

ID	Would removing the goal end have a negative impact on you or someone you know?		Would you like to see improvements made to the open space based on the proposed design above?		Are there any other comments you would like to make regarding this area of open space? - Other views
1	Yes	Children play on there. There used to be proper play ground equipment but that was removed too. Give the children something proper to play on and they might not cause trouble. The anti social behaviour is coming from the teens in the children home.	No	For me personally it makes no difference, I walk through with my dogs to get to the other fields. The local young children need somewhere to play	I believe the anti social behaviour has increased since several children's homes have started operating in the adjacent streets. With the small parking area being used to deal drugs. There used to be a lovely area for small children to play with climbing frame etc that was removed, then the basketball net was removed. Now you want to take the goal too. Leaving nothing for the local children. If you plan to make this a nice space for residents then it needs to upkept with monitoring and lighting etc otherwise it will just get ruined by anti social teens that are already a problem, if you put benches in you'll just be giving them somewhere to sit and do their drugs instead of in the car
2	No		Yes	Consideration of bird, owl, and bat boxes. Plenty of bats over the field at dusk, and both barn and tawny owls regular there too and in the trees which border the space. Possibly already roosting in the neighbouring trees	Good proposal. Need to make sure horses and motorbikes stay off as riders of each have been seen on there in recent months
3	No	It wouldn't but I don't think seated planters are best use of space as it is nice for people to use for dogs running round or for field games etc	Yes	Put grass all over so there is no concreted area. A space for wildlife and the local community to use too. Eg for field games or dog walking	How will this stop supposed antisocial behaviour? Do like the focus on wildlife though with the bee poles etc.
4	Yes	The young people who are residents on the surrounding roads have used this area for playing, even after the actual facilities were removed. I have not experienced any anti social issues with those using it. The sports facilities should be improved	No	There should be a mix of play space and planting to benefit all. Seating areas would cause more anti social behaviour than that which is being cited. The current space is underused due to the council removing the original play spaces	The area needs to benefit all age groups. The proposal re seated areas goes against what is trying to be achieved. The play area has been neglected and underfunded by SRBC in the past. Those with properties adjacentto the area (of which I am not) must be adequately consulted
5	No	The present equipment is unsuitable for this space but to remove all play equipment is inappropriate. More suitable equipment is required as the vast majority of houses in the close proximity are family homes with children.	Yes	Blending in natural habitat and early years provision would be the way forward. Eg Bug hotel, willow den, wooden outdoor train for children to scramble on etc.	The proposal of fruit trees is inappropriate as we already have vermin issues due to close proximity of Longton Brook. Fallen fruits are a haven to vermin (rats & grey squirrels) The entrance needs to be gated to prevent horses accessing this area to get into fields beyond. There are sufficient trees in this area and planting more would only reduce the footprint for play and recreational activities. Some of the current trees are huge and are actually too big next to some homes. Additional trees would over shadow gardens that back on to the park. Your plan shows an 'old ditch line' - this ditch is still functional. It continues down the side of 34 and 28 seven sands to reach Longton Brook - it is now piped with inspection chambers in places.
6	No	I have never used it and can't imagine ever using it.	No	Love the idea of increasing the number of trees and also attracting and protecting wildlife.	Any additional wildlife support would be great e.g. for hedgehogs and birds.
7	No		Yes		We feel the proposed changes would make the discussed space more attractive and inviting to local residents. However, we're unsure why the proposed changes would mean the space would not attract the same "anti-social behavior" you say it is attracting at present.
8	No	The posts in place at the moment are ugly, and do not serve any purpose, issues with new seated planters would encourage loitering and anti-social behaviour, particularly from youths, especially during summer, exercise machines are an idea.	Yes	Great planting and paths idea for dog walkers. Placing of mown kick-about area backs onto our fence, needs to be moved; balls hit our fence and small balls land in our garden, as well as noise pollution from sports activities in the summer. No good.	For the kick about area, I would suggest placing this on the Seven Sands side of the area, as this is lined with trees and is a safer back-drop for kicking balls around, Also, kids have previously brought their own portable goal nets and posts and placed them in this area and this only emphasises that this idea would be more appropriate.
9	No		Yes	Maybe provide parking so more people can enjoy the new space	
10	No	Not seen it being used properly in years.	Yes	Love the design! Would like permission to start a Friends group!	
11	No	The posts are an eyesore, and never see anyone using them for their purpose	Yes	The area would be more useable with an area for wildlife and fruit trees	
12	No		Yes	Dont put benches/seating in. Doing so encourages anti social behaviour which we are trying to discourage. Dont want to go back to the area being used late night and disrupting the neighborhood Consider wildlife friendly bushes rather than an orchard	
13	No		Yes		Good plans 👍

14	No	The “Goal End” is a vandalised basketball hoop. This is both an eyesore and a safety hazard. I know of one incident where a child was injured whilst climbing on it. I would prefer the hard standing area to be removed and grassed over.	No	Fruit trees will allow the existing grey squirrel population to thrive to the detriment of the residents existing bird population The seated planters will lead to increased antisocial behaviour, already a long standing problem on this piece of land	This piece of land is not suitable for the proposed design. As a resident who lives directly opposite and having experienced the anti-social behaviour which has plagued it for the past 30 years I would very much prefer not to see this proposal come to fruition. I would like to see the vandalised basketball frame (“goal end”) removed, the hard standing tarmac area dug up, and the area returned to grass.
15	No	We've lived here since the houses on Arkholme Drive were built and we have never understood what the idea was with the goal, although our two boys are adults and no longer at home to our knowledge they never used the goal for playing	Yes	Looks a lot better and beneficial to all than it does now. The only people we see going through there are dog walkers	No, we think its a fantastic idea
16	No		No	Because it will attract even more antisocial behaviour! When the playground was there, the place became a drug dealing paradise and the police never did a thing to stop this. It only stopped when the play area was removed .	I could only agree to the proposal if there was night vision cctv with warning signs.
17	No	Making the path to the west through the hedge better would help in winter it's in a dip and often a puddle so filling it raising would help.	Yes	Can it be possible can you make dog on leash mandatory in the whole area as some dog owners assume their "pet" is harmless when it's not.	
18	No	It would depend on what the goal end is replaced with. Seating areas would probably attract anti social behaviour. We already have plenty of park areas for people to enjoy .	No	Having lived here since the houses were built we initially experienced anti social behaviour on the proposed area . At the time it had places to sit which attracted up to 30 youths at night. This only resolved when the items were removed.	Its the only area for young children to play with a football etc on the estate. We have no pavements so the only other option is the road.
19	No		Yes		We back onto this space, we haven’t particularly noticed any anti social behaviour. In theory this proposal sounds good but hoping with seating, trees etc it wouldn’t in fact draw anti social behaviour and gatherings.
20	No	The removal of the goal end may affect those children that still use the space to play football or cricket. Some local children do this, using the traditional, jumper as goalpost method!!! It would a shame to lose this option.	Yes	I would like to see some improvements to the path and desire lines for walkers but would be against raised planters or seating that would encourage ASB as the children's park used to do. It was awful and seating is a magnet for loitering	Having lived in the Seven Sands turning circle/car park for just over 20 years I can confirm levels of ASB have declined since the park equipment was removed, which really has been a relief as a resident who cleaned up broken bottles etc in a morning! As a very quiet road we do still get people who abuse the area, parking up, smoking weed and going into the park and fields beyond. There are sometimes random cars appear, people walk into the field and then return quite quickly, without dogs. Shortly after another car may turn up and wander into the fields returning quite soon, suggesting potential county lines activities could be going on! Although reported to the Police there has been little response as its very adhoc. I am not against improvements but would ask that any design avoids areas that would encourage loitering or hanging around, seating or raised planters etc. I would also ask that any improvements are sustainable in the longer term, when budgets are reduced or local government reorganised that thing don't fall into disrepair. The priority though for me is that any work does not encourage increased local anti social behaviour in what is a quiet residential area.

21	No		Yes		I am a resident who lives directly opposite the park. I am happy to see improvements being made to the open space to support local wildlife and create a natural environment therefore I am in support of the area being tidied up and additional trees being added to enhance biodiversity. However, I do not believe there is any antisocial behaviour as written in the letter and there are a few ideas which I believe would cause unnecessary harm to both wildlife and residents of Seven Sands. Firstly, with there being no antisocial behaviour at present I would like to see this remain however I believe seated planters would encourage this behaviour. I also believe it would counteract the idea of creating a natural environment and supporting wildlife by encouraging littering. In the past, there has been a child's play area with seating which was broken by youths and removed for safety by yourselves. This was due to antisocial behaviour being recognised and I would be reluctant to see this happen again. Secondly, I have concerns the orchard trees would encourage rats and I know residents around Seven Sands already suffer with rats. I also believe orchard trees may encourage the antisocial behaviour we are trying to prevent by the fruit from the trees being used as missiles. Instead, I would like to see berry bushes which would achieve the target of supporting wildlife by feeding the birds. Furthermore, I feel the new cut pathway being proposed off Seven Sands is unnecessary as there is already a second pathway (with the first being the stone path) which is widely used by the public at the corner the proposed one. I believe it is unnecessary to pull up established plants to create another one when the existing one is already recognised by the public. This would disturb the wildlife.
22	No	It's unsightly and has no relevance or purpose to being there.	Yes		Our house backs on to this open space. We are very pleased that the council has made this suggestion and look forward to seeing the improvements.
23	No	It is not a goal end, it is the remains of a basket ball post.	Yes		I have lived opposite this park for 30 years, for as long as it has been in existence. I absolutely disagree with what has been written in the letter I received, dated 27/05/2025, where it states that it attracts anti-social behaviour. The only time I have been aware of antisocial behaviour is in the early days of the park when it had a fenced off toddler play area. The local youths would gather there, get up to anti-social behaviour, and leave rubbish strewn about. Eventually they damaged and pulled up the play equipment/rubber matting/fence, and it had to be removed, which was a great waste of tax payers money. They would also climb on the basket ball post, and when a child fell from it, the hoop was removed. Therefore I absolutely do not want to see any seating on the park, or anything else that youths can sit on. The orchard trees I see in the plan will encourage rats, and people living next to the park already struggle with them, and the fruit could be used as missiles by youths. Instead I'd like to see trees/bushes that have berries, to feed the birds. The new path which is on the plan, from Seven Sands onto the park, would mean ripping out existing plants and disturbing wildlife. Instead the existing path created by dog walkers should be used. I would very much welcome the resurfacing of the existing path.
24	No	I have not seen the goal posts used for any sporting activity.	Yes	In principle the idea is a good one, however I don't think that the planters will work. Who will water them in dry weather and of course there is the real risk that they will be vandalised. I would just supply seating without planters.	Any improvements will be welcome.
25	No	But the goal could be kept to grow climbers like clematis, roses, or jasmine, or if goal being taken down maybe put a pagoda over the hard standing area and planted with climbers, planting fruit trees to give locals fruit to pick.	Yes	The space isn't used much now, some benches would be nice but could encourage teenagers to hang around or be noisy,	

26	No	The "Goal End" is not used at all as far as I can see and should be removed to improve the aesthetics of the space.	No	I think the proposed design goes much too far and is more complex than needed. The proposed new planting etc is a good idea and the aim should be to re-wild the space not to turn it into a park. See my detailed comments below.	You cite anti-social behaviour as one reason for the proposal but to install seating, which could make the space even more attractive to gatherings by groups of young people, is inappropriate. Better to omit the seating and not formalise the space. Similarly, the plan to resurface and extend the entrance path seems extravagant and a waste of money - just improve the existing length and then cut the grass for the remainder. I note also your proposals for the area fronting Seven Sands itself and, as as resident of Seven Sands I would have no objection to this area being cut less often etc. However, your plans to create a cut path through from the field, thereby formalising a second entrance are not a good idea. Dog walkers and other users already have an informal and discreet route in via a gap at the far north eastern corner of the hedge near No 38. Better to utilise this rather than formalise a new entrance which would no doubt involve damaging the hedge to create a new way in. This informal route is well known to and widely used by the community and another entrance is simply not needed. As a resident for over 30 years, I know this area well and feel strongly about these points and sincerely hope that your proposals can be watered down and are not a fait accompli.
27	No		Yes	It seems very nice for the area, and is better than the existing concrete in a field	It should contain some form of lighting around the seating area, for increased safety, and maybe lighting on the stone path to the seating area, so that it can be used in darker months and reduce crime
28	No		No		I do not agree with the seated area, this will only encourage young people to dwell and I'm sure more antisocial behaviour. The footpaths in the area around the orchard trees have been turned into bike ramp trails by groups. And I have regularly had to go around collecting litter which has been dumped in plastic bags around these public footpaths. Not to mention trees turned into swings. I definitely don't think another entrance/path is acceptable, there is already a second pathway through which is used by some on the fence line. The main entrance is perfectly sized for the volume of usage. Also, the area in between the two entrances becomes extremely water logged at times throughout the year, and there is a noticeable dip at the hedgeline where the majority of the water gathers. There would have to be quite a lot of remedial work to create an extra footpath, otherwise it would become a muddy mess. That is not what the residents of Seven Sands want.
29	No	It is an unattractive item.	Yes	I do not think there should be a seating area. Fruit trees and bushes should be of a type suitable for wild life and not fruit trees for people.	Ladies smock occurs naturally in the adjoining field. This would suit the wet land of this area. English bluebells could be planted in the new tree areas. Plus native primroses. Bluebells could also be planted in the adjacent tree area adjoining Seven Sands.