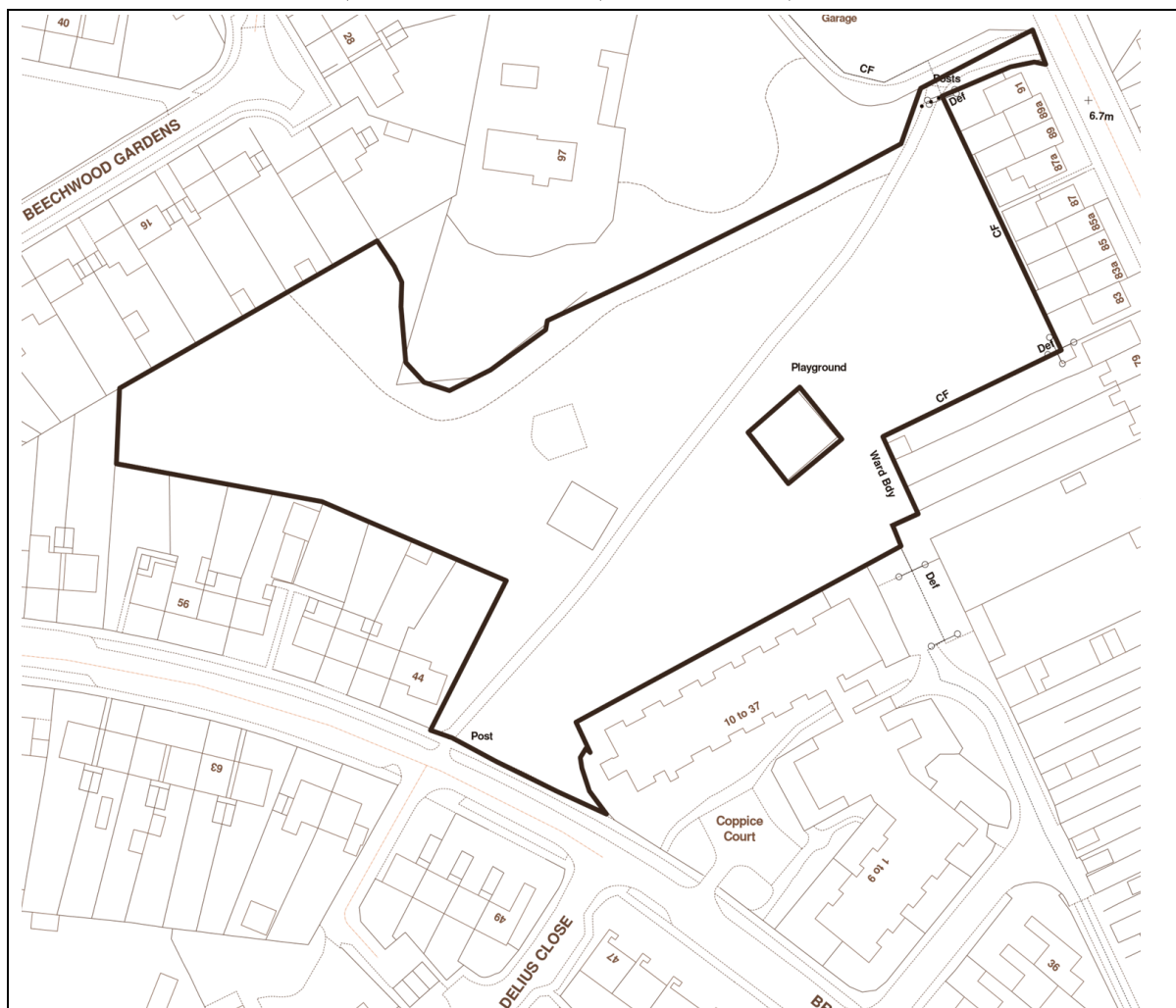


# Britten's Piece, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 9BL



## Current Site information

Ward:	Elmtree		
Site Reference:	SK261316/SK263156		
Area:		Entrances	2
Special Status:	None		
Covenants:	?		
TPOs:	?		
Services:	Water?, Electricity, Drainage?		
Facilities on site:	None		
Access:	From Britten Road or Kirkley Run		
Species on Site:	No endangered species known		
Soil Type:			
Tenants:	None		
Issues:	Restrictions due to Grade II status and use as cemetery		
Current Use	Open space and play area, it has a lot of footfall from students going to and from East Point Academy. It also has mainly used for walking or passing through and there is a small unmarked out football area with small goals. It is adjacent to Coppice Court which is supported housing for families.		

Future planned use of site:

Currently just called "Land and Britten Road", Britten's Piece would give the park more of an identity as a Community Park and as it would be named after the composer it could be musically themed (hence the name Piece). The essential elements play score is an 8/9 and there are no missing elements on site. It is recommended that the site be aimed at the junior/teen age group play wise.

Rather than traditional benches (as at present) this park would benefit from community seating and meeting points/pods with wind up Bluetooth posts.

The park benefits from a lit pathway and already has approved planting of a cherry tree avenue




Key Development Opportunities:

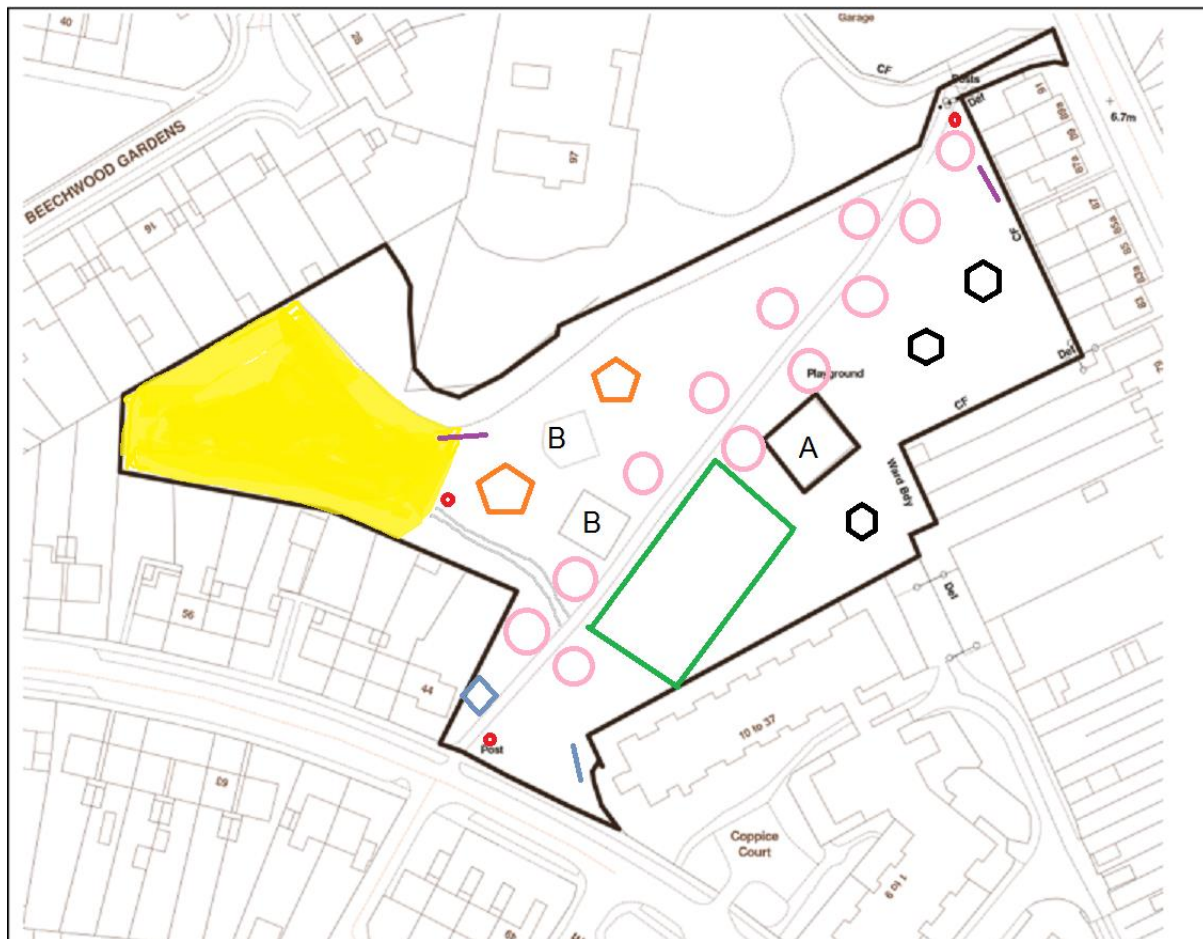
- Musically themed play equipment
- community seating/teen seating pods with wind up Bluetooth
- bins,
- widening the path to provide a pedestrian path and a cycle path,
- planting to soften the boundary whilst allowing sightlines through the park at the Britten Road end of the park.
- Grass football area with goalposts or MUGA
- Musical artwork and maybe something commissioned to celebrate Benjamin Britten.
- A community garden/orchard at the west end of the park

Funding Required:

New play equipment built into the play equipment schedule, sponsorship, ACE England and Sports grants as well as seed funds from the Parks Development budget

Resources Required:	Various
Funding Required:	Elements could be funded from the Parks Development Budget as well as the using for seed funding. We could also look at sponsorship for specific items or Arts Council funding for sculptures.
Stakeholder Group	No but potential relationship with EPA and ACT
Friends Group	No
Maintenance Contractor	Waveney Norse

Code			
	Item	Quantity	Potential Needed
	Bin	1	2 (one at each entrance) It would also be useful to have a lockable bin store for one/two green bins if a community garden is established. This would be ideally located close to Britten Rd to enable easy access for waste collection but may also require a path from the community garden to the main path.
	Benches	4	Potential picnic benches and some teen hang outs.
	Bike Rack	0	Potential in three locations, one near each entrance and possibly one nearer the community garden in time.



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	Community Garden		Cherry Trees
	Football area		Bins
A	Toddler/Junior Play Area		Bike Rack
B	Teen Play areas		Picnic Benches
	New path		Green bin store
	Teen pods		

### Existing VJ Cherry Tree Approved planting

Shown on plan by pink circles in approximate locations

- 2 x Prunus 'Daikoku'
- 2 x Prunus 'Beni-yutaka'
- 2 x Prunus incisa 'Oshidori'
- 2 x Prunus 'Kanzan'
- 2 x Prunus serrulata 'Royal Burgundy'
- 2 x Prunus 'Shirofugen'

## Action Plan Further Information

### Community Garden

This would be an asset to work with the school, Coppice Court (ACT) and the local community with. If we could get Coppice Court involved it may give a good support structure to get started. It would be best to plan out a good vegetable garden with raised beds at various level to provide both wheelchair accessible gardening and seating. This could also include a small orchard area with wild flower under planting. An additional possibility would be to have step-over apple cordons as the break between the teenage area and the community garden.

### Teen Seating

The park has some teenage play equipment as well as an old 'pod'. As it is an area which is used by teenagers it would be positive to provide seating designed for them such as those below.



### Play equipment

The play equipment will need to be assessed again however at the last inspection a lot of it was still in good condition but looking tired. The Sentinel play evaluation listed the provision here as some of the best in the town however that is now 4 years old. What can be maintained should be re-painted and it has already been agreed to replace the flooring in the toddlers play area in 2021-22.

As the suggested theme for this park is music due to it being on the road names after Benjamin Britten. It would be great to include some musical play equipment. This is an area of play that is missing from all our play parks in Lowestoft and may appeal to a different type of child. Here are some examples:



The interactive Tembora allow funky sounds to be produced through simply striking the tubes with rubber paddles. Each of the 6 stainless steel tubes tuned to a C-major pentatonic scale generates a different tone with varying volumes but the audible strength achievable is quite staggering.



Made from 8 graduated stainless steel bells within a lyre-shaped stand, the Bell Lyre encourages relaxation and reflection with its sweet, gentle sounds.





Big, bold and beautiful – Tubular Bells represent the ultimate in outdoor musical chimes! The deep, low tones they emanate can be both felt and heard! The seven 100mm diameter aluminium chimes range from 1.2m to 1.8m tall and can be installed directly into the ground in any arrangement.



Available in all the colours of a rainbow, the Sambas are great for outdoor school or community performances and offer both exercise and therapeutic benefits as they are vibrant, fun and easy to use. Beating a rhythm on the drums is always a rewarding experience.



The Turtle Drum is a robust rhythmical musical instrument but is also a stunning Play Sculpture.



## Statue

At present there is no statue to Benjamin Britten in the town and it would be worth considering talking to the Arts Council or other organisations about commissioning one. It would be very significant if it could also include Peter Pears.

## Online Links

We might have signage around the park about Benjamin Britten which could have QR codes that take you to excerpts of his different compositions.

5 year plan schedule of works				
Year	Item/project	Cost	Existing Budget	To be budget for that year.
2021-22				
2022-23				
2023-24				
2024-25				
2025-26				
Longer Term				