

**EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PLAY AREA COMMITTEE**  
**OXFORD ROAD SITE MEETING 12 APRIL 2011**



Those present:

Alison Leask – WODC Principal Landscape Architect, Geoff Watson – Playing Fields Management Committee, Marion Sheppard, Sue Osborne, and Richard Andrews.

With reference to the initial concept plan:

- It was agreed that the play area should keep to the same boundary line and in any case must not be less than 3 metres from the edge of the football pitch.
- The fence will be replaced with something like a barrel top metal fence.
- Any new planting would be inside the fence so that it doesn't "creep" near to the pitch boundary.
- The trim trail shown by the car park would be replaced with the zip-wire and if funds allow the existing Trim Trail will be enhanced.
- The area by the kick wall to be left for future development as there is a possibility that the Playing Fields committee may have some funds for a 'boys' all-weather pitch.

We consulted with some lads who were using the skate park at the time about what they would like to see if funds allowed - all agreed a shelter with a roof was essential and they would like a bowl so that they could board / skate round the inside. A possible committee visit to Abingdon, Combe, Grove or Cutteslowe to look at the skate parks was suggested.

Features in the play park itself:

- The relatively new 'Spinning Doughnut' / roundabout will be retained.
- The area will be landscaped with sand and stones for natural play, it will be grassed, there will be trees and other planting, the paths will be natural.
- There will be several small items equipment interspersed between other items larger items could include a basket swing, a hammock swing, a see-saw, trampolines and netted climbing feature that will not provide any seating areas.

The safety surface is to be grass mat with a 3m fall height to make the space look open.

The sand area may have features for play e.g. mechanical bucket spade.

The deadline for completion was provisionally set for September / October.

The first stage is for Alison to provide details of equipment and prices and draw up a shopping list and she will come back with more ideas in mid May.