

# Preston Park

## Making your park even better



We are planning to make further improvements to Preston Park this year to make it even better.

We are:

- resurfacing the paths and
- planning to provide an outdoor gym and youth shelter.

These improvements are based on some of things you have told us that you would like.

They are being funded by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council and Surrey County Council as part of our commitment to improving Preston.

If you would like to comment on the plans please pick up the questionnaire and drop it in the feedback box or comment online at [www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/prestonregeneration](http://www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/prestonregeneration)

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# Paths

## What you have told us

You like the new paths for they make it easy for you to get to the places you want to go.

But you don't like the current surfacing which can be messy underfoot when it's wet.

You also don't like that in some areas the water collects, making it hard to pass.

## What we are doing

We have listened and we are resurfacing the paths and improving drainage.

The paths will have an attractive hardbound surface.

This new surface will be suitable for wet weather conditions and will be better for all users.

The works have started and should be completed by early September.



# Youth shelter

## What you have told us

You don't think there are enough things for young people to do on the estate.

You are concerned they hang about by the shops, in communal areas of flats and in the leisure centre lobby.

Young people have told us that they would like somewhere of their own where they can hang out with their friends.

Young people have said they would like a youth shelter.



## What is a youth shelter?

A youth shelter is a place where young people can meet, sit and socialise.

They have a roof to provide shelter from the weather.

Youth shelters are designed to let people look both in and out to ensure that it is safe.

The most successful shelters are located near to sporting facilities, which means young people have a place to go for both physical and social activity.



# What we are proposing?

We have listened and we are proposing to install a youth shelter.

Our proposals use best practice from other areas of the country.

Our plans have the support of organisations who work with young people such as Surrey Police, youth services and the YMCA.

# Will it become a problem?

We recognise that the shelter might occasionally be used for antisocial behaviour.

So to minimise any problems

- we are working with the Police and organisations who work with young people
- we have carefully chosen the site so that it can be seen from places such as the road and the leisure centre
- we have selected designs that have lighting and good visibility from all sides
- we will install a new closed circuit television camera to ensure the area is safe
- we will work with the Police and other partners to monitor its use.



# Where will it be?

It will be near to the skate park and the multi use games area.



# What will it be like?

There are two options for the shelter, both of which are very robust.

They have good views into and out of the shelter from all sides.

They have lighting and seating for up to 12 young people.

## Option 1 - The Spectator

- This shelter is enclosed on the back and sides with transparent panels
- The panels are 250 times stronger than glass
- It has solar lighting with a timer
- It has seating on three sides.



## Option 2 - The Half Pod

- This shelter has openings at the top and on four sides
- It has solar lights controlled with a sensor
- It has a low voltage Bluetooth music player
- It has dual height seating for different ages and abilities.



# Outside gym

## What you have told us

You want to keep fit and active.

However some of you don't always have enough money to pay to go to the gym.

You want more things for young people to do.

We have listened and we are proposing to install an outside gym.

## What is an outside gym?

An outdoor gym has a variety of all-weather exercise equipment similar to what you might find in the leisure centre.

The equipment can be used by all age groups and fitness abilities, from the complete beginner to advanced users.

There is no need for an instructor as the equipment is safe and simple to use.

The gym can help improve fitness, build muscle strength and control weight.

The gym can also help promote balance and agility and improve flexibility.

Outside gyms are great as they are free to use.



# Where will it be and what will it be like?

The gym will be located between the children's play area and the car park.

We plan to have ten pieces of equipment suitable for all users and abilities.

The gym will include a rower, a bike, a stepper and a chest press.

The image below shows what it will look like.



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