

Westcroft Green – Active Zone Design Brief

Location: [Westcroft Green Space, Westcroft Avenue, Saxilby](#)

Vision:

A sustainable multi-generational play and fitness space that promotes physical activity, wellbeing, and community cohesion for children, teenagers, and adults within a natural environment.

Key Objectives

- Provide engaging play for ages 2–15
- Provide teen/adult fitness elements
- Inclusive and accessible design
- Natural/re-cycled materials (timber, rope, landform)
- Durable, low-maintenance infrastructure
- Maintain separation from quiet areas

Core Requirements

ACTIVE ZONE (Play, Movement & Teen Provision)

Children

- Trail based, with:
 - Monkey bars (most frequently requested)
 - Timber climbing structures, rope climbing nets, scramble nets
 - Balance beams, stepping logs, rope bridges
- Natural play features - grass mounds \ landform play
- Swing (including inclusive swing provision)
- Slide

Teenagers and Adults

- Trim trail / obstacle course
- Teen & older child fitness provision (pull-up bars, calisthenics)

Principles

- Natural aesthetic: Recycled plastic for durability?
- Progressive challenge: Suitable for multiple age groups/multiple age equipment
- Accessible routes, equipment, and surfaces
- Good sightlines for supervision
- Usable all year-round
- Safety compliant: BS EN 1176 standards

Contractors to provide:

- Concept layout (plan + visuals)
- Equipment specification and materials
- Surfacing and safety details
- Maintenance and lifecycle approach
- Accessibility statement
- Quote (with breakdown)

Budget

- a. A £15,000 design
- b. A £30,000 design

Westcroft Consultation Report: Executive Summary

Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council undertook a comprehensive community consultation to understand current use of Westcroft Green Space, identify priorities for future improvements, and ensure any development meets the needs of local residents.

The consultation ran for seven weeks and used a mixed-method approach including paper surveys delivered to all households, an online survey, targeted in-person events, school engagement, and displays at community venues.

In total, 468 survey responses were recorded, including strong participation from children and families, and additional qualitative feedback from free-text responses and discussions at events.

Findings indicate that Westcroft Green is a valued green space with significant unused potential. Currently, around half of respondents use the site regularly, but usage would rise substantially if improvements were made—particularly in relation to children’s play, natural trails, quiet spaces, and seating.

“Respondents expressed a clear preference for natural, low-impact design, combining active play opportunities with calm, sensory, and nature-led features.”

Qualitative analysis revealed several strong themes: demand for children’s play provision in this area of the village; a desire to preserve the natural character of the space; the need to balance users such as children, dog walkers, and quiet users; interest in provision for teenagers; and concerns regarding maintenance, longevity, and potential antisocial behaviour. A minority of respondents preferred no change, highlighting the emotional and environmental value of the existing space.

The strongest route forward is a carefully zoned approach that reconciles these priorities—providing natural play, nature-rich sensory spaces, and quiet seating areas, while maintaining the green character and biodiversity of the site. Nearly a quarter of respondents expressed willingness to volunteer, demonstrating strong community investment in future stewardship.

The full report is available online [\[add link\]](#).

Based on the results of the consultation, a zoned approach to the re-development of the site is felt to offer the best solution. The reflective zone with seating and sensory planting and bio-diversity element will be delivered in-house, with a contractor being sought to deliver active zone.

Site Sketches



