

# FRIENDS OF NORTH LODGE PARK

The survey conducted by the Friends of North Lodge Park in March/April 2015 concluded that the overwhelming majority of respondents wanted the Park to remain a

*Quintessential family seaside cliff-top park, with well maintained lawns and flower beds, full of life and activities for all*

The proposals in this discussion are based on analysis of over 700 of your responses to the spring survey; please use this questionnaire to indicate your support for these proposals; the questionnaire is also online at

[northlodgepark.org.uk](http://northlodgepark.org.uk)

It is proposed the Park is developed around the café, enabling the Park life to radiate from this hub, 12 months of the year. This means maximising the use of the old bowling green, the old croquet lawn, the concrete area, the rose garden and the areas close to the café.

Whilst the café is too small to fulfil this function fully, it is not thought justifiable in the medium term to relocate to new premises. Therefore, development of the café within its current location is proposed.

Do you agree with this proposal to develop the Park around the cafe?

fully  
supportive

supportive

do not  
agree

completely  
against

One idea we are looking at is to develop a top quality young children's play area on the old bowling green. This area has been neglected too long to make it viable as a bowling green, and its location close to the café, pre-school and town suggest this as a good location.

However, creating a unique play area meeting our aspirations of the best in the region could take time; in the meantime it is proposed to invest immediately in adventure play equipment for this area (which could be relocated when the final solution is installed).

Do you agree with this proposal to use the old bowling green for a children's play area?

fully  
supportive

supportive

do not  
agree

completely  
against

The boating lake is a popular part of the Park, and this facility should be retained. However, its position does restrict opportunities for the café being a significant income generator for the Park. An idea we would like to explore is to relocate the boating lake with the development of the old bowling green, replacing it with a paved Park Plaza, opening onto the events area, with a splash area for children and ground fountains. This would allow wider redevelopment and use of the café.

Do you agree with this proposal to move the boating lake?

fully  
supportive

supportive

do not  
agree

completely  
against

There is a need for a teenage and young adult play area. A multi-use games area (MUGA), with teenage targeted play equipment could be installed on the concrete area, with landscaping around to reduce the impact of the harsh lines of such an installation. The sub-base already in place would make this a quick and effective solution and instantly improve the area and provide a much needed space for older children. Whether this should be a purely recreational space or built to Sport England guidelines for competition use and to provide a potential revenue stream needs further examination.

Do you agree with this proposal for a MUGA on the concrete area?

fully  
supportive

supportive

do not  
agree

completely  
against

The Rose garden should be retained as a quiet place; a wheel-chair access point could be opened on the drive to facilitate better use of the area. The pergolas need urgent repair, and the roses need attention and replacing. The pre-school have already been given a corner of the garden to help with their educational activities. It is proposed that an art trail by local sculptors is developed round the roses.

Do you agree with this proposal for the Rose Garden?

fully  
supportive

supportive

do not  
agree

completely  
against

The clock flower garden should be retained, but reduced to a more manageable area, with easier access and the surrounding borders brought back to life and colour.

The large putting lawn should be retained as a recreational and picnic area. The putting holes should be retained to allow summer weekend putting events. The borders around these areas need to be brought back to life with seasonable and sustainable planting. Through facilitating occasional vehicular access to this lawn by widening the path to it, the area could also be used for occasional fetes and festivals.

Do you agree with this proposal for the Gardens?

fully  
supportive

supportive

do not  
agree

completely  
against

The area over the bridge could be developed as a picnic area, with more entrances created to allow fuller access from Cliff Drive and the cliff top. The demand for a wooden 'trim trail' could be investigated for this area. The flower borders here could be reduced and relocated to provide beds of sustainable plants with year round colour. An international art commission could provide a major artwork to be placed in this area, increasing the attractions making the Park a destination beyond the local community.

Do you agree with this proposal for 'over the bridge'?

fully  
supportive

supportive

do not  
agree

completely  
against

Being the area closest to the town commerce, the sunken garden behind the Rocket House could be developed as a craft market area, with the thatched collectors cabin restored, and the shelter developed into pop-up shops. Further beach hut style stalls could be placed around this area. This would help draw the town into the Park and bring shoppers to the east side of Cromer, and help satisfy the demand for short term shops. This idea could also bring important income to the Park.

Do you agree with this proposal for the sunken garden?

fully  
supportive

supportive

do not  
agree

completely  
against

It is proposed to examine the feasibility of an interactive trail round the Park, with trail points linking tablets and smart phones to information or activities; such a trail would link with other trails proposed around the town. Such a trail could be historical, educational and fun.

Do you agree with this proposal for an interactive trail?

fully  
supportive

supportive

do not  
agree

completely  
against

In the previous survey there was no question regarding car parking in the Park, but some of you expressed views on this matter, both for and against.

In future plans for the Park, would you support...

use of concrete  
area for parking

use of clock  
garden for parking

use of upper lawn  
(over the bridge)  
for parking

against all parking  
in the Park

Please use this box for any other comments

You can complete this survey online at [northlodgepark.org.uk](http://northlodgepark.org.uk).

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by 31st January 2016