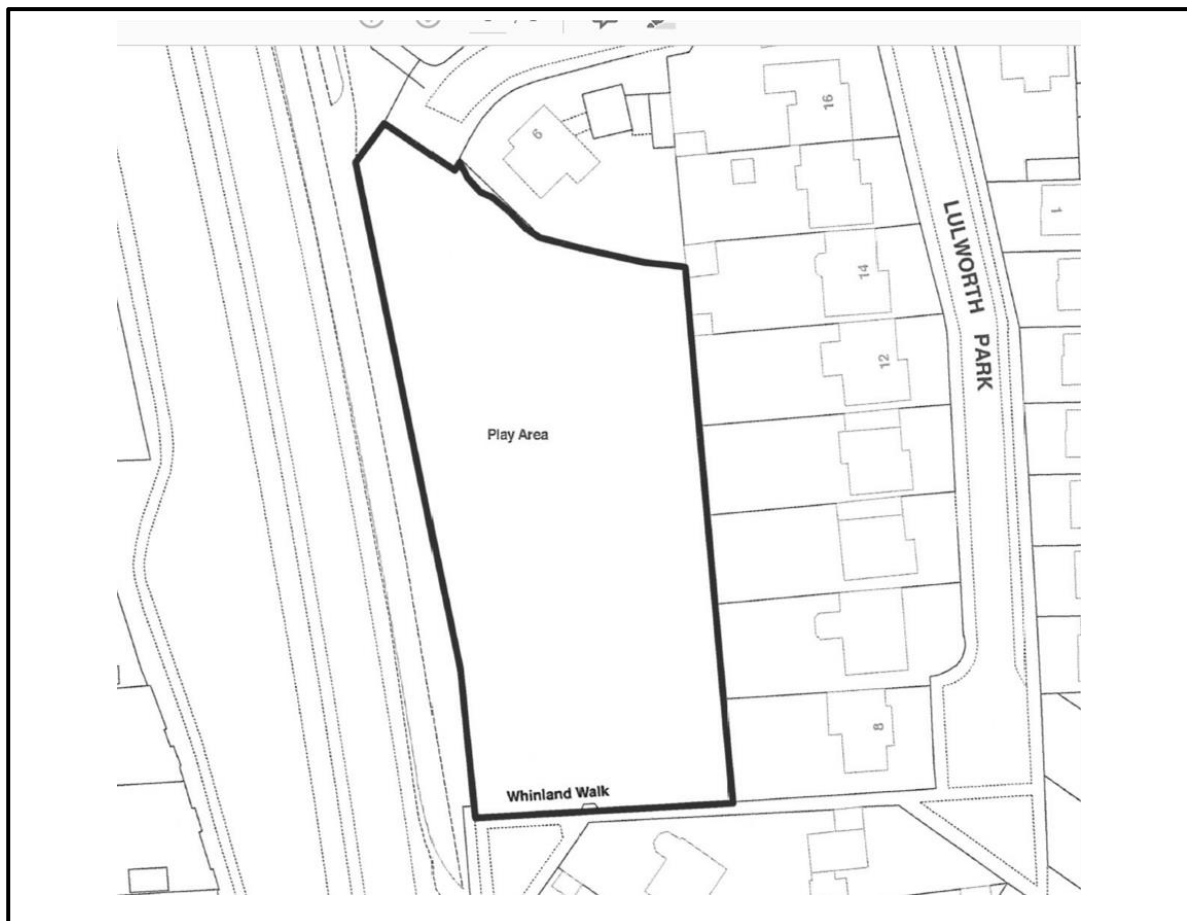


Thirlmere Walk



Current Site information

Ward: St Margaret's

Site Reference: SK261301

Area:

Special Status:

Covenants:

Entrances: 2

TPOs:

Services:

Facilities on site:

Access: Vehicular access from Thirlmere Walk and pedestrian access from Millennium Way and Lulworth Park

Species on Site:

Soil Type:

Issues:

An enclosed space which only really has visibility from the main entrance areas.

Current main use of site:

This space is nearly large enough to be considered a satellite park and borders Millennium Way along one length however due to the dense tree and hedge planting this is not that noticeable. It is used a lot by Benjamin Britten pupils on their way to and from school and is a well-used play space.

Future planned use of site:

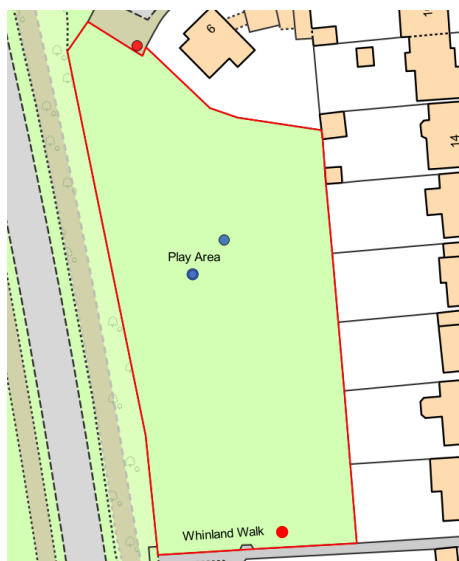
Sentinel recommend sustaining and improving toddler and junior provision stating it is not suitable for teen provision however the local community advise that it highly used as a congregation place for teenagers due to its proximity to the high school. Bearing in mind the size of the site perhaps both usages could be considered by careful planning.

Resources Required:

Family/community seating, teenage meeting hubs, signage

Resources Required:	Various
Funding Required:	Allocation of funds within the play equipment budget schedule of works Parks Development budget built into schedule
Stakeholder Group	No
Friends Group	No
Maintenance Contractor	Waveney Norse







Current Benches, Bins and Bike Racks Inventory



Code			
	Item	Quantity	Potential Needed
●	Bin	2	There are bins at each entrance which should suffice
●	Benches	2	There are two benches which are painted to match the play equipment but are two low for adult use. The preference from locals would be 3-4 picnic benches and 2 teen seating areas rather than formal benches.
	Bike Rack	0	Potential for two locations, by each entrance



Code

	Play area		Bins
	Picnic Benches		Bike racks
	Teen seats/picnic benches		Beginners Skate Park

Action Plan Further Information

Thirlmere Walk is a reasonable size open space bordering on park but would not be able to reach the level of a destination park. The play area is open so it is not a space where dogs should be let off the lead but it is used by dog walkers, families and teenagers however for the later there is not much here.

It appears as though there is a demand here for a beginners skate park, local teenage girls reported that the skate park at Normanston Park is almost exclusively used by boys, partly this was due to the fact that the girls felt that they had no where to learn before going in front of the boys at Normanston. Therefore adding this facility in this park would be a benefit and we could get professional help to design this feature. If this is progressed then adding in some teen seating would be beneficial.

The existing benches are not really great for adults (especially the less physically able as they are low. Adding in some picnic benches would make the place more family friendly. It could also benefit from bike racks as it is how a lot of teenagers access the park.