

TURNER GARDENS - FEEDBACK FROM ON THE GREEN ENGAGEMENT: 15/07/2020

We hosted an event on the public green of Turner Gardens. This was organised to enable easy access for those living closest to the proposed new development. We have previously held a number of other events in and around Gainsborough Square but wanted to ensure we had discussion with the future direct neighbours of the proposed new homes and flats. We wanted to hear what they liked, disliked and wanted.

We set up a table outside with three display boards designed to ask questions about:

A: The proposed parking arrangement for the new development

B: The proposed massing of the new development

C: The potential landscaping enhancements for the Turner Gardens Green

Broadly the discussions orientated around the design of the green. Below is a summary of this feedback:

1. FEEDBACK FROM DRAW YOUR GREEN INTERACTIVE WORKSHEETS:**No. 10:**

- Would like some parking spaces
- Low maintenance natural play equipment – yes
- Don't think bike storage would get used
- Anything is better than nothing
- Bins for rubbish!
- Like the idea of grasscrete parking spaces
- Apples won't get used, go mouldy and smell
- Wildflowers - low maintenance planting is good

No 34:

- Lived there for 50+ years
- During lockdown felt connected seeing young people play on the green
- Picnics / families used it more

- Would like to see natural play equipment
- Would accept some parking places but not too much

No. 5 & no. 7:

- Benches / seating would be good
- Play equipment
- BBQ
- Facilities for adults

No. 28

- Not happy happy losing the existing apples trees where the new development is planned. "The trees enhance our green and provide shade for children – they are part of our life enhancement.
- No more tarmac
- Plant wildflowers

No. 18:

- Parking bays wanted
- Play spaces – yes

No. 25: (25 year resident of TG)

- 3 car household
- Want – natural play equipment, trees, seating, low maintenance
- Keep enough play area including football
- Some parking would be good
- Currently take Grandchildren up to Gainsborough sq to use play equipment
- There's a family of foxes at the back
- Plant benches at buzz are good!
- Place for a sunflower competition
- Wildflowers would be good!

Other drawing / note feedback:

- Play tunnels / balance climbing posts
- Climbing swing
- Seating and balance beam
- Slide

- Climbing ladder
- Lots of flowers for bees
- Planters
- Keep the green space
- More benches
- More flowers
- Car parking bays
- Curved natural fence with seating in front
- Sensory plants (chamomile / lavender)
- Stepping stones
- Car parking to the left and maybe the top
- Rope swing to replace the one that's in the existing apple trees
- A place for football / natural goal posts!
- A hang out space with seating looking out over the view.
- Parking in the flatter section

2. FEEDBACK FROM OTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH RESIDENTS' OF TG:

- The existing radius / corners of the green make it difficult for larger vehicles to get around, particularly when there are lots of cars parked up.
- Quiet areas for different uses and people
- A disabled bay for no.14 would be good.
- Are we going to provide for electric vehicle charging for the new development?
- Age range of children using the green is: 3-14. 19 children living around the green in total.
- Quite often 6 or 7 children using the green at a time
- Used by people's Grandchildren visiting
- Some people don't feel safe letting their children out because of anti-social behaviour
- People used to play rounders on the green
- Worry about the improvement to the green being vandalised. How can we mitigate this?
- Quite a lot of anti-social behaviour in the area and a drugs problem in and around TG.
- Landscaping for hide and seek in around TG, help stop damage to cars

- Consideration of cultural differences and inclusivity of the space
- How is it maintained and who manages the site?
- How can the landscaping stop balls hitting cars?
- 15no. new parking spaces for new development feels about right!

3. OVERVIEW

- Overall residents' of TG were happy with the proposed design of the new housing and flats.
- Assuming that parking mitigation is made on the Turner Gardens Green, the approach to parking for the new development was broadly considered acceptable. The proposed parking arrangement for the new development presented at the workshop was shown as less than 1:1 spaces per new unit. The option presented as the preferred approach showed 15no. Parking spaces plus 2no. accessible spaces for the 19no. new homes proposed.
- There was some concern about the loss of apple trees on the existing verges. We need to ensure a good planting design is implemented fronting TG gateway and Constable Road.

4. NEXT STEPS

- Develop the scheme in line with feedback and review by the City Design Group and Highways. We have had a positive reaction to the proposed massing changes since the planning pre-application and highways support a parallel parking arrangement along constable road which is likely to be the most cost effective solution. The residents' of Turner Gardens were positive about these changes / what is proposed.
- Barefoot & LNT to meet and discuss land procurement from BCC and the risk / approach relating to this. Decide if the full design team are to be mobilised for Stage 3 work and the full planning submission.
- Barefoot to produce upper floor plans and draw the development to be circulated with the Design Team. This information will be required for the development of a revised cost plan.
- Funding and viability of the development to be further interrogated. Cost plan needed for this?
- Cost associated with and funding opportunities available for alterations to the existing Turner Gardens green. What options are available for this and what permissions are needed from the Council to develop the viability of this. Particularly in relation to new parking bays on the green. Now we have engaged the community with this important to follow this up.