

Stafford Orchard Project – Final Consultation

Early in 2006 the Parish Council decided to submit a bid to the National Lottery's Parks for People initiative for money to refurbish Stafford Orchard Park. We produced a plan and asked for your views. 98% liked the plan we submitted to the Lottery in March 2007. The Heritage Lottery Fund gave the plan a Stage One pass in September 2007. This means that £650,000 of lottery money is now earmarked for the project provided that we produce acceptable and detailed plans for the park by September this year. The Lottery also gave us a grant of £32,000 to do this development work.

We have taken your views and suggestions from last year on board and although the revised plan for the Stafford is now in its final stages, there is still time to comment on the proposals.

The main proposals are:

- a. Improved youth facilities – including an equipment area for the older age group and a skateboard street section
- b. Multi-use games area
- c. Younger children's play - a new themed play area in the same location up to current standards, mainly for the under 8s.
- d. Outdoor classroom – an enclosed grassed area, close to the younger children's play equipment, available as a classroom, meeting point and picnic area.
- e. Better sports provision – the large grassed area of Stafford Orchard will be levelled, drainage improved and grassed to provide space for range of formal and informal activities.
- f. Performance area – to allow the Park to be better used for community organised events. Re-sited, smaller and not now to be permanently canopied.



- g. Picnic facilities by the brook and lots more seats
- h. Sensory Garden – a new footpath on the Station Road side of Stafford Orchard will be the setting for a formal sensory garden, easily accessible and using plants chosen for their historical interest.
- i. Access – All footways through the Park will be improved to current standards and be usable by everyone. The main route through the park from the Station Road car park to School Lane and the Old School forms part of the ‘safe route’ through the village centre and will be lit.
- j. Entrance points – the park can be accessed from a number of points, all of which will be made welcoming and informative. The access from Station Road by the shops in particular will be improved as the main entrance to the park with access to improved toilets, information and local facilities.
- k. Boundaries – the condition of the park boundaries will be improved with treatments appropriate to their location and historical context.
- l. Management and Maintenance – there will be a 10 year Management & Maintenance plan, a full time groundsman, volunteer park wardens, and CCTV. The park will be maintained to Green Flag standards.

If you would like to comment on the plans:

(a) pick up a consultation form from the Parish Office in the High Street, or

(b) download and print a consultation form from www.quorndon.com, or

(c) visit Quorn Parish Council’s stand at the May Day Fair on Stafford Orchard on Saturday 3rd May.

Please return consultation forms to the parish office by Friday 9th May.

