

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Consultees Addr:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2017/2608/P	Susan Richards	10 Sumatra Road NW6 1PU	21/06/2017 16:21:27	OBJ	<p>I question whether the proposals have properly assessed the actual demand for extended play space against the wishes and needs of residents and passers by to enjoy easily accessible green space and bench seating.</p> <p>If the aim of the exercise is to deal with worn equipment and improve the variety of play facilities it is not clear why this could not be achieved by re-organising the existing space more effectively, for example by utilising the rough area at the rear (left hand side) of the open space.</p> <p>Particular concerns are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* the loss of part of the existing open and easily accessible green space between pavement and fence (and accompanying shrubs) in an area that is already sadly lacking in accessible open areas;* the reduction in the number of street side benches that are close to the pavement and accessible at all times from 3 to 1• the corresponding emphasis on providing benches that are inside the park boundary making them subject to closing times and looking inwards rather than onto the pavement (also see below)**• the fact that the new fence line will break the existing 'open view' line that follows the front gardens of adjacent houses• the introduction of a second gate at the west corner. Local residents have expressed concerns regarding child safety and sight lines in this respect. <p>(**A further point regarding the proposal to place 2 of the 3 benches inside the park, looking onto the play areas is the possible unease that may be felt (both by those taking advantage of the benches and by those using the play areas) where single adults could be said to be watching young children).</p> <p>I would like to know when this proposal will be considered by the Committee.</p>
