

Dereham Town Council

Recreation Committee

26th November 2024

Agenda Notes.

3. Update on Play areas.

The replacement equipment for Toftwood Recreation ground should be being installed in December. The areas are Girling Road, Sandy Lane and Old Becclesgate are still waiting on the transfer to progress.

4. Update on the provision of additional sports pitches in the south of Dereham.

Breckland Council's Open Space and Playing pitch assessment is still progressing. The Planning Policy Team has been made aware that the Council would be interested on exploring mechanisms for bringing forward sports pitch provision at the early stages of the local plan rather than have to wait for sports pitches to be delivered later in the plan period as houses are being built.

It might be worth getting some additional legal advice to help understand the options and progress the conversations as the Local Plan progresses.

5. Dereham Skate Park

There is a development along Greenfields Road which should be contributing towards off-site sports provision. The developers have disputed this contribution resulting in the development being stalled.

6. Update on Countryside Park.

An application has been submitted for a grant to plant 4ha of trees at the western and eastern end of the Countryside park.

A grant fund, which may be suitable for the technical feasibility work for a wetland area at the western end, has become available and an application will be submitted.