

Consultation on the alternative play area in Queen Elizabeth Park



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Where will the new play area be?



"I have visited the park on multiple occasions since the project started in 2017, both to inspect our current pipeline, and to view surveys being undertaken. I know from listening to the community that Queen Elizabeth Park is a highly valued community open space.

During construction we will need to remove the existing play area. Being a parent myself, I know how important it is for children to have a space to play, explore and learn about their environment. Therefore, as part of our development consent, we included a commitment to provide a temporary play area in the park whilst works are completed.

Now we are designing the temporary play area. We have commissioned a UK award winning company, called Earth Wrights, to design and build the play area. Earth Wrights has a wealth of experience of installing play areas in woodland settings - having worked with the Forestry Commission, Kew Gardens, National Trust and the Eden Project.

My team has worked with Rushmoor Borough Council to identify the most suitable location and **we now need your help in finalising the design of the play area.**

I hope that this temporary play area will be well used by the local community and if it is successful, we may be able to leave it as second, permanent play area in the park.

I have greatly appreciated the public's involvement until now, and hope that you will read the information in this leaflet and take part."

Tim Sunderland, Project Executive.



You can have your say on the project at
www.slpproject.co.uk

This is the fastest and easiest way to take part in this consultation

This consultation starts on 4 October and closes at 23:59 on 25 October.

We have agreed a suitable location with Rushmoor Borough Council. This is an open glade surrounded by trees to the northern edge of the park.



Current play area



Order Limits



Trenchless crossing



Working area



Compound

The guidelines for the play area design

This play area is for children who are beginning to play independently – known as a Locally Equipped Area for Play or LEAP. While there aren't any specific requirements for this type of play area, typically they provide for a minimum of six play experiences.

We have designed a play space that caters for and inspires children of all ages. We have provided a variety of levels of challenges across all the structures, which will encourage children of all ages to play, develop and stretch their physical capabilities together. To provide for children's varied play needs we consider the different types of play and play experiences available. The design of our play area will allow several play needs to be met simultaneously.



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Types of play

- **Exploratory play:** Helps children decide to investigate their physical surroundings and explore new spaces, stimulating their curiosity and imagination.
- **Physical play:** Helps children understand what their bodies are capable of and allows them to take the necessary risks required for healthy development.
- **Social play:** Making friends, sharing stories, learning the rules of a new game – play is a perfect way to learn about yourself and other people.
- **Imaginative play:** Playing pretend allows children to stretch their imaginations and create their own worlds. They need flexible environments they can adapt for their own purposes which stimulate all the senses.
- **Loose parts play:** Offers sensory pleasure as well as developing hand eye coordination and problem solving skills.

Play experiences

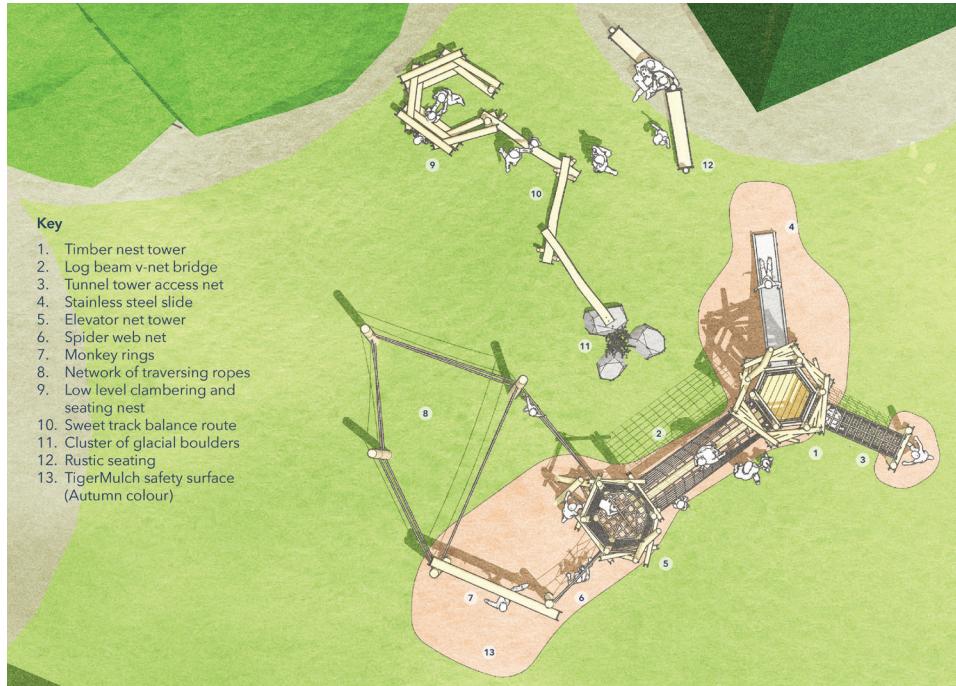
We have designed the new play area to include the following play experiences.

- **Balancing:** The sweet track balance route offers opportunity for developing the vestibular system.
- **Swinging:** The fat rope, suspended beneath the log beam bridge, can be swung on in different ways, e.g. sat on or hung from and caters for a variety of ages.
- **Climbing:** The design offers ample opportunity to climb: toddlers can scramble over the low level clambering nest, and older children can traverse the spiders' web and ascend the elevator net tower via a labyrinth of ropes and net platforms.
- **Overhead activity:** The monkey bars offer a physical challenge, helping children develop both upper body strength and co-ordination.
- **Jumping:** The design offers a variety of opportunities to jump and leap between elements.
- **Sliding:** The two meters stainless steel slide is a favourite classic.
- **Imaginative play:** The design has a natural aesthetic which will help stimulate imaginative play narratives & engage the children's innate creativity.
- **Social play:** The structures lend themselves to co-operative & collective games such as, the ground is lava/off-ground chase and role playing.
- **Exploratory play:** There are many routes around the structures for children to explore with many different levels and types of challenge.
- **Open space play:** The open space that has been left in the clearing provides a blank canvas for children to imaginatively create free games that don't require any fixed play equipment, e.g. chase games.



Design – what are your views?

We would like your views on our proposed design for the alternative play area. Below are a few images of the design which incorporate the different play experiences.



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Frequently asked questions

Q. What will happen to the current play area?

A. The current play area will need to be removed during construction. It will be replaced with new equipment once works are complete. We will be consulting the community on the design of this play area in 2022.

Q. Will installation of the new play area harm the nearby trees?

A. We have surveyed the location for the new play area, and with our contractor, Earth Wrights we are confident the installation of the new play area, will not require any tree removal. Earth Wrights have installed a play walkway around a veteran tree in Kew Gardens, and have a wealth of experience in working in Root Protection Areas. They will be using hand tools and hand digging to install the play area and protect the health of the nearby trees.

Q. When will this play area be installed?

A. The play area will be installed in early 2022. It will be open before the current play area is removed.

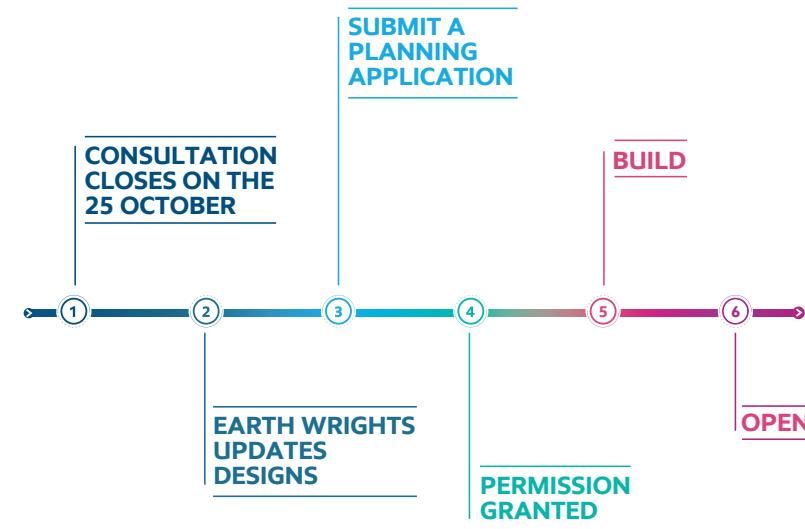
Q. Will it be permanent?

A. We will build the play area so that it can be permanent. If it is well used by children, then we may be able to leave it in place, or we can remove it. Once works in the park are completed, we will agree the most suitable option with Rushmoor Borough Council.

Q. Why do you need planning permission for the temporary play area?

A. We already have consent to install the temporary play area within our working area by Cabrol Road car park but have agreed with the Council that it would be preferable to install it away from the working area. However, to install it outside of our working area we need separate planning permission, which we will be applying for following close of the consultation.

Next Steps



Once we have completed our installation works in the park, we will replace the original play area with new equipment. We have also offered to leave the alternative play area in place, even after the original play area is reinstated.

About our project

We're replacing 90km of the underground fuel pipeline between Boorley Green, Hampshire and the West London Terminal Storage Facility in Hounslow. The existing pipeline, installed between 1969-1972, runs through the park, near the existing track. In this area there is a second Esso fuel pipeline and utilities owned by other organisations.

We undertook three public consultation to select the route. In early 2019, we submitted our environmentally assessed planning application (known as a Development Consent Order) to the Planning Inspectorate. We received permission to install the replacement pipeline in October 2020.

Q. Why are you installing in the park?

A. There are many reasons we kept a route close to the existing pipeline in this area of Farnborough. The route was defined by local constraints, such as crossing the railway, the A325, Cove Brook, as well as maintaining our commitment not to install under any existing homes.

Q. How can you install a pipeline in woodland without harming existing trees?

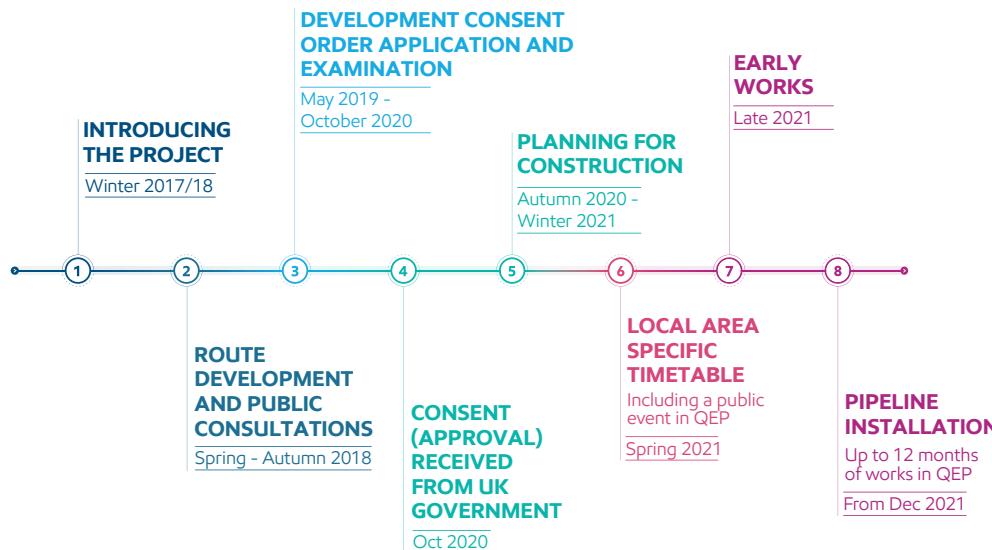
A. We plan to remove 30 non-mature trees in the park, largely adjacent to the cycle/pedestrian path.

We have agreed our approach to installing near veteran trees with the Forestry Commission and Natural England.

Following a request from a number of Councils, we have committed to following the British Standard 5837:2012 for working near trees. We have produced a non-technical summary of how we will be installing through root protection areas in the park. This is available on our dedicated QEP page on our website:

www.slppandqep.co.uk

For more information on the project, please visit slpproject.co.uk



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*Based on Esso's 2015 data for its existing pipeline



How to take part

We have created a questionnaire to help children take part in this consultation – this can be found in the centre of this document. This can be posted, or photographed/scanned and sent to info@slpproject.co.uk

For grownups, the fastest way to respond is online. We welcome your views, ideas and opinions.

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This consultation opens on 4 October and will close at 23:59 on 25 October.

If you are unable to respond online, then you can also email info@slpproject.co.uk. Alternatively, you can use the response form at the back of this consultation document. A stamp addressed envelope is available upon request, please call our team on **07925 068 905**.

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When this consultation closes at 23:59 on 25 October, we will review and analyse all responses. These views will inform a future Town & Country Planning Application to request permission to install the alternative play area.

Your views and those of others will contribute significantly to this process and we encourage you to participate. If you have any questions or would like clarification on any aspect of the project, please feel free to raise them with our project team.

All information and consultation documents can be found on our website www.slpproject.co.uk.

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Please do not provide personal information about other individuals. However, if you provide any details of other individuals or organisations within the text body of your consultation response, we will assume that you have obtained the consent of such individuals for such disclosure.



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Title:	
First name:	
Last name:	
Please tell us your address (required):	
Please tell us your postcode (required):	
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Are you completing this questionnaire as an individual or an organisation:	
If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please tell us the name of your organisation:	

Your views on our consultation on the alternative play area in Queen Elizabeth Park:	
What do you like about the design of the temporary play area?	
What do you dislike about the design?	
What is your favourite element of the design?	
What is your least favourite element of the design?	
What is your least favourite element of the design? Is there anything that you feel is missing from the design?	

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