

UPDATE REPORT

**FOR DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE
MEETING OF 18 JANUARY 2022**

Item B2 – 2021/0693 – Edenfield Recreation Ground

Since publication of the Committee report for this application, a further representation has been received from members of the public, stating the following:

“We have no objection in principle to the creation of a pump track on the Recreation Ground. However, instead of being located in the southwest corner of the Recreation Ground it should be located more towards the north-west corner which is the furthest point from housing. This would be a big help in reducing noise disruption for nearby residents. The picnic tables are unnecessary as this is not a picnic area and they could attract anti-social behaviour particularly in evenings.”

In response to the above comments, officers would respond as follows:

The proposed pump track would be located around 30 metres from the closest residential dwelling. Having regard to this fact and the nature of the works proposed, it is not considered that the development would necessarily cause any significant detriment to neighbour amenity through noise nuisance to the residents of existing properties.

It is considered that the proposed picnic benches would add to the value of the development being proposed, allowing an area for people to socialise, for users of the pump track to rest / take refreshment, and for parents / carers to sit whilst children use the pump track.

Potential anti-social behaviour associated with the development would be a matter for the Police and would be dealt with under separate legislation outside of the planning system.

In addition, when determining this planning application, regard must be had to the likelihood that the works (including the siting of picnic benches) could likely be carried out by the Local Authority in any case without the need for planning permission.

The concerns of local residents are understood in relation to the potential for evening use of the picnic benches. However, owing to the above it is not considered that planning permission can be refused for this reason.

It is suggested that members of the public with concerns over this use liaise directly with the applicant (Profitts CIC and the Council's Parks Team) to ascertain if there is scope for their concerns to be addressed in the final implementation of the scheme.

Having regard to all of the above it is not proposed to alter the recommendation contained in the Committee report, nor is it proposed to amend any of the proposed conditions.

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13 January 2022**