



Westcroft Green Space – Active Zone Design Brief

INTRODUCTION

Invitation to Contribute to Westcroft Green Redevelopment

Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council is inviting selected play companies to contribute initial ideas, concepts, and indicative costs for the redevelopment of Westcroft Green.

Westcroft Green is a well-used open space within a residential area that currently offers limited recreational provision. A former small wooden play area has been removed, leaving a largely open green with benches, mature planting, and a single football goal. While the space is valued for its natural character, both the Council and residents recognise the opportunity to enhance its usability and appeal.

Community consultation has identified a strong desire to improve the site in a way that retains its green, informal feel while introducing thoughtful, inclusive, 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 Green. With continued housing growth in the area, there is a clear need for accessible, local provision that complements—not duplicates—existing offer.

To achieve this, the Council is proposing a zoned layout, designed to create a natural flow through the space. The zones include:

- An Active Zone (subject of this invitation)
- A Relaxation Zone
- An Imaginative Play Zone

The Council will develop the relaxation and imaginative play areas directly, alongside community volunteers. We are therefore seeking your expertise to help shape the **Active Zone**, providing ideas that are:

- Visually sympathetic to a green, open setting
- Suitable for a range of ages and abilities
- Durable, low maintenance, and high quality
- Innovative but appropriate to a semi-natural environment

Indicative layouts have been prepared; however, we welcome your professional input and alternative suggestions where these may improve the overall scheme.

This is an early engagement stage. Concepts will be shared with the community, after which a shortlist of three to four companies will be invited to submit detailed designs and firm costings for final consideration.

The Council will be undertaking fundraising and seeking match funding, with the aim of delivering the project later this year.

We look forward to seeing how your experience and creativity can help shape a space that is both functional and valued by the community.

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 2–12
- 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

ACTIVE ZONE (Play, Movement & Teen Provision)

Core Requirements

Children

- Trail based, with:
- Monkey bars (most frequently requested)
- Timber climbing structures, rope climbing nets, scramble nets
- Balance beams, stepping logs, rope bridges
- 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

Create a £30,000 option – with a full cost breakdown split into children and teenagers/adults

WESTCROFT CONSULTATION

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. A number of respondents expressed willingness to volunteer, demonstrating strong community investment in future stewardship.

The full report is available online – [Westcroft Greenspace Consultation Report](#)

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





