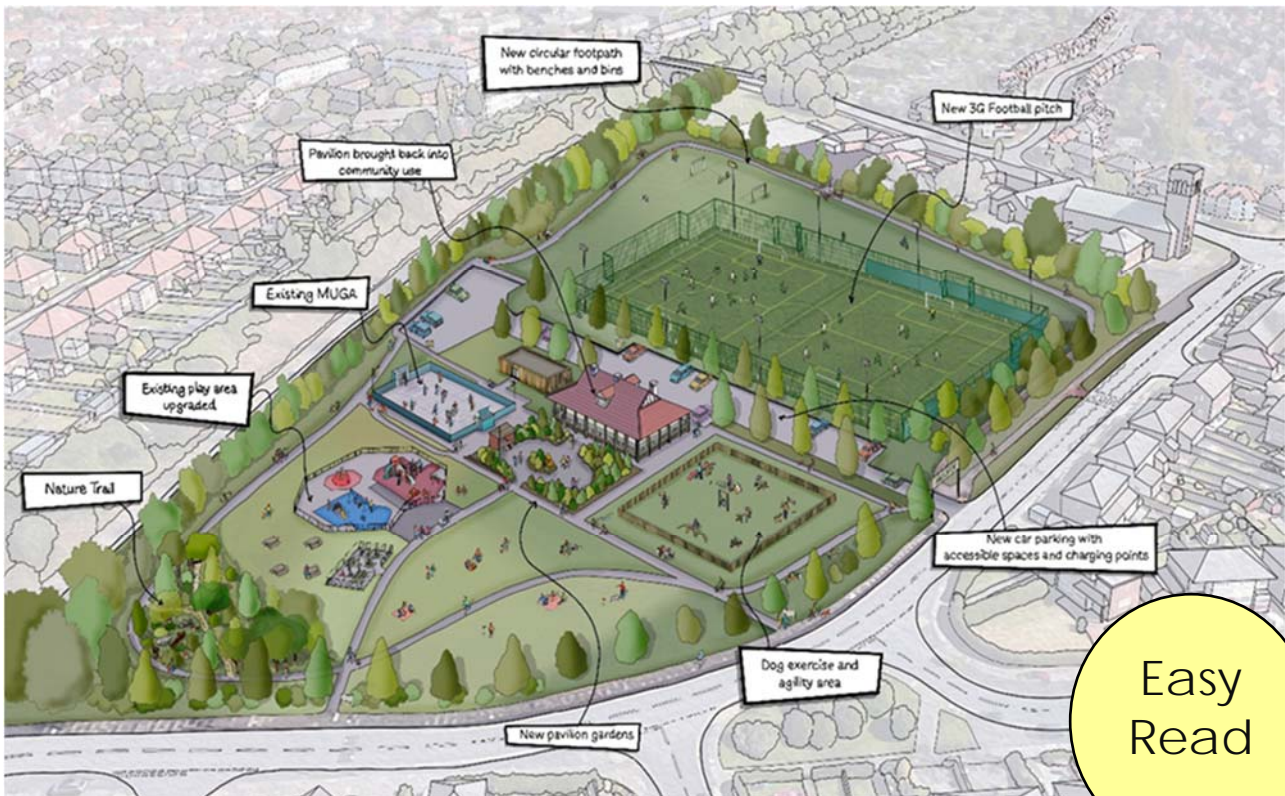


Orrell Mount Park Consultation – Background Information

Sefton Council wants people to be part of a consultation for the development of Orrell Mount Park in Bootle.



The consultation is being run by FMG Consulting for the Council.



This consultation will give more information about the plans for Orrell Mount Park. It will ask questions and give opportunity for people to share their ideas.

The consultation starts on Monday 30th May till Friday 22nd July 2022.



How to have your say



More information about the ideas are on the website www.sefton.gov.uk/orrellmount



The information includes

- Design ideas including plans
- Timeframe – when things start and end.
- Benefits to the local community of the development.



Online consultation

The online survey is on Survey Monkey. Search for Orrell Mount Park or follow this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/OrrellMountPark>



You can also use your smart phone to scan this code. This will take you to the online consultation.



Paper consultation

If you need a paper questionnaire you can pick them up and drop them off from

- Litherland Sports Park - Boundary Road, Litherland, L21 7LA
- Bootle Library, 220 Stanley Road, Bootle, L20 3EN









Meetings

There will be meetings between local councillors and interested groups.



Drop-In sessions

There will be times available for people to drop in and find out more about the plans. This will be a chance to ask questions about the 3G pitch and the masterplan for Orrell Mount Park.

Date	Time	Place
<p>Thursday June 9</p>		<p>Litherland Youth and Community Centre 41 Sefton Road Litherland L21 9HD</p>
<p>Thursday June 9</p>		<p>Litherland Sports Park Boundary Road Litherland L21 7LA</p>
<p>Thursday June 9</p>		<p>Kings Leadership Academy Hawthorns Fernhill Road Bootle L20 6AQ</p>
<p>Monday July 11</p>		<p>The Inclusion Network CIC Northfield Community Centre Kings Avenue Bootle L20 0BZ</p>
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More information about the Masterplan for Orrell Mount Park.



The Masterplan is about the whole area of Orrell Mount Park.

The consultation will ask about the ideas for the 3G pitch and changing rooms. The funding for this has been agreed.



A 3G pitch is an artificial grass pitch that can be used all year in all weathers.

The consultation will also ask about the wider area and the ideas to develop Orrell Mount Park.

Funding is needed for this part of the project and will be looked at after the consultation feedback has been considered.



Parking



The masterplan includes a driveway and car parking. The car park would have disabled spaces and electric vehicle charging.

Outer Path and Dog exercise area



The masterplan includes a path that would go around the outside of the park. The path can be used for walks or runs. There would also be a dog exercise area that is fenced and safe for dogs to be off their leads.

Building



There is a pavilion building in the park. The masterplans want to make improvements to this building including

- A walkway around the building and wheelchair access
- Changing rooms in the basement
- The rest of the building for community groups to use
- New garden area with the possibility of a community café.





Play equipment

- Toddler and junior play equipment
- Outdoor gym
- Multi Use Games Area

Would all stay in the park.

At the side of the proposed 3G pitch will be a green space with goal posts.



Park furniture

The plans have new areas of the park such as the outer path and nature trail. Benches that are there will be refreshed, and new ones put in. Other Park furniture would also be added, such as bins.



Trees and shrubs

The plans include more trees and shrubs. This would help to make a nice view and healthy environment.

Lighting



The Multi Use Games Area is near the back of the park and is already lit up. The plans to have a lit up 3G pitch that includes special lights that only light up the pitch. The lights would only be on during certain agreed hours.

Use of the park in the future

Orrell Mount Park would stay a neighbourhood park.

New community events and activities would be welcomed.



Activities could include

- Fun days
- Sports days
- Educational activities
- Nature walks



More information about the plans for the 3G pitch and new changing rooms.



Why do we need 3G pitches in Sefton?

There are 3 full sized 3G football pitches in Sefton. We have identified that 12 full sized pitches are needed in Sefton. Orrell Mount Park has been proposed as a place to have a 3G pitch.



What are the benefits of 3G pitches?

Sports England says 3G artificial pitches are

- Safe
- Long lasting
- Available all year round
- Able to be used a lot
- Weatherproof

This means people can have more chance to use the pitch and get the health and social benefits of being active.



Who will use and take care of the 3G pitch and changing rooms?

It is proposed that the Jamie Carragher Foundation which is a not-for-profit social enterprise would manage the 3G pitch and changing rooms. They want to have a safe space for children, young people, and other members of our community to play and learn.



Some of their priorities include

- Supporting people who are disadvantaged
- Creating new women and girls football teams
- Walking football
- Veterans football
- Affordable holiday camps for local children
- Sessions for people with disabilities
- Crime prevention projects
- Facilities for local schools to use.





How will clubs and players benefit?

Using a Sefton Council owned facility would be cheaper for teams than other places.

A full size 3G pitch is larger so more teams can practice at the same time.

More practice can happen if the weather is bad.

What about local schools?

St Robert Bellarmines is the closest school.

They have been offered free use of the pitch.



Other schools can already use other football pitches in Sefton for their sports days. If they would like to use the 3G pitch this can be discussed. There is a School's Games Organiser in South Sefton.

They are a community partner and work with local schools.

What about other local clubs?



There are groups that currently use the field area. This includes Silcox Villa FC, Northfield FC and other football groups. These have been offered the use of the 3G pitch and facilities.

Is it going to be noisy?



There has been checks with Environmental Health and a Noise Impact Assessment completed.

They recommended having a natural sound reducing barrier put around the part of the pitch.

The sound barrier would be made of trees.



This would reduce the noise coming from the pitch when it is being used.



When would the floodlights be on?

The lights would automatically change to come on at different times in summer and winter.

The lights can be changed to only light up the part of the pitch which is being used.



The times the lights would be used are between 8am – 10pm on Monday to Friday
8am – 8pm at Weekends and on Bank holidays

Would anti-social behaviour be a problem?

The area would be used more by community groups and there would be more lights. This will mean that more people are around using the pitch so anti-social behaviour is less likely.



Funding to look after and secure the area means the proposed 3G pitch facility will provide a solution to any issues of antisocial behaviour.



Are 3G pitches bad for your health?

There is no scientific evidence that 3G pitches are bad for health. There is little concern for human health being affected by 3G pitches.



What about the impact on the environment?

- The changing room building will have renewable wood cladding on the outside.
- There will be 4 electric car charge points in the car park.
- 3G pitches do not need to be watered or fertilised like grass pitches.
- The pitch is made from environmentally friendly materials like recycled rubber tyres and sand.



More information about the Landscape and Park Improvements

Would the Council do anything to the Pavilion building?



We want to refurbish the pavilion in the future. It is not part of this consultation. If we build the 3G pitches and changing rooms we would be in a better position to ask for funding for the pavilion in the future.

Will local parking be affected?



Highway officers have looked at the ideas. The report says it will not have a negative impact of local roads. It will not cause a large increase in traffic and the roads and junctions will not get jammed.

The new car park will help the car parking issues which already exist.

Why has planning approval already been approved? Has the decision already been made?



The £750,000 to pay for the pitch is a grant from the Football Foundation. To get the grant money the planning permission had to be agreed.

In October 2020 planning permission was asked for. People who live closest were consulted as well as local interested groups. The application was also open for the public to see and comment on. This is part of the planning rules.



The feedback and concerns were about

- Noise
- Parking
- Traffic
- Anti social behaviour

The councillors on the planning group make their decisions by listening to local interests and national priorities.

You can see the planning document and reports at www.sefton.gov.uk/planning



You will need to look for ref numbers DC/2020/02027 for the main application and ref number DC/2021/01276 for extra information.