

Kirkbymoorside Town Council

Information for the meeting on Monday 16 September 2024

10. Ryedale View Play Area

a. To receive responses from the initial public consultation for replacement play equipment

Subject: Play equipment for Ryedale View playground

I just wanted to give some thoughts about the ideas for the above.

I live on [REDACTED]. My youngest [REDACTED] is 11. We moved here when he was [REDACTED] old so we have used the playground his whole life. It is a lovely idea to refurbish it and the designs look great. I just had a few comments.

Firstly, the playground currently has a yellow tub that spins. A bit like the one below, although on ours the 'stalk' doesn't bend,

<https://www.recreationinsites.com/kompan-spinner-bowl/> The Spinner Bowl is a load of fun for all ages. Originally designed for the purpose of experimental sand play, children love to climb inside for a spin of their own.

This has always been a really popular item on the playground, for all ages. In the winter, we would often go up to see if it had any ice in it and spin it around so that the big disc of ice came out. It would be a shame if we lost that item.

Plus - I feel quite strongly about this one - the really lovely thing about the park is that it has two swings next to each other. [REDACTED] and I often go to swing there together side by side, and [REDACTED] goes up with his friends. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] friends learnt how to swing here, side by side together.

If you replace one of the swings with a toddler seat - as is shown on the plan - two children will not be able to swing together - unless one is a toddler. And an adult and child won't be able to swing together. So an adult will not be able to model the process of swinging to their child, once they are too big for the toddler seat. Since children learn to swing when they are 5-7 years old, it will be really unhelpful.

Please don't replace one of the 'grown-up' swing seats with a toddler seat.

Those are my thoughts.

Good luck with the refurbishment.

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Subject: Ryedale view play area

Myself and my 2 children would like to give our thoughts on the proposed new play area on ryedale view. Being residents of [REDACTED] it is an area my children go to on a regular basis and it's great to see the proposed improvements.

My children are [REDACTED] and in its current state the small play equipment is to babyish for them, but yet the larger frame is quite a bit of a challenge for them.

I have spoken to both of them and they like the idea of the changes but not so keen on the rodeo and hang bars. [REDACTED] in particular said there didn't seem to be much in the way for older kids ([REDACTED]). Such as a large climbing net, bigger slide or even an obstacle course. More swings would be great especially if you can utilise the tree area on the right of the entrance as seems like wasted space.... [REDACTED] did say a net in there with a tree house, but I explained Health and safety!

It would be nice to see the whole area improved with regards to drainage and levelling the area out. The nature area was a hit when they were younger and would still be if it was maintained. Maybe put some makeshift teepees through there like what they have at Dalby forest? Also what about a small gym area for us adults?

How about a focus group session with some of the local children that use that park to get there views as many of the children within Keld Head Orchard, Ryedale View and Ryedale Crescent age between 6 up to about 12/13. Just an idea as if it's them that use it what is it that THEY want? If you listen to our kids and use their input you will find they respect equipment much better. And on that note with improvement comes alongside anti social behaviour....Will there be cctv for this? Better signage aswell for those that use that park as a dog poo area and fail to pick up!

I look forward to seeing the outcome of this as me and my neighbour are regulars there and do do a lot of litter picking and only recently said how tired it had gotten.

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Subject: Ryedale View play park

Please don't change the position of the swings. All the children and adults who use the park love swinging and looking at the view!

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Subject: Ryedale View

I haven't seen anyone using the playground on the occasions I have walked through it.

More likely to be used by teenagers up to no good!

It could do with some improvement certainly.

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