

## **Highcliffe Play Area Questionnaire Results**

### **Comments on age range for Gordon Avenue**

- Younger children as it's a small site so not as likely to be popular with older kids who will run about.
- It currently has no swings for over 2 years old. Equipment is random and does not cater for anyone. Poor repair. Football goal is on concrete! Grass is uneven, not enough soft fall ground.
- It's nice to have a specific park for young children.
- All ages as they may not need the older stuff now they will be growing into bigger attractions and its good to have something for all on same site if possible.
- 1-8 as children have to go with parents as park is not overlooked and quite secluded.
- 4-13 because most children who live in Highcliffe are this age.
- 4-11. It's a small space so realistically cannot cater for all ages but much better use could be made of the space that is there.
- Younger children as it's a smaller area and handy for quick trips from the top end of the estate.
- 1-7. Dedicated to little children to build confidence socialising with other children.
- Wider age range especially with changes in user numbers on KGV when leisure centre arrives. Older kids equipment.

### **Comments on age range for KGV**

- All ages. It seems to be a central hub for the children especially from All Saints, splitting age groups at a site seems odd as families often have children of various ages.
- Should cater for all primary school age children as many use the park after school.
- More equipment for older children as this park is more suitable for children to visit alone.
- I have young children now but they will grow up and I will want them to enjoy it. At the moment specifically for under 5s but in 2020 my children will be 4 and 2.
- 6-14. Most people who play here are this range.
- 2-12. Maybe cater for older children next to the skate board / BMX area. Why not have some equipment for adults like rowing machines and treadmills?

- This area has huge potential because of the space available and other facilities already in place that already attract a wide audience.
- Preschool and primary age – those are the majority of the kids I see there. Having the skate park is good for older kids. I don't see many people using the football / basketball bit.
- All ages as now – but the skate park section is really important for older children. Please don't just focus on under 5s.
- All age groups should be catered for, for families living and growing up in the area.

### **Comments on facilities for KGV**

- It's pretty good already with the ramps, basketball area, small climbing frames and zip wire. Suits kids of various ages. A water park would be good.
- Equipment teens and adults can use, works well in Walpole Park, Gosport.
- Existing equipment is pretty good. Encourage more adults to use the area. More people = greater safety.
- Swings, balance trail, climbing frames, sand area those ones with equipment to lift and pour sand or just open sand to play in, roundabouts are also popular.
- Safer access, hedges trimmed better, council vans can't be seen on corners, more poo and litter bins.
- Bearing in mind the new building housing 52+ older people nearby plenty of seating, shelter and toilets.
- The skate park is very popular with children of all ages.

### **General Comments**

- KGV facilities are always very good and the diversity of equipment for various age groups works well.
- So pleased that Gordon Avenue is being done, please, please do it well and make it worth while.
- Please consider engaging and encouraging Highcliffe children to use the new park as an area for exercise and fresh air. They mainly go to hang out. There is increasing vandalism, littering and abuse to younger children as in my opinion there isn't enough for them to do. The existing play area is too young. You must consider joining up with the leisure centre / KGV play area via the field or this will continue.
- Move the table tennis table to the leisure centre site (outside the café) and let the café operate the sign in and out of bats and balls. This will mean that it will be used.

- Raised beds with wild flowers, maybe have raised horticultural beds with local gardeners growing edible plants / herbs etc. Maybe have a very well protected grow a tree area, monitor the growth in 2018, one metre, 2017 1-5m etc.
- Bushes and trees to hide in are important for engaging imagination in play. Activities where children can make up their own games and adventures. A large red wooden vehicle for children to climb in and out of all at the same time.
- No scary faces painted on sides of play equipment (we had this a few years ago – very horrible) a concrete path to roller skate along placed around a field so children can keep going round without stopping.
- The best parks have a toddler area which is separate to older children's area.
- It is vitally important that children have green playing space.
- Train at Abbey Gardens is excellent for imaginative play as well as promoting physical adventurousness for all ages.
- The play grounds are all too childish for us aged 14 and 17
- The existing KGV site has given my grandson and other occasional guests great pleasure. Facilities like these in Winchester are generally pretty good and well maintained. I don't think people here realise how lucky they are! Maybe there needs to be a campaign to get them to use the facilities more, keep up the good work.
- Winchester's playground provision varies considerably but those in our area (Highcliffe) are outdated and poorly conceived.
- KGV is very exposed. Whether hot or cold, it's totally open, always feel the extremes – trees would be great! Play area should have freedom for kids to explore and take some risks. KGV is often very quiet. I think it is partly that it is exposed also that the equipment is limited, best thing is the zip wire.
- We have been really saddened to see the takeover of the North Walls skate park by adults and drug users. The mess, the swearing and the constant stench of weed – not to mention the warning from our local headteachers – means that a fantastic resource is effectively denied to local tweens and young teens. We'd hate KGV to become too attractive to this type of user and please push for greater enforcement at North Walls.
- Football areas never cleaned after matches – bottles, tape, coffee cups etc. left after use
- Cars on site are dangerous, need to know what's happening – timetable.
- Maybe a dirt track for skaters and bikes for older children (smaller version of skater track by river park leisure centre.)
- Play area should be a stimulating, creative, adventure and immersive experience.
- Something for everybody, not only athletes, like the memorial park in Romsey.
- Have a look at Knightwood Park.