

APPLICATION NO: 15/01860/FUL		OFFICER: Miss Michelle Payne	
DATE REGISTERED: 24th October 2015		DATE OF EXPIRY : 19th December 2015	
WARD: Pittville		PARISH:	
APPLICANT:	Cheltenham Borough Council		
LOCATION:	Pittville Park, Evesham Road, Cheltenham		
PROPOSAL:	Replacement of children's play park and erection of refreshment kiosk		

REPRESENTATIONS

Number of contributors	6
Number of objections	2
Number of representations	1
Number of supporting	3

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Comments: 15th November 2015

Despite the large number of documents, this application does not seem to adequately describe the proposal in detail. The "Block Plan" appears to be the only drawing which shows the new playground in its entirety. There do not appear to be elevations or sections showing the complete installation and, importantly, its Park context. (There is a very helpful "walk-through" movie on YouTube. Why is this not part of the Application?) Some of the proposed equipment is very tall and needs to be shown in context. A CGI with an approximate viewpoint at the NW corner of the Upper Lake, showing the new playground and the Pump Room could be helpful.

The drawing of the new Refreshment Kiosk is of poor quality and doesn't adequately describe the proposal. The "aluminium and cedar look" has been successful in other parts of Cheltenham but may not be appropriate for Pittville Park. The Heritage Statement suggests that the Kiosk will have a pitched roof but the sketch drawing indicates a sloping roof, which is not the same! It is not clear whether the Kiosk will be available for all or only those using the Playground.

I understand from other sources that the Aviaries will be renovated as part of this Proposal. (This is most welcome.) However, I was not able to find a document which describes in detail what will be done to them.

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Comments: 16th November 2015

I fully support the redevelopment of the play area and aviaries. However, I am dismayed by the materials used (mostly wood) and especially by the four very tall towers which will dominate the site. The wood does not fit into the setting on this side of Evesham Road, and many of the structures are old fashioned and ugly. I would be far happier with metal (preferably not bright

colours as one often sees) and more transparent equipment. The vistas to and from the Pump Room and across the Upper Lake will be compromised by the four towers. If they have to stay, why cannot they be on the Evesham Road boundary? The images of the cafe are dispiriting in the extreme. It looks like the worst garden shed. Why does everything have to look so rustic? Just because the play area is in a park it doesn't mean it has to be wooden. This redevelopment is such a wasted opportunity.

Brook House
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Comments: 17th November 2015

The trustees of the Friends of Pittville support the application for planning permission for the redevelopment of the play area in the east side of Pittville Park. The existing play area is well used but is looking tired and lacks a coherent design. At busy times there are queues for the equipment and it does not cater for a wide age range. The aviaries and small animal cages are much in need of refurbishment.

The plans for the redeveloped play area will increase the amount and variety of equipment and cater for many more children, including those in wheelchairs, and will make Pittville Park a more inclusive and exciting destination for children of all ages, families and school groups. The café included in the new play area will encourage people to stay longer while there will still be plenty of space for picnicking.

The design of the play equipment will fit into the park environment and its location will not impinge on the main views between the Pump Room and the lake. The siting of the taller equipment at the lower corner of the area will minimise its profile against the big trees at that point. The planting of new trees and other landscaping will enhance the park setting. The refurbishment of the aviaries will make them once more an attractive feature both visually and educationally.

We consider that the redeveloped play area will increase appropriate usage of the Park without detracting from the nature of its surroundings. In some senses it will be a modern interpretation of the original idea of Pittville's Pleasure Gardens.

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Comments: 3rd December 2015

i think this idea is really good because it will be one of the most fun parks and everyone will love it. it wont be overcrowded at all because there will be so many things to do. i love the idea! :)

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Comments: 20th November 2015

A well designed and thoughtful Plan. Deserves Approval. Sits well within this historically important Park. A modern updating of the original idea of Pleasure Gardens as envisaged by Joseph Pitt. Good to see a Planting scheme alongside the new play equipment. The modern style Kiosk is of a style seen in Royal Parks and settings in London. Children, parents and carers will love it. Well done for siting the tallest structure in the well screened south west corner, away from the centre of the site.

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Comments: 1st December 2015

Can I please suggest that the new play park should be relocated from its current position for the following positive reasons.

The current play park is often overcrowded, has fenced area that is dog-free for picnics and play. Requirement for catering identified.

The proposed new play park addresses some of these issues BUT the size and scale creates an eyesore and encroaches on the historic Pittville Park and Pump Room scene of the promenade and the long garden. The dog-free area is virtually eliminated and what's left is squeezed between the play park and Evesham road.

The best result would be to take the opportunity to completely re-site the play area to the West Side .The existing site would become a dog-free picnic/play area (much needed!!!) and would be absolutely ideal for hosting special events.

If the new play park was re-sited (for instance, between the skate park and Albemarle Gate) then a new toilet facility could service the West Side catering facilities (much needed !!!!). The much larger site would be less crowded. It would integrate and improve behaviour on the skate park . Skaters could also use the toilets!

The golf holes could be re-sited and the ugly fences on Evesham road removed . (Golf here is dangerous in any case).

The Albemarle Gate car park could be utilised and could have disabled spaces.

The historic aspect of the East Side near the Pump Rooms would be restored with no need for extra catering.

PLUS

The project could be COMPLETED QUICKER because work could start immediately without the need to remove the current facility beforehand.

Another possible site is over on the Agg Gardener fields?

Finally a quick comment on the golf course .

I think when the 9 hole golf course was created the park was less busy .Most people don't realise how hard a golf ball is and how wayward a golfer can hit the ball! . Many walkers don't realise a golf course is there!

The course is just plain boring and out of date

Most importantly, a much better/safer/more interesting course could be constructed over a much smaller area. In essence the holes should be shorter, trickier and safer. e.g. Google Earth the fantastic 18-hole public "pitch and putt" course at Beacon Park in Lichfield. Could the golf course be re-sited to the west side of Tommy Tailors Lane?? Land subsidence would be an additional feature ! It just needs a JCB and some grass seed.

The existing site could then be enhanced as deemed suitable.

The re-siting of this important play park to a better location is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.