

Make your mark on Beggarwood Park
Beggarwood Park Draft Masterplan Consultation
Text Responses
Total responses received - 61

What sort of facilities would you like to see in the building? If Other, please state.	Frequency
(Not answered)	49
Hall hire	1
Picnic area	1
Sports area	1
Parking for the current allotment as originally agreed.	1
Family pub with garden for kids.	1
Nothing	1
None	1
More allotments.	1
Wildlife study centre	1
Youth club	1
Bar	2

Community building and car park. Do you have any other comments about this?	Frequency
Only that it should be fully supported by the local police to ensure no problems in the evenings/night which applies in general.	1
(Not answered)	23
Very concerned about a building in this area due to vandalism and the current drug problem.	1
I am not keep to have open space taken up with a building or car parking on site.	1
The building is not necessary and will just be another target for vandalism	1
There is a community centre at the top of Kempshott Lane that remains generally unused, why spend money building another, and Hatch Warren Community Centre serves just as well.	1
Toilets should be part of cafe so only available when there is someone to manage them.	1
I think this is a great idea, I would like to see more for the younger kids as I have a 3 year old and new born.	1
I see no need for a building.	1
Would hate to see anything that might encourage vandalism or gypsies.	1
See attached sheet.	1
Strongly feel there should be a family pub with garden for kids as there is nothing up here. A takeaway shop.	1
In its decision to build Beggarwood Lane, BDBC stated that it would "keep the visually proposed slopes leading up the The Crests of the riggetline free of development!	1
Facilities should be available for teenagers to meet (preferably near the housing estate to have a game of Darts, play Table Tennis etc.	1
The purpose of this building is unclear. Further investigation is needed to establish whether a building is required or not. However, a small car park may be useful for park visitors.	1
No thanks - it would look awful.	1

Who will staff such a building, manage it, be the responsible key holder at night etc? Hatch Warren had a lot of trouble with vandalism, may this not happen in Beggarwood also?	1
No, no building ever - not needed - not wanted. This would encroach on Skylarks nesting grounds.	1
Keep the park as it is! Definitely NO building - don't we already have a community centre, literally 2 minutes from the park?	1
Exhibition equipment/services to support community arts displays and similar.	1
I feel a building would spoil the scenery of the park.	1
I am in agreement with a building and think that the proposed naturalistic style will blend into the landscape well. The building does not need to be too big.	1
There is a large and adequate community space in Hatch Warren. Any structural work will only encourage vandalism, as seen at the community centre. Has parking really ever been such a big problem that you need to flatten an area of land to build a new one?	1
I am over 2 years on the waiting list at Beggarwood allotments. Please help.	1
Young people need play and fun area for sports as well. Same as mature people need ground to grow vegetables i.e. allotments.	1
There should not be access for cars to park. There is sufficient parking in the car park already there as it is for local residents. Also there are Skylarks in the grass area at the top of the park, we will lose these.	1
This area should be left natural and unspoiled. No building is needed or desirable in this area.	1
A community centre would be a useful facility. The money for all the other plans below, should be spent on the instead. The rest should be left natural.	1
Should be unspoiled. Building not needed in area. Centre already within easy reach.	1
This space should be used for education as well as other community uses. This is supposed to be a countryside park so it offers a great opportunity to educate children about nature and different habitats etc.	1
A building is not necessary. According to the results from the first consultation most people would rather leave area unspoilt. A building would increase traffic and vandalism and represent a waste of money when facilities are already provided 5 minutes away in Hatch Warren (behind Sainsbury's).	1
Most people in this area do not want a building! The results of your questionnaire prove this. Please, please do not add a building or car park.	1
A building like this would attract even more unruly teenagers late at night, far more extra traffic when the road really should have been a cul-de-sac with the entrance to the shops on Beggarwood Lane. It would be nice to leave the park as a nature area.	1
NO BUILDING! This centre does not seem necessary as there is a well used community centre in Kempshott, very close walking distance from proposed site. Making a residential area more busy by directing traffic round small roads is an accident waiting to happen.	1
This meant to be a community park - cars should definitely not be accommodated.	1
Extra car parking by new building	1
Availability of a cafe/bar will extend use from day to evening.	1
The building should be multi-use. Maybe Youth Clubs, OAP's Morning Coffee etc.	1
Parking should be made available at the building.	1
No building please! We don't need one. It will attract vandals, yobs, graffiti artists, drinking binges and other sorts who will make it unsafe to go there. If you need another building, use the doctors surgery which will be available soon.	1
Why another car park - if you must have this building use the park in front of the Co- op and Kidi Caru. Also if it must be built then provide a hall for fitness classes etc.	1

Play area and bike track. What type of equipment would you like to see us provide in these areas?	Frequency
(Not answered)	24
A helter-skelter, monkey bars, 'spider web', climbing ropes.	1
Sandpit. Shelter with children's facilities under (i.e. Swings with ?)	1
Mini golf. Tennis rackets and balls.	1
Similar to the equipment provided on Old Down play area.	1
Adventure type play facilities with climbing and slides also seating areas for parents and bins.	1
Natural play equipment to fit area.	1
Swings, slides, climbing frames - play area. Water play - play area. Ramps etc. - bike track.	1
Anything would be great, anything bigger and newer than the small parks we already have.	1
Things that children over 5 would like to play on.	1
General climbing equipment.	1
Decent park - big slides - CCTV	1
Bike track with bumps etc. as has been made of the amphitheatre.	1
There are areas suitable for 1-5's among the estate houses, so I would like to see adventure-type play facilities for slightly older children.	1
for children 2-8 years. Parks, swings, frames etc. and picnic area.	1
Swings, slides etc. and climbing frames.	1
Climbing frames. Adventure playground.	1
Natural assault course, wooden equipment, Zip wire. Different to general local parks.	1
Swings, slides, apparatus for climbing etc. I suggest to take a look at the playing park at Brighton Hill near the Gillies Health Centre.	1
Nothing - too much rubbish on our park already.	1
Skateboard park	1
None. This will just encourage youths, rubbish, broken glass. The council put a wooden sign, beautifully made, at the entrance. It was destroyed within 2 days.	1
Non-vandalism proof - ensuring this is not a congregation area for older children.	1
No view on the type of equipment providing it is very vandal proof.	1
Something that can't be vandalised.	1
Sling, i.e. used to see in Riverside, Reading. Children hang in seat-loop sling from one base to another base height. Climbing frame like in Eastrop Park.	1
The bike track would be better placed where the kickabout area is proposed. There are a lot of play areas in Beggarwood.	1
None	5
Adventure playground style. The area is already served by other small more traditional play areas elsewhere on the estate. Materials should reflect that it is a countryside park not a town park.	1
Climbing frame, swings	1
Not a concern	1
Benches - nothing else!	1
There are sufficient play areas for 5-10 year olds in other parts of the Beggarwood estate. The bike track would be useful for the 10-15 year olds.	1
Low level railings for bikes	1

Play area and bike track. Do you have any other comments about these? Frequency

(Not answered)	28
Needs to be monitored for damage.	1
I don't think metal skateboard ramps etc. are in keeping with the style and feel of the site. Unlike the earth mounds etc. of a bike track which fit with the natural site.	1
There are plenty of facilities in the local area, adding any to Beggarwood is another target and also areas where youngsters will congregate and drink/cause trouble.	1
What about vandals?	1
The play area should be near the bike area.	1
Worried about teenagers at night.	1
Only concern is that parks often become hangout for slightly older children and can become litter areas. How will this be managed?	1
No need for further play areas with two already close by.	1
Low risk of vandalism type - not wooden/burnable.	1
A family pub is needed in walking range of houses.	1
Not sure on bike track. Will it just look like muddy humps? Also unsure of location.	1
Will cyclists whizz off track across all paths nearby?	1
These facilities will remove the peace and tranquillity of the site and impact on the local wildlife in the park.	1
No	1
There are already 2 play areas in Beggarwood. A skateboard park is needed as a priority as the lads use Co-op car park - very responsibly - after closing 10pm. The skateboard facility should have an area of its own.	1
Why do you need to develop everything? Leave our park alone!	1
The proposed area is too large and in the wrong place. They destroy the integrity of the park as an open space that was a key feature of consultation responses. A smaller area should be located to the south of the hall close to the Old Beggarwood Lane.	1
There is plenty of path/grass cut-throughs for bikes already.	1
Good idea to provide dedicated bike facilities as the amphitheatre is currently looking messy. Agree with the proposed location as it should not directly affect any properties. Skateboarding currently occurs in the local centre car park, which is not a problem but provision for them would clearly be an advantage all round.	1
Just concerned about gathering groups of teenagers.	1
Bike track is good and also running track too. Skateboarding seems fun!	1
Where they are proposed to be at the moment is cutting the park in two. There are plants growing where butterflies live on, these will disappear.	1
This natural area already provides an excellent place for children to play. There is no need to spend money on unsightly structures.	1
It is already a superb place for children to play. A play area already exists within walking distance.	1
No need to spend money on play equipment. Already an excellent place for children to play.	1
There are plenty of play areas incorporated in and around the estate already for small children - this would be a waste of money and space.	1
The bike track may be better located by the kickabout area. Any skateboarding facilities should be in the same area - or, possibly at Hatch Warren community centre field as this would be better access as it is more central.	1
I am concerned that there would be a lot of teenagers gathering in a bike part and this could be intimidating for a lot of people including myself.	1
Keep it near the maze.	1
As long as the bike track and park area was supervised to stop children using it as a place to drink and drop litter and it was safe, that would be fine.	1
Across the road to the right is an extensive (much bigger than this proposed area) area for bike riding with several obstacles and many lumps and bumps - what is proposed will ruin the area.	1

This park should not become a playground.	1
Whilst supportive, I would appreciate assurances that this area will not be allowed to become a 'late night hang out' area for older kids.	1
We have a beautiful, natural area where we can be in the countryside a few minutes from home. We have kestrels, skylarks and many other wild birds, squirrels and buzzards all on our doorstep. We watch beautiful sunsets all in a natural setting. The kids hardly ever use the amphitheatre for bikes, and I use the park twice a day, all year round.	1

Kickabout area. Do you have any other comments about this? Frequency

(Not answered)	32
A small area possibly.	1
Please ensure that it doesn't end up being too close to the path/entrance towards Sainsbury's.	1
Use community centre playing field. Having larger children charging around with balls is/can be intimidating.	1
Fence it off!	1
Only that it will give children somewhere specific to play other than the Co-op/Kidi Caru car park.	1
I would like the area to remain quite peaceful. I fear a kickabout area would attract groups of young loud lads.	1
Will goals be available? Good idea!	1
A football pitch for Hatch Warren and Beggarwood Lane is sorely needed. At present many youngsters are having to travel to Dummer to use our very small scale pitch.	1
There are plenty of ball game facilities in the local area. This type of facility requires specific and regular maintenance (e.g. short mowing and re-seeding) and is not suitable for an area such as Beggarwood Park.	1
There are several football pitches next to the community centre.	1
If the kickabout area, with goals, is being used for football, there will be no space for anything else.	1
There are playing fields with 3 or 4 "proper" football pitches (with goal posts) 2 minutes away, off Woodbury Road, by the community centre	1
There is already a football field next to the existing community centre a few hundred yards away.	1
This was not the priority implied, in fact it received virtually no comment!! Since time immemorial kids have put down 2 jumpers and kicked a ball. This proposal is pointless. Organised sport on proper pitches with trained staff elsewhere would make sense.	1
That these are as far away from housing and shopping facilities. The suggested area is fine.	1
Good to see the space at the north west corner has been included because it currently has no real purpose and is wasted.	1
Same as before	1
Good idea for football pitch too, could be for 5 a side kick.	1
The community centre has football fields and the ? The bike track would be better here.	1
There are adequate formal and informal sports facilities within easy reach of this area. It is not necessary to spend money on providing more.	1
Facilities already exist within easy reach.	1
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A multi-use games area is available a short walk away at Hatch Warren. Any provision at Beggarwood should be an informal ball games area so as to fit in with the countryside nature of the park.	1
This too, would attract a significant amount of traffic and I think that the whole feel of the area would change if too many things were put in one space. The area is used by many families now to fly kites, play ball games etc. and my wife and I feel less families would use the space if it was over run by young adults.	1
The Down Grange sports centre has several football fields that are designated for ball games - no point in creating small area.	1
This should be a high priority as there is a shortage of such areas in Beggarwood.	1
Would not like to see a skate ramp as it would soon be covered in spray paint.	1
I wouldn't like a skateboarding ramp as I think this would attract graffiti as it has in the rest of the town.	1
For those who want to 'kickabout' we already have the community centre pitches.	1
We want to attract wildlife. There is already good facilities, play areas etc. on the estate, why can't they be used instead?	

Fitness trail. Do you have any other comments about this?	Frequency
(Not answered)	44
Made of natural materials	1
Is an activity like this a good idea in a hidden area?	1
Very much in support of this idea.	1
Perhaps could be positioned around perimeter of park with signs to say kilometres for the whole circuit.	1
This may not be too bad!	1
Joggers are the only people using Beggarwood Park, fitness related. No equipment needed.	1
This would be okay.	1
Not sure about route.	1
The immediate area has excellent routes for walking and running. Why waste money on unnecessary structures to provide more facilities that will be of minority interest and require maintenance to keep them safe?	1
Waste of money, will only be vandalised.	1
Unnecessary. Will require regular maintenance, ongoing expense.	1
The proposed site is far too small to be of any significant use to runners etc.	1
This would not cause too much damage to the area and attract teenagers who want to cause trouble.	1
This will be a waste of time, once the novelty has worn off and in cooler winter, autumn, spring months with very little use.	1
In my experience these are never used once the novelty has worn off.	1
It will give kids a change to hang about, destroying the trees and shrubs, leaving litter and being a nuisance. It will stop the beautiful birds using the wood. Perfect places for druggies to leave used syringes.	1
Needs to be well lit for those early evenings	1

Amphitheatre and maze. Do you have any other comments about this?	Frequency
(Not answered)	35
Who is going to maintain it? I hope it is not an additional charge on our Council Tax	1
Amphitheatre - pointless. Maze might be an interesting feature but height a consideration for safety.	1

People have trouble locating maze. Improvements necessary.	1
Amphitheatre nice as a natural feature.	1
Great idea.	1
I don't understand why an amphitheatre is needed.	1
Assume maze won't be too built up resulting in teenagers hanging out in it/hiding?	1
The present maze was hardly used and is now almost invisible.	1
Using the amphitheatre as an outdoor classroom would be a good way to introduce school children to nature in their local area.	1
Neither would be used.	1
Please leave the amphitheatre alone. The idea of a hard standing is horrendous!	1
The maze is a waste of time. No-one uses it!	1
the amphitheatre has no firm proposals for usage or by whom. Any usage would require it to be securely enclosed even if it was 25% of the existing size it would be too big. The area should be returned to the land's natural shape!	1
The amphitheatre definitely needs rejuvenating and I didn't even know there was a maze so improving this interesting feature will be very welcome.	1
with UK weather, may be needed consider for roof covering, when its raining too!!	1
I think it would be best to put the play area where the maze is so that parents can watch the children from the seating/picnic area. The amphitheatre is very damaged at one end where it has been dug up two years running. There is a broken pallet there now. At the other end there are Oxeye daisies and Scabious growing now. Also is the hard area at the bottom a good idea, the ground is quite firm anyway.	1
The amphitheatre could be useful. The maze is not. Don't waste valuable funds and effort on a useless 'vandal magnet'.	1
The amphitheatre could be a really lovely feature, nice for summer events.	1
Unnecessary. A waste of valuable funds.	1
Please consider wheelchair access when making decisions on surfaces and widths of paths etc.	1
I support the idea of the amphitheatre as it would provide open area space for meetings etc, which would add to NO building being necessary.	1
An amphitheatre is a stage, unless the council is planning to use it as this, there is little point in it.	1
I do not believe there will be much use made of the amphitheatre (as at present). I believed this was a natural feature providing vertical faces for rabbit burrows before looking at the masterplan.	1
There is little benefit in an outdoor classroom in an artificially developed area - much more purpose in the park in its current state.	1
Dog mess needs to be controlled if children are going to be using the area.	1
Maybe, depending on how far you take it. It will still get misused and vandalised and the novelty will wear off after a while and hopefully be deserted.	1

Is there anything else that you would like to suggest or make comment on about the draft masterplan for Beggarwood Park?	Frequency
Only that there should be a plan to maintain the area following its build. There's nothing worse than unmaintained facilities.	1
We think the feeling of the area should be kept the same. It is nice just to have an un-spoilt natural area.	1
(Not answered)	23
I hope that the area is not going to be closed off during construction. Keep as much green area in Beggarwood as possible.	1

There is no mention of extra low level sympathetic lighting for the park in the master plan document but this was a highly requested item in the questionnaire results. Also I am now on the waiting list for an allotment on the site, which I am told is 18 months +. Would it be possible to include some extra allotments as part of the renovations, especially given the renewed interest due to the credit crunch and allotments being championed by Gardeners World. 1

This is a tiny piece of countryside between Hatch Warren and Beggarwood it would be a shame to urbanise too much! 1

This 'draft masterplan' seems very flawed. The way these ideas were achieved was not ideal - children were just sticking stickers where they liked. I have spoken to other people who do not want the park developed. the Police/Community Officers have enough to do without having to mount extra surveillance here. It is a recipe for disaster and future nuisance. WHY NOT USE THE MONEY TO HELP KEEP THE LOCAL SURGERY GOING? MUCH MORE USEFUL! 1

Would the park be monitored for litter so it is always safe for small children etc.? 1

I think that the consultation period and subsequent plans take into account all users of the park. 1

There has been no mention of additional lighting which is essential, particularly along the bottom path and diagonal path from the Sainsbury's direction? Comments in addition to community building and car park - I am not happy about the addition of the community building as it will be right next to our house, not only that but when we bought the house we were told that nothing would be built on the park. I am even more opposed to the car park being accessed via Broadmere Road as this would mean a number of things: 1. The cycle/foot path along Old Beggarwood Lane would be disjointed and dangerous - a lot of people use this path, particularly children, to get to the Nursery/Co-op/Doctor's Surgery - and for it to be used as an access point for cars is not practical. 2. Building a road straight into the park is also an open invitation for Gypsies to set up camp, there is a ditch around parts of the field to stop this from happening, surely adding a road and a car park isn't going to help. 3. Where we live would no longer be a quiet cul-de-sac as the entrance to the 1

A family pub with garden for children in walking range of the houses and a takeaway. 1

Entry gates MUST be accessible to elderly (in mobility scooters) or pushchairs. Usual barriers mean some people cannot enter park because they can't get through. Please look into other options. 1

Tidy the whole area up. 1

Beggarwood Park is a haven for wildlife as proven by my own sightings over recent years; including large numbers of Marbled White Butterflies annually, a Stonechat wintering this year, pairs of Skylarks displaying in and over the park, Cinnabar Moths, Red Kite, flocks of Meadow Pipits, Goldfinches, Linnets to name but a few. Areas such as these are important and should be retained in the natural state. 1

Rather you left the park alone. Since my partner died, I walk everyday and love the peace. This would ruin it. 1

As a dog owner, am I still going to be able to walk the full circuit and the little paths I have made through the central tree belt? 1

This strikes me as, "use it or lose it" (the money). WHY do you have to develop everything? 3 times a day I use this park and no-one I have spoken to wants to change it! (Although more bins and "pick up Dog-Poo" signs would be good as well as more trees and wildlife areas.) 1

The park is lovely how it is - I use it 3 times a day. Put more attention on extra lighting, more bins for dog poo and have a park warden for those people choosing to break bottles on the paths on a regular basis (probably the same people that ruined the "Beggarwood Woodland Park" sign within 2 days of it going up. What you are planning to do will just make these matters worse. WE LOVE OUR PARK! 1

Permanent ranger responsible for the management of the state of the park and competent in wildlife needs, admin, organisation of events and able to encourage use and understanding of countryside/biodiversity/sustainability/recycling. See additional notes attached to questionnaire marked 40 in top right hand corner. 1

Ensure that the new areas have a programme with the suggested new facilities for dog faeces bins and a clear for hypodermic needles, so this is not a gathering place. 1

After putting so much time and effort into the park, maintenance needs to be improved. Damaged fences around edges improved and informal gaps blocked to remove unsightly gaps in hedges etc. 1

It is already a beautiful and quiet place. Don't cram too much into it as it will just become a typical 'recreation ground'. there is too much potential for vandalism and ruining the natural elements of the park by building on it. 1

Please make sure you find more room for people (local) allotments. I have waited for 2 years now, still don't have allotment yet! 1

The woodland park is a marvellous open space and should be left as untouched as possible. Litter is an awful problem. More bins are needed, but they will probably not be used by a lot of people as they leave all rubbish where they have consumed its contents. Perhaps some of the money would be well spent on employing a warden to keep an eye on things. Also it will attract more anti-social behaviour. There are beer and cider cans, beer bottles often broken would this happen in the play area's. I go in the park two or three times a day. 1

This is a well-used natural amenity. There seems so compelling reason to spend money on 'improving' it when other essential facilities and services in the borough are starved of funds. 1

A really lovely area already. A nature trail already, there are a variety of birds, woodpeckers, skylarks, cuckoos, to name a few. Wild flowers are now beginning to spread, violets, bluebells etc. It seem a crime to spend money on spoiling natural surroundings. Money better spent elsewhere. 1

When other essential services in the borough are starved of funds. Why change an already well-used natural amenity. 1

Great disappointment at the apparent lack of concern and solutions to the huge problem of dog-poo on this park. There is plenty of room as the bottom wooded end for unenclosed dogs toilet and exercise area - at least it will be contained there. See enclosed map for suggested area attached to questionnaire numbered 49 in the top right corner - otherwise a very good plan overall. 1

See attached sheets with questionnaire numbered 50 in the top right corner. This park has great diversity of plants, insects, birds and animals which needs to be preserved so it must be looked after with care and sensitivity - not cheap contractors with no practical knowledge. 1

I don't have particular issues with any of the proposals except the building. I feel there is no call for a building when there is one 5 minutes away and it is inappropriate for the space and area. Traffic is already heavy due to the shop and amenities. Please, please DO NOT build this building. 1

No community building PLEASE! We have one at Hatch Warren (just 5 minutes walk away). There are very few people who want it. Your results show this! 1

We believe the less that is done to impact such a wonderful, big, green, open area the better given a community centre already exists in Kempshott. Parks to play in are dotted throughout the area and the roads are already far too busy and dangerous with cars racing around by the shops. 1

The community centre is the worst part of the plan, then the kickabout and bike areas. These are a waste of money when other more comprehensive areas exist already in such close proximity. The masterplan is going to ruin an area that was the main reason for me moving to this area. I WILL BE AFRAID TO USE THE AREA JUST OUTSIDE MY DOOR. 1

- I suggest the number of features on the masterplan is reduced as the 'natural' appearance of the area will be adversely affected. 1
- I am disturbed that the suggested developments will destroy what is now a delightful place. Skylarks do not live in play areas! 1
- I currently live on Old Beggarwood Lane. As residents, we already experience significant disruption from park users (allotment holders and dog walkers) blocking driveway access when parking their vehicles in the lane. Much of this is unintentional although not always. The proposed development encourages greater usage of the park and whilst the additional parking proposed at the community centre is appreciated, I remain concerned that many individuals will continue to use the lane for parking unless made aware of, and/or actively encouraged to use, this new parking facility. I would therefore be grateful for measures to minimise parking on the lane, such as signage, additional white lines etc. I have heard suggestion that the lane could be restricted to Resident Only vehicle access. Is this possible/an option? Please see additional notes and photo attached to questionnaire numbered 58 in the top right corner. 1
- Parking is a PROBLEM in Old Beggarwood Lane and it is getting worse. I think that this end of the lane should be residents only. At evenings and weekends we have problems getting into our drives because of dog walkers and allotment users parking in the lane. Dog mess is another problem in the park. 1
- Just don't like it. It is not necessary. Your policy seems to be 'see land, build on it'. Save your money, use it for more litter bins, seats and better lighting. 1
- Broadmere Road is already congested with parked cars both sides. Make access to car park directly off Beggarwood Lane in front of Co-op 1