

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL



Meeting: Leisure Committee Meeting

Thursday, 29th May 2025 at **7.00 pm**

Euxton Council Offices, CBTC unit 16, East Terrace, Euxton Lane, PR7 6TE

A G E N D A

1. Election of Chair
2. Election of Vice Chair
3. Apologies
4. Public participation
5. Minutes of the last Committee meeting held on 29 October 2024
6. Southport Road new area report, costings for a BNG report, layout changes, budget
7. Chapel Brook update report and decisions
8. Project updates on:
 - Millennium Green works
 - Orchard works
9. Any other items which need attention or research
10. Date for next meeting

Leisure Committee (quorum 3)

Eric Jones
Andy Oddy
Paul Morton
Rebecca Peers
Katrina Reed
Vyn Thornhill
Geoff Vickers
Steve Walker

D. Platt
CLERK

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Southport Road project

You can see by the attachments to this report, in summary:

- LCC Highways did not raise any objections to the line drawing, but this would be put past LCC Highways planners again when the application is submitted. LCC did not see a need for additional parking.
- CBC Leisure in principle is ok with the type of development on this land but were not in favour of the ball court being close to the road and suggested it be as far away as possible. LCC agreed with CBC about location of ball park.
- CBC Planning did indicate a Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Report will be required with the planning application.

Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Report

I asked for CBC recommendations for BNG reports and they supplied 3 contractors.

ERAP	£850 + VAT
Bowland	£
Pennine	£1,140 + vat
Ark Ecology	£950 + VAT
Contract Ecology	£
Arbtech Consulting	£

It seems all the Ecology companies are very busy with BNG reports as this is a new planning requirement so any applications now need to be accompanied with one. It has taken some time to get these prices in.

Design changes

Suggested by CBC and agreed by LCC that the ball park should be as far away from the road as possible – see new line drawing.

FW: Parish Council advice on a recreation project from planning

RE: FW: Parish Council advice on a recreation project from planning



MH

Mike Halsall <mike.halsall@chorley.gov.uk>

RE: FW: Parish Council advice on a recreation project from planning
To: EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

12/12/2025 11:35



Hi Debra

If I am correct that Chorley Council own the land, and not the Parish Council, and that it will be the Parish Council undertaking the development, then planning permission will be required.

I think Lindsey's comments below cover everything on layout and items. There does appear to be a dense layer of trees between the site and the nearest neighbouring dwelling so I am not overly concerned about noise / disturbance impacts, but it would make sense to engage them in the process. If you have not already, I think biodiversity net gain may be a key issue for this site, particularly if some trees will be lost. That said, there may be scope to plant compensatory trees within the site boundary.

It will need to be an application for full planning permission. The validation checklist can be found here: [Validation](#)

You would need to submit the forms, fee, a location plan, site layout plan and elevational drawings of each piece of equipment. You would likely also need a tree survey and ecological survey of the site if any trees / shrubs would be impacted. Biodiversity net gain details would also be required.

The fee would likely be £146.50 (50% Parish Council discount applied), although I understand the fees may be increasing from April.

An example application can be found searching the reference number 23/00474/PUL here: [Simple Search](#) although this was prior to biodiversity net gain coming into force.

You may wish to consult LCC Highways to gauge if the existing car parking area is sufficient.

Hope this helps, I can still discuss over the phone if needed.

Mike Halsall
Principal Planning Officer

To: Mike Halsall <mike.halsall@chorley.gov.uk>; Simon Forster <simon.forster@chorley.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Parish Council advice on a recreation project from planning

Hi Mike

Good location for some teen equipment.

First thoughts are that the MUGA needs to be relocated as far from the road and entrance to the site as possible. The ball will still go over a 3m high fence and get stuck in the hedge or bounce into Southport Road or into the entrance of the site to the Cricket Club and skate park. Southport Road is very busy. Having children crossing from the skate park/car park to the new facilities so near to a vehicular entrance and exit point is a risk, however the current teen shelter is located here and there is good visibility.

The plans don't show the extent of tree cover to the back of the land adj to the house. They are quite dense trees. It may be better to move the MUGA as far from the road as possible? It may result in the loss of a few trees though. Are there plans to light the MUGA so it can be used in winter as the skate park is?

Would LCC highways have a view on the location of a MUGA near a main road?

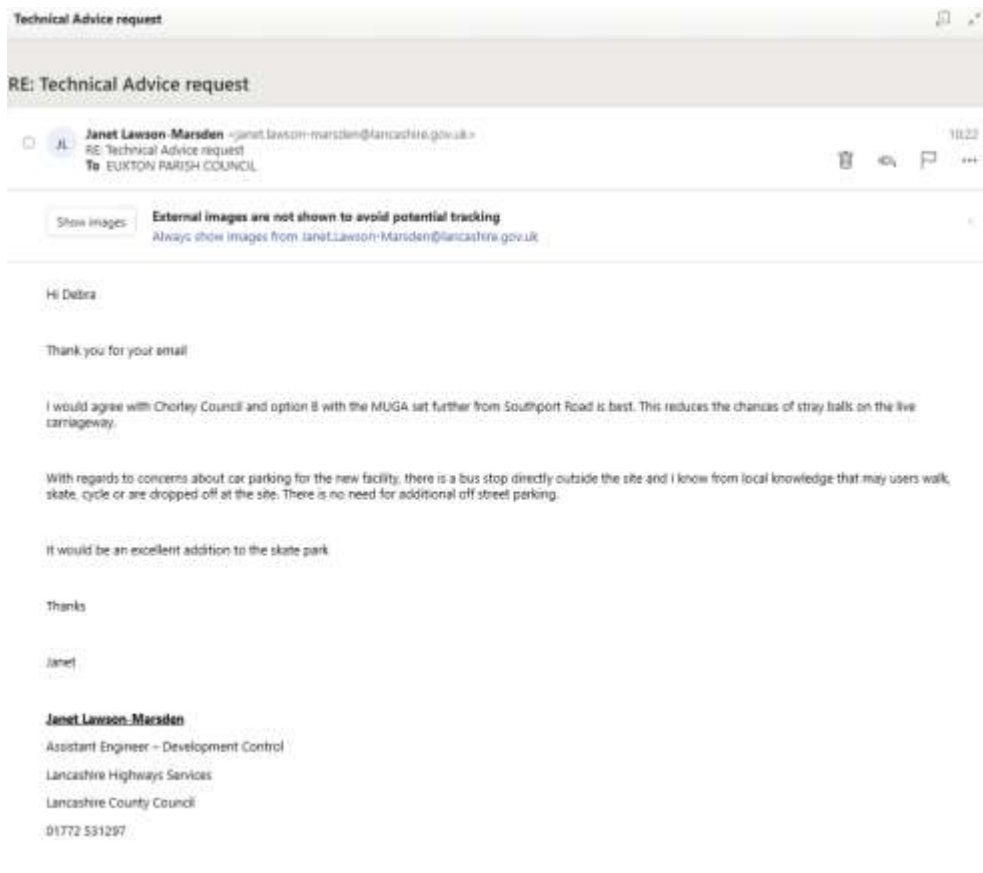
Location of zip wire is good, they are however problematic to maintain so whatever is chosen needs to be agreed with whoever will maintain the equipment once installed.

Has the nearest residential property been consulted? They will be impacted the most.

Will be interesting to hear what you and Simon think?

Regards

Lindsey Blackstock
Open Space Strategy Officer



OPTION B

Southport Road – line drawing (not to exact scale)

↗ Length and width of land: 75m, 27m



Multi use games pad, 3m fencing
21m x 13m approx.
tarmac surface

Phase 2 Activity equipment
approx.
15mx10m

Seating & shelter

Entrance area rubber mulch with paths leading from, bike rack, bin etc

Zip/cable way
approx. 20/25m long,
with launch pads -
safety surface

Rubber mulch soft surface (brown/green)
seating/shelter

Boundary fencing
approx. 0.9/1.2m
high, green

Rubber mulch
brown/green – looks like
play bark but is similar to
rubber wetpour surfacing



Martin Grimes, Specialist Aquatic Servies

The river itself doesn't look in bad shape really.

The land is very overgrown though and quite a few things overhanging the river in area's too.

Ideally a lot of those need cutting back to open things up better.

The water way itself looks at probably around 70% of where it could be to really look good.

There certainly could be things to be implemented which would improve everything but to get a true understanding of things and run a few tests and draw up some improvements, I ideally need to undertake a good inspection and try a couple of things so may be worth while to do this first, however I would have to do this at a cost because of the time allowance.

To check things out properly and run some true tests as previously mentioned I will be able to undertake initial proceedings for £230.

I will thoroughly test the water.

Figure out flows and if we can change how the river runs through, I will actually get in to the water to access the dirt and particles that settle also and can remove rubbish whilst I am in there too then come up with a comprehensive plan to move forward with it.