

Merstham Recreation Ground Refurbishment



We know Merstham Rec is an important open space for many people. Having consulted extensively with residents, local groups, organisations and sports clubs, the aims of the refurbishment are to encourage:

- play and fun
- access for all
- an asset for the community
- access to nature
- improved wellbeing
- ways to help people be active.



What's planned

Works will include:

- a new pavilion with a café kiosk, toilets and changing rooms with solar panels and a green roof
- a new play area with equipment for children of all ages and abilities
- a parkour course for over 12s
- an outdoor gym
- an improved network of footpaths with better accessibility for wheelchairs and buggies
- a picnic area and community orchard
- new trees, landscaping and swales to improve drainage.

A new pavilion

- Changing rooms (for two teams)
- Refreshments kiosk and toilets (including disabled and baby changing facilities)
- Quality facilities to support sports users, with hot showers and heated changing rooms
- A functional but attractive building that is environmentally sustainable and improve biodiversity using solar panels and an ecological 'green roof'



A new youth area

- Parkour course for young people (over 12 yrs) to hang out and be active in, offering something different to what is already available locally
- Indicative design only - final will be designed in collaboration with a parkour specialist



A new play area

- Accessible for all - achieve 'Plan Inclusive Play Areas' gold accreditation
- Delivering fun, challenging play, to encourage all stages of development
- Will combine natural elements and formal equipment
- Sensory play opportunities: use of colour, texture, sound, smell
- Robust and easy to maintain



Improving drainage

- New swales (landscaped sunken areas) to help drain the Rec and surrounding areas (especially in Weldon Way)
- Water channel (east of the Rec, end of Weldon Way) will be widened so it can accommodate larger volumes of water during heavy rain
- More native trees and plants
- Improving people's access to and contact with nature and water

