



Westcroft Green Space Project

Update to Planning and Development Committee

June 2026

Working Group Update

Active Zone – Play/Fitness Provider Engagement

- Initial quotes have now been received from Kompan, Proludic, Online Playgrounds, Playdale, and Rhino Play. These engagements will inform design development and pricing for the next stage of the project.
- A working group meeting is being arranged for June to discuss the initial plans.
- This information will inform the development of the final design which contractors will then formally quote for.
- Final options will then be narrowed down and go out for public consultation.
- The public consultation results will be shared with council to inform the decision-making process.
- Programme timings may need adjustment depending on receipt of the final design proposals.

Relaxation Zone and Imagination Zone

- A letter is being sent to nearby residents to advise of the plans for the relaxation zone
- The Marmax bench is being ordered for the area
- A comms update is scheduled for the project.

Funding position

£12,383	Current Ring-Fenced Budget
£37,050	Current budget estimate (£30,000 for active zone, £1,500 relaxation zone, £2,000 picnic benches, £2,000 imagination zone, contingency £3,550) – this is likely to increase as the imagination zone is costed, and excludes contingency)
-£24,667	Projected funding shortfall
£2,700	<i>Additional external funding in place for a consultant to deliver community consultation</i>

Potential Funding sources

- [One Earth](#) – Grant application being drafted to apply for £1,000 grant for the project. Parish council is confirmed as eligible. Deadline 29 June.
- Tesco
- National Lottery Awards for All
- [East Midlands Railway](#) the submission was not submitted prior to the closing date.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Note the update.

Background

Westcroft Greenspace is a council owned (LL187285), well-used greenspace within a residential area that currently offers limited recreational provision. Public consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan identified the redevelopment of this space as an important project for the area.

A former small wooden play area reached the end of its life and was removed a number of years ago. This left a largely open green area with benches, mature planting, and a single football goal.

While the space is valued for its natural character, there is an opportunity to enhance its usability and appeal.

Initial public consultation identified a strong desire to improve the site in a way that retains its green, informal feel while introducing thoughtful, and engaging features—particularly for those living in close proximity.

Although the village already benefits from a range of recreational facilities, these are located some distance from Westcroft Greenspace. With continued housing growth in the area, there is a clear need for accessible, local provision that complements—not duplicates—existing offer.

Initial Consultation

The council secured some funding from West Lindsey District Council for a consultant to carry out initial public consultation on what residents and users would like to see at Westcroft Greenspace.

The consultant's report recommends that Westcroft Greenspace re-development should be delivered using a carefully planned zoned approach, rather than as a single traditional playground or, conversely, leaving the site largely unchanged to meet the needs of different user types.

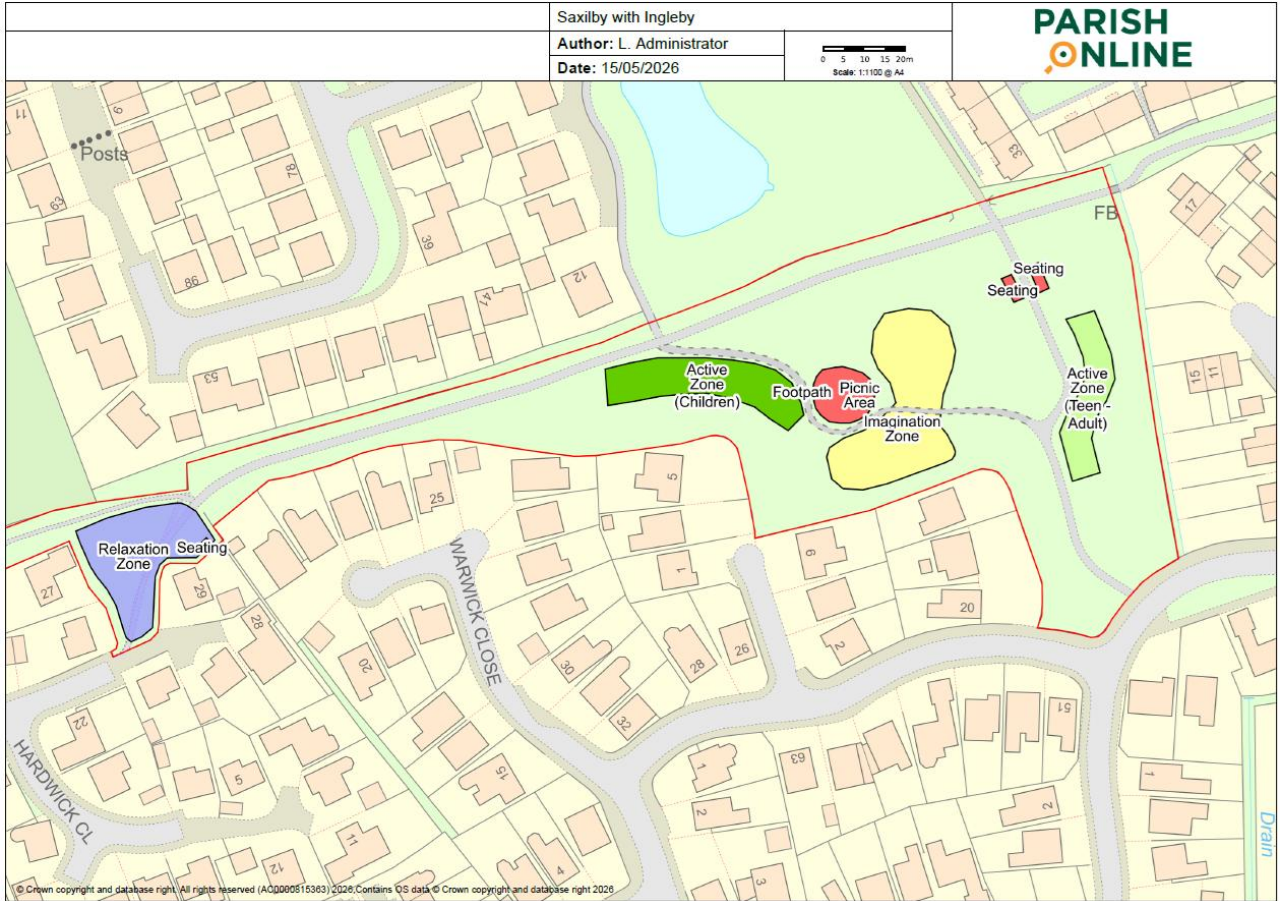
The consultation demonstrated strong support for providing more opportunities for children's play and fitness and for preserving the natural and peaceful character of the green space. The recommended approach is therefore to divide the site into complementary linked areas, each designed for a different purpose, so that a range of users can enjoy the space without one use dominating another or creating conflict.

The zones are:

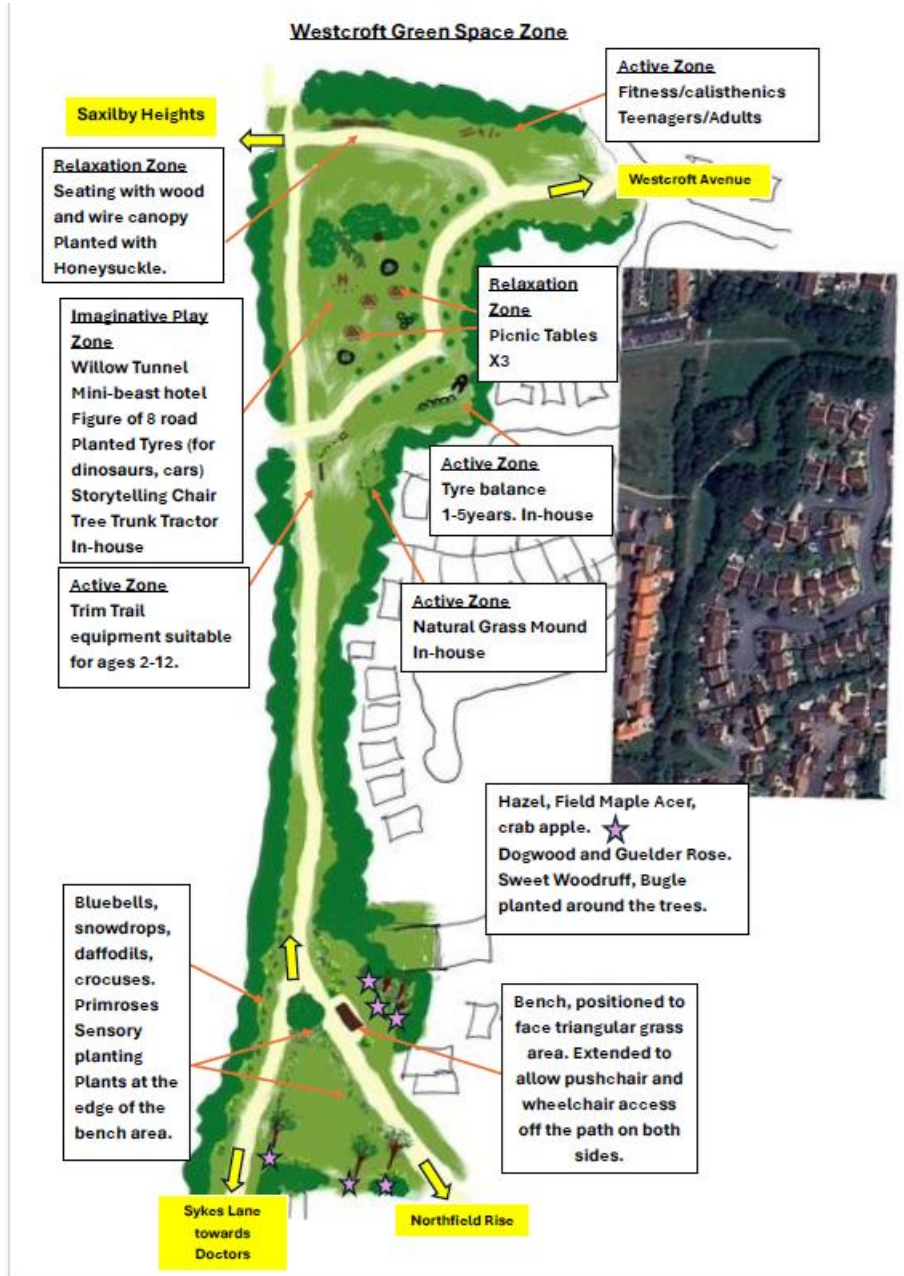
1. Active Zones (for play and fitness)
2. A Relaxation Zone (including seating and sensory planting)
3. An Imaginative Play Zone

The Active Zone would be designed and installed by a contractor, whilst the council would develop the relaxation and imaginative play areas directly, alongside community volunteers.

Overall Site Zone Indicative Sketch of Areas



Site Sketch with further details



Relaxation Zone Visual

Westcroft Green – Relaxation Zone 1

Westcroft Avenue
(towards Saxilby Heights)

★ Hazel, Field Maple Acer,
crab apple
Dogwood and Guelder Rose.
Sweet Woodruff, Bugle
planted around the trees.

Bluebells,
snowdrops,
daffodils,
crocuses.
Primroses
Sensory
planting
Plants at the
edge of the
bench area.

Bench, positioned to
face triangular grass
area. Extended to
allow pushchair and
wheelchair access
off the path.

Northfield Rise

Sykes Lane
towards
Doctors

