and posters on site

Feedback form and written responses

Comments received at Consultation (anonymised) <i>(Note comments have been reproduced as submitted so include all spelling and grammatical errors uncorrected)</i>	Council Officer's Response
<p>Response via: Feedback form</p> <p>Do you support the proposed scheme? Your main reason why? I fully support the proposal. The rump of the hill space remains grassland. The updating and hopefully upgrading of the play area will attract greater use.</p> <p>The best thing about the proposed scheme is... That of leaving it still as predominantly an open space</p> <p>The proposed scheme could be made better if... The lower accesses to Highland Road were pathed to the main path and the access from the lower entrance from Stonehouse Road was both access point to access point and access point to somewhere along existing path to help people on-route to Freeview Road.</p> <p>Any other comments Happy that the earlier consultation has clearly been listened to and this is not just a PR exercise to a forced fit.</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Creating a surfaced path in this location has not been identified as a priority at this time and so does not feature as part of this proposal.</p>
<p>Response via: Feedback form</p> <p>Do you support the proposed scheme? Your main reason why? I fully support the proposal Innox is at the moment I feel a wasted space. I have used it a handful of times in the last 6 years. There isn't anything there worth going for. This would be great.</p>	<p>Thank you for your taking the time to provide feedback on the proposal.</p> <p>Low level solar lights were installed in the main pathway in 2017. Further lighting has not been identified as a priority at this time so does not feature in the proposal.</p>

<p>The best thing about the proposed scheme is... New play equipment, getting the community together. Courts for the older children</p> <p>The proposed scheme could be made better if... More lighting?</p> <p>Any other comments I certainly would be interested in fund raising to help for additional funds</p>	
<p>Response via: Feedback form</p> <p>Do you support the proposed scheme? Your main reason why? I would support the scheme if some things are changed. Trees, if these are not cut regularly they will spoil the views across the city from the park. More waste bins are needed (cannot see any on your plan)</p> <p>The best thing about the proposed scheme is... More seating, improved play area</p> <p>The proposed scheme could be made better if... The outdoor gym is dropped, along with the picnic area. These two areas will only attract the yobs as the park is used most of the time by dog walkers.</p> <p>Any other comments All the park wants is a few more seats and rubbish bins and grass mowed regularly. Most of the proposed scheme locals would not use or want (have been coming to the park for over sixty years).</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback.</p> <p>Unfortunately the council does not have funding to install and empty new bins at this time. More information on this subject can be found here. We are reviewing the location of bins at Innox Park. This will not result in an increase in the number of bins but it may be that old bins can be replaced and at the same time relocated to a place within the park where they are more likely to be used.</p> <p>It is clear from the consultation that people really value the views from Innox park. Trees will not be planted in locations which will spoil these views. Consideration will be given to how big the chosen tree species will be when fully grown.</p> <p>In the consultation survey results, 64% of respondents said that ‘Better opportunities for health and fitness i.e. an outdoor gym’ was either high or medium priority.</p> <p>68% of respondents feel that seating is either poor or very poor quality and 54% feel that picnic facilities are a high or medium priority.</p> <p>An outdoor gym and social seating/picnic area are proposed as a longer term improvements and will be subject to securing additional funding.</p>