

RE: Table Tennis Tables - Northstowe

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Dear Rosie,

Following your email below please see attached a map which illustrates all the suggestions we have received and the letter which was sent to the houses overlooking Pioneer Park which explains why the table tennis tables were removed.

The specification and conditions required for two table tennis tables are; the area must be flat and ideally each table needs 4 metres by 8 metres to allow plenty of space for players and passers-by. Best practice would also suggest they should be placed near other play equipment and community facilities and connected with other areas of open space.

At the Open Space Steering Group which took place yesterday (11/06/2021) the table tennis tables were discussed and for ease of reference I have extracted the minutes which were taken.

The following suggestions were eliminated:

Both Rampton Drift locations. Reason: located in Phase 2; area currently maintained by Rampton Drift Management Company; whole area potentially subject to a re-design; not immediately visible or accessible to the wider development.

Longstanton Recreation Ground. Reason: not in Northstowe.

Education Campus. Reason: not in Phase 1 and even though they could perhaps be located in a shared community/school use location, this is still some way from most residents' homes.

Allotment land. Reason: this land is reserved for allotment purposes.

Greenspace in the small water park opposite Linden. Reason: this area is to be developed as a LEAP and would anyway be excluded on the basis of being next to standing water.

The Green. Reason: L&Q do not feel it to be an appropriate use of a high- profile gateway site; furthermore, siting them there would reduce the area available for other general purposes.

This left a short list of the following:

Western Park – either close to the Longstanton path or adjacent to the formal MUGA.

Northern Greenway – the Northern Greenway LEAP might be able to accommodate, Stephen

Sage to assess site.

Pioneer Park – either at previous location or an alternative within this park. This location gained the most comments in favour, although the group agreed that each of these shortlisted options would need further careful consideration, particularly to assess how the site connected with wider infrastructure, provided choice to users through co-location with other amenities, the degree it would be subject to passive surveillance and the likely impact on neighbouring properties.

It is worth noting that any relocation on L&Q's land would need to be preceded by a Licence Agreement. With a model agreement in place this should not be complicated.

Please could the Town Council discuss at the next meet how they would prioritise these sites on the short list.

Kind Regards,

Ellen

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Subject: Table Tennis Tables - Northstowe

Dear Clare and Ellen

As requested, Northstowe TC discussed the consultation on new locations for the table tennis tables. The email that was sent to Cllr Thompson yesterday, with Cllr Littlemore and Cllr Owen copied in, was tabled at the meeting, and details given to all members, as not all were party to the email.

I have been asked to write to you to request additional information on the sites that have been suggested, as the Town Council confirmed that any decision as to where the table tennis tables could be placed must be made in relation to:

- a) that all suggestions are identified clearly on a map.
- b) specification and conditions required for the table tennis tables (Referring back to the original details regarding suitable locations, and the area required).
- c) An official statement to the Town Council to state why they were moved and what the constraints of the

original site were.

It was also stated that any proposal from the Town Council must meet the criteria in order that an informed and correct decision is made. Once the council is in receipt of this information from you (a,b and c), it will consider the locations that have been suggested.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind regards

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