



Barham Park Trust Committee
28 January 2015

**Report from the Director of Environment
and Neighbourhoods**

For Action

Wards affected:
Sudbury

Provision of Outdoor Gym and site location

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 To consider whether the Trust wants an outdoor gym to be provided at Barham Park and if so to agree the location for the outdoor gym. The funding is available from S106 monies and by a grant from Wembley National Stadium Trust and is therefore at no cost to the Trust.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Members agree that an outdoor gym be installed at Barham Park.
- 2.2 Select a preferred location for the outdoor gym from the options proposed in paragraphs 3.12 and shown on the attached plan.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 In the summer of 2014, the Council bid on behalf of the Trust for external funding to create an outdoor gym in Barham Park. The application was successful and Wembley National Stadium Trust (WNST) Fund will provide £20,000 (approx. 50%) of the total costs for the supply and installation of the gym with the remaining money allocated from S106 funding. Funding the outdoor gym is therefore available at no cost to the Trust, however there will be ongoing inspection and maintenance costs associated with the provision of the gym.
- 3.2 Officers have put together a number of potential locations for the outdoor gym in Barham Park.
- 3.3 The outdoor gym would consist of a macadam base with a number of outdoor gym equipment stations spread across the macadam surface. Although the size will not be confirmed until bids are received, the approximate size of the outdoor gym would be 100m² with approximately eight pieces of equipment that would provide 12 stations or exercises.
- 3.4 Below is a list of the proposed locations within the Park along with each locations advantages and disadvantages. A site plan is attached as Appendix A with the letters associated with the table below shown on the plan.

- 3.5 A planning application would be submitted for the provision of the gym on the agreed preferred location.

Location Reference	Advantages	Disadvantages
A	Away from houses Provide opportunities for parents to exercise whilst child is in playground	Funfair would be located very close to the gym and may not be usable when the funfair is on site. Close to children's play area and may get heavily used by children who are not the target users of this equipment. Potential to create 'hang-out' area in park. May get complaints that it is located too close to the playground
B	Close to existing footpaths Central location so easily accessible from the east and west park entrances. Away from houses Visible from Harrow Road	Potential to create 'hang-out' area in park.
C	Close to existing footpath Close to entrance near Easily accessible from east entrance of park Visible from Harrow Road	Potential to create 'hang-out' area in park. Less accessible than option B Closer to Old Peoples Home off Copeland Avenue
D	Away from houses Centrally located	Potential to create 'hang-out' area in park Very close to historic core of park Somewhat 'tucked away'. Poor visibility from the road Close to the parks Building.

- 3.6 Officers preferred locations is location reference B

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The installation costs will be funded by external funding and s106 contributions. The ongoing inspection and maintenance costs will form part of the overall running costs of the park met by the Council's Sports and Parks service

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 The terms and conditions of the grant from the Wembley National Stadium Trust (WNST) Fund are similar to grant terms applicable to other funds for recreational and sporting facilities and equipment .
- 5.2 The use of the land as a gym is consistent with the recreational purposes of the Trust and the Section 5 of the Charities Act 2011.



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