Westcroft Green Space Project
Update to Planning and Development Committee
November 2026

Working Group Update

Active Zone – Play/Fitness Provider Engagement

- Initial quotes have been received from Kompan, Proludic, Online Playgrounds, Playdale, and Rhino Play. These engagements are informing the design and budget for the next stage of the project.
- 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

- Grounds to have installed the new base and bench in November.
- Planting to be undertaken by councillors/volunteers during autumn

Imagination Zone

- Not yet started.

Funding

- A £25,000 grant application has been made to West Lindsey District Council, following submission of a successful expression of interest on 01 October 2026. The outcome is pending and will be fed back to committee.
- Cllr Lee and Cllr Brockway have been contacted to ask about whether the LCC Cllr Grant and WLDC Cllr Grants could be applied for towards the project
    - Cllr Lee has supported an application of £250 from their WLDC Cllr Grant Fund which has been submitted based on the agreed project brief on 01 October 2026. Acceptance has been received.
    - Cllr Brockway supports an application of £250 from their WLDC Cllr Grant Fund. This is to be actioned.
    - Cllr Brockway supports an application to the LCC Fund, the amount has not been confirmed. This is to be actioned.
- Lincolnshire Co-op Community Champions offers grant funding.

Funding position

£37,050	Current budget estimate
	£30,000 Active zone
	£1,500 Relaxation zone
	£2,000 Picnic benches
	£2,000 Imagination zone
	£3,550 Contingency
-£21,551	Current funding shortfall

Income and Expenditure

	Accounts (£)	Relaxation Zone	Active Zone	Imagination Zone
Ring Fenced Budget Opening	**12,383.07**			
Marmax Bench	-440.00	-440.00		
One Earth Grant	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Cake Bake Income (MUGA opening)	391.60			
Agreed CIL (part of Apr 2026 inc.) Trans. of RFF from CIL RFF	2,164.68			
Ring Fenced Budget Closing	**15,499.35**			

The budget position has increased in the last month due to the cake sale and transfer of CIL funds to the project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Note the update.**
2. **Agree to apply for Lincolnshire Co-op Community Funding for the project when the fund re-opens**

Appendix 1: 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.

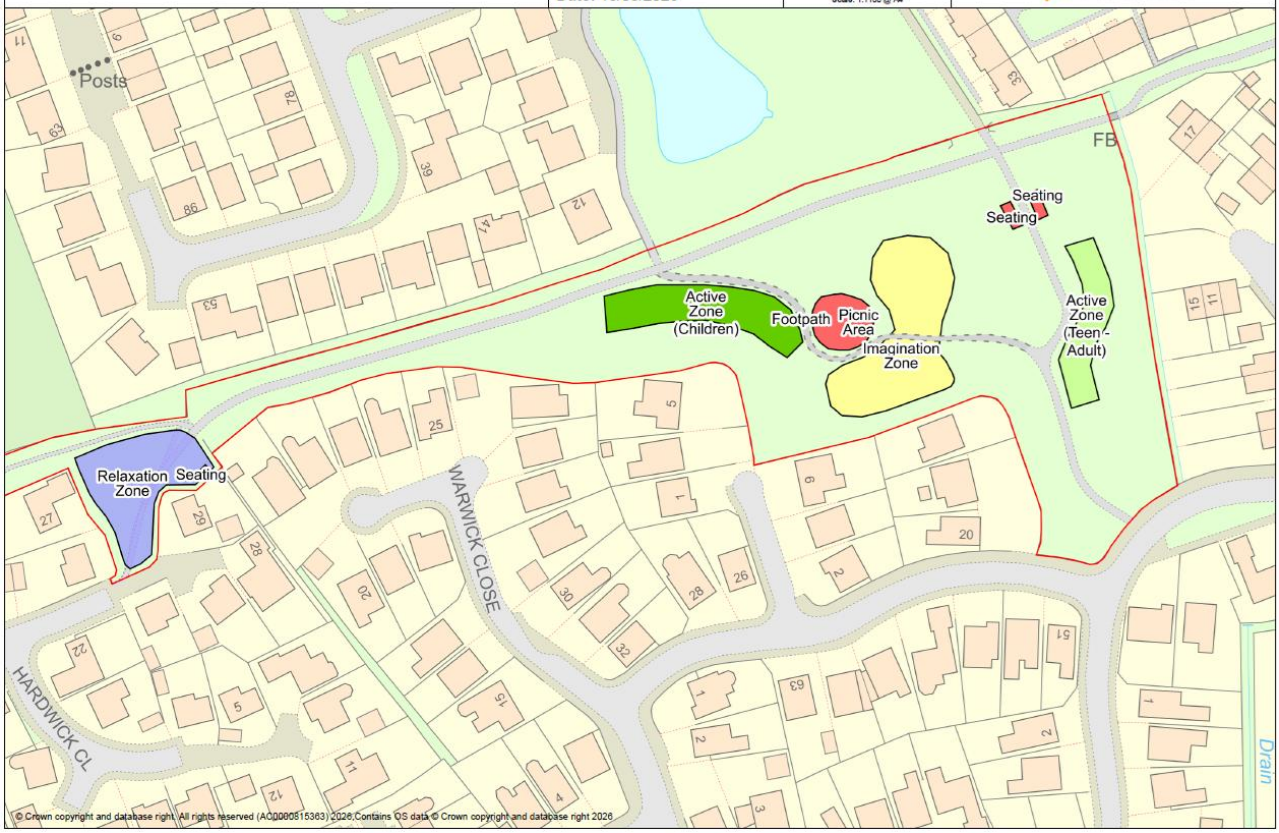
The zones are:

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

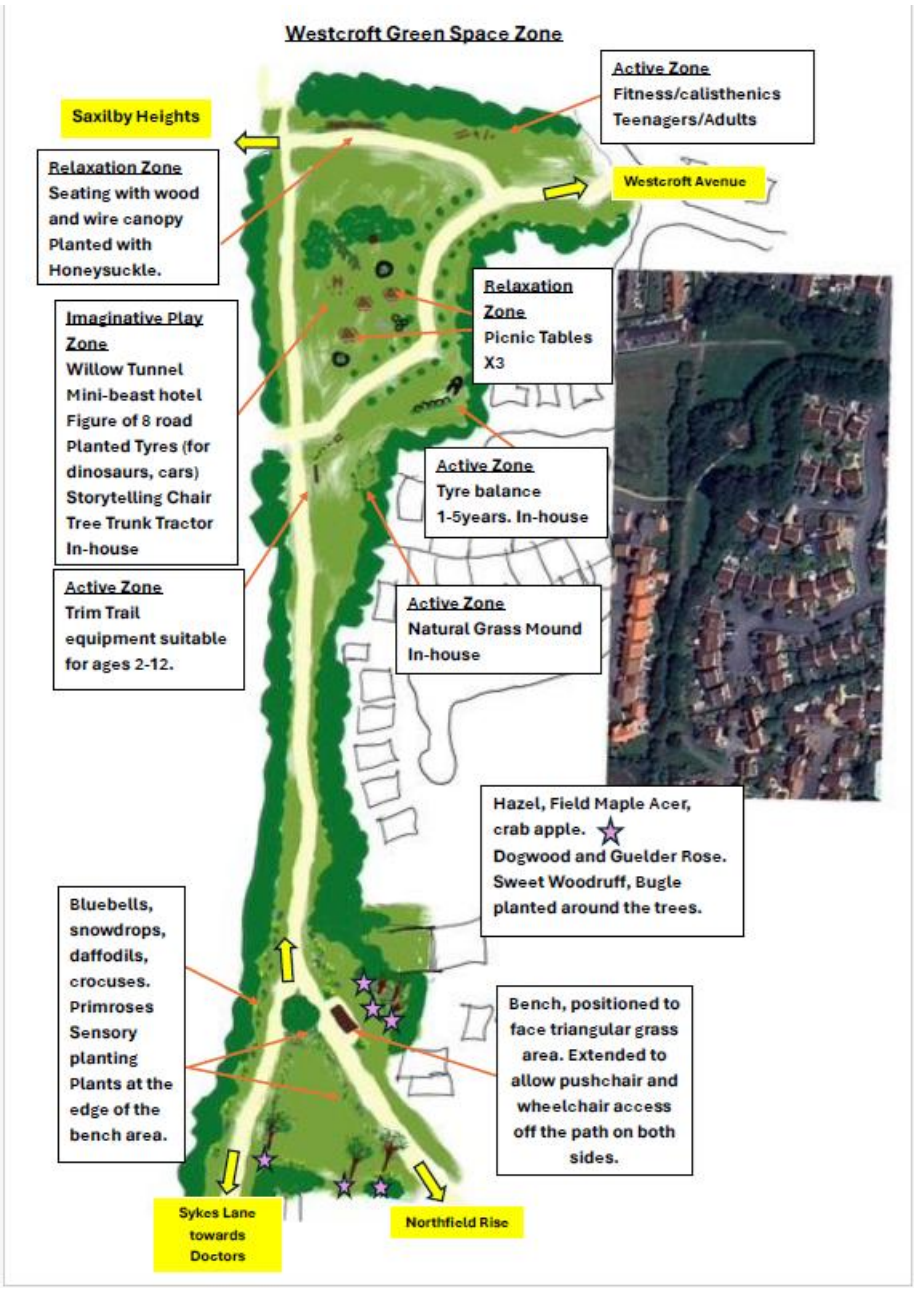
The Active Zone would be designed and installed by a contractor, whilst the council would develop the relaxation and imaginative play areas directly, alongside community volunteers.

Overall Site Zone Indicative Sketch of Areas

	Saxilby with Ingleby	PARISH ONLINE
	Author: L. Administrator	0 5 10 15 20m Scale: 1:1100 @ A4
	Date: 15/05/2026	



Site Sketch with further details



Relaxation Zone Visual



