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Subject: HBC Landscape Consult: Kingsclere Ave

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Morning Vincent and Ian,

Great to catch up with you both yesterday.

My suggested contacts for the Community Team in connection with queries open space and play provision within Havant Borough are:

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As mentioned, it may be that you are re-directed to Norse in connection with some of your queries – but I suggest that it would be mutually beneficial to ensure the Communities Team are kept informed.

I've summarised the salient points of our discussion (with a couple of extra queries in italics below that were not discussed). Please can you add anything I've missed or misinterpreted?

- **Play area general principle:** HBC welcome this proposal because it will bring some much needed play provision for the local area. That said, HBC do envisage this will be popular with other residents from a wider area and may be subject to quite intensive use. An emphasis on robust, resilient surfacing and equipment is recommended.
- **Future residents:** HBC request that each prospective resident is made fully aware of the play area proposals to minimise the likelihood of associated complaints. It must also be emphasised to them in advance that the play area and associated visitor parking are intended to benefit the wider population – neither can be restricted or managed for the sole use of development residents. *Perhaps this can be formally recorded by inclusion in a tenancy agreement or signed disclaimer?*
- **Access and circulation:** Pedestrians and cyclists will be able to follow surfaced routes through the play area, or indeed via the paved street-zone around the perimeter. Compared with the original site diagonal desire line through the site, HBC and PCC agreed the change in distance and direction is deemed to be entirely reasonable.
- **Vehicular parking:** Parking demand is locally very high – many households have multiple vehicles, including commercial vans. The clear provision for parallel parking alongside the space will discourage kerb-mounted parking to the north and south perimeters. Bollards to the eastern edge are noted – HBC/PCC agreed some additional provision may be required (or perhaps temporary fencing until planting is established).
- **Play surface:** HBC confirmed ongoing problems with animal faeces, broken glass and sharps in sand and other loose play surfacing. Whilst HBC advises against use of loose surfacing, it is acknowledged that the play area will be PCC owned and maintained. The final decision on surface selection remains with PCC. PCC also outlined some wear issues associated with the grass matting. PCC agreed to review potential alternative options subject to costing implications before finalising their proposals.
- **Equipment proximity to dwellings:** The dwellings face onto the play area and will contribute good natural surveillance to help discourage anti-social behaviour. Despite this, HBC are concerned problems may arise where items of equipment attract misuse during evenings / night-time – this is something that could be exacerbated by more challenging / appealing equipment (e.g. our Neighbourhood Quality Team envisage the Pendulum Swing presents appeal for the rotating supports to be climbed). HBC/PCC agreed that equipment elimination is likely to reduce the enjoyment for genuine play. PCC have agreed to subsequently monitor installed equipment – it was agreed that persistent misuse may necessitate future equipment removal.
- **Litterbins:** *Will these be provided within the play area? If so ... How many and where? Who will be responsible for emptying?*

Subject to your adjustments, I shall circulate these to my Landscape, Community and Neighbourhood Quality Teams for information and future reference.

Kind Regards,

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