

# Downshire Field Landscape Design



## You Said...

Everyone likes Downshire Field - Retain it as a Green



The playgrounds are in the right place but need upgrading



Improve connections to Portswood Place and bus stops



We need space for temporary festivals and events



Buses lining up across Downshire Field is currently an issue



## Our Ideas...

Include play for older children, which could include gym equipment



Opening up of dark areas where there is overcrowding of trees with selective thinning



Access could be provided to Richmond Park for pedestrians & cyclists



Gravel paths through the Field



Gathering space with mounding of areas to provide for smaller and larger groups



Space for temporary festivals and events



Natural playable spaces



Improved access



Retention of existing trees where appropriate

# Main Development Landscape Design



## You Said...

Retain as many trees along Roehampton Lane as possible



Provide opportunities for growing food



Create outdoor space for cafe spill-out



Maintain a centre for Alton at eastern end of Danebury Avenue



Increase places that are overlooked to reduce crime risk



## Our Ideas...

Tree replacement with high quality and good size street tree planting



Create safe streets which are accessible to all



Tree planting which is in scale with the buildings



Green Streets with tree planting



Outdoor cafe seating areas



Growing spaces within courtyard areas



Safe pedestrian links through North/South connections



Pocket play spaces



Communal spaces for residents only

# External Play Strategy

## You Said...

The playgrounds are in the right place but need upgrading



Access should be for all ages, groups and abilities



Play areas should be more accessible - issues with locking



Play should be provided for teenagers who are often a lower priority



## Our Ideas...

There could be a fitness trail around Downshire Field



Any additional play in the Downshire Field should not significantly impact on open space



MUGA should be provided - upgraded Alton Club facilities



The new masterplan will utilise the existing generous green space at Downshire Field (Bull Green), which will have improved play opportunities and pedestrian links but retain the current openness of the field through light-touch interventions. The play provision for residents will be improved by providing ample play opportunities within the communal courtyards of the main development area. These will serve as secure environments only accessible to residents which will provide doorstep play for younger children.

### General Green Space

- Multifunctional open space for the use of all the community
- Includes large areas of lawn, seating, paths and tree planting

### Doorstep Play

- Equipped play area set predominantly within the courtyard spaces for younger children (0-5yrs)
- Within 100m of residential dwellings

### Local Play

- Nature inspired equipment within play area for ages 5-11yrs
- Provided to challenge children and promote social interaction
- Within 400m walking distance from residential dwellings

### Neighbourhood Play

- Play associated with 12+ age group
- Larger equipment could include fitness equipment
- Within 800m walking distance from residential dwellings



Space to make friends and sociative



Space to challenge



Access for all abilities



Play for older children and adults



Opportunities to interact with nature



Nature inspired play



Will use gate area

## Landscape Play Strategy



# Tree Strategy

## You Said...

Tree planting which is in scale with the buildings



Manage trees where overcrowding has created dark areas



Trees with scent, seasonal colour and interest



## Our Ideas...

Proactive long-term management of trees across the estate



Sensitive thinning of trees to reveal views to heritage assets



Replace any trees lost with high quality and good size street tree planting



### Our Strategy

#### Downshire Field/Bull Green Trees and Roehampton Frontage

- Sensitive management of tree planting within the Downshire field area
- Thinning of trees in locations where overcrowding has occurred creating dark areas

#### Street Tree Planting

- Provision of substantial street tree planting within new development area
- Replacement strategy of any trees lost across the site with high quality and semi-mature sized trees
- New green North-South links between development blocks
- Revitalised village green with street trees to reduce noise from Roehampton Lane

#### Communal Courtyards Tree Planting

- More garden-like tree planting to create intimate spaces with changing colour throughout the seasons
- Trees that will be visible from the ground level to increase sense of green on street
- Fruit trees to create opportunities for edible landscapes

### Tree Strategy



Right tree - Right location



# Village Square Landscape

## You Said...

Centre of Alton Estate - Bringing East and West together

The current setting of the library fronting the village green is supported

Should be retained as the main retail hub for the estate

The proposals need to consider the new TFL junction arrangement

Retain green space



## Our Ideas...

Open out the view to St Joseph's Church to reconnect to village centre

Multi-functional green space for events

Shared surface paving in square to calm traffic speed

Buffer tree planting to mitigate sound of Roehampton Lane

Predominantly green space at heart of Village Square



Village Green Event Day



Seating Areas



Safe secure environment for residents



Informal play elements

# Harbridge Avenue

## You Said...

Sap problem with the Limes - not good for cars

Trees affect the pavement levels making avenue difficult to navigate

Trees not the original trees, although example of true avenue on the estate

If lime trees replaced – desire to see mature fruit and nut trees – good for bees and interactive

## Our Ideas...

Replacement of Harbridge Avenue trees with improved specimens of a good size that re-establish boulevard

Tree replacement will allow a more pedestrian friendly environment by adjusting levels to create better north-south links

Widening of avenue



Mature Lime trees in informal avenue



1965 View towards Albrook House

Evidence that the original avenue was replanted in the mid 1960's

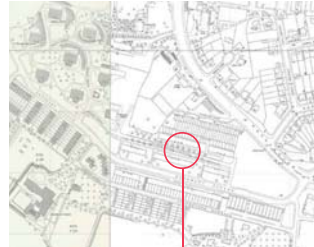


1964 Elevated View towards Albrook House

1916 OS



1960 OS



Harbridge Avenue formalised and surrounded by modern day development

