



Meeting re. improving land east of Meadows tennis pavillion 19.08.20

Participants: Mike Shields (City of Edinburgh Council); Joan Carter (Southside Community Council, Friends of the Meadows & Bruntsfield Links); Alex Harkins (Edinburgh Leisure); Gordon Drummond (Local Resident/Causey Development Trust); David Wood (Meadows City Tennis Club/Causey Development Trust/Southside Community Council)

Facilitated dialogue about the the space took place under the following themes:

What is good currently?

- Views to north/south/east
- Planting/trees adjacent to site
- New mural
- Playpark adjacent
- Refurbished pavillion
- Bike access
- Social distancing space
- Benches
- Blue railings - have high design quality

What is bad currently?

- Grey & unwelcoming
- Poor surface finishes
- Poorly maintained; feels neglected
- Not a defined space
- No clear purpose/use
- Poorly defined pedestrian/cycle path
- Weak gateway to Meadows
- Benches poorly positioned
- Cafe in pavillion not obvious
- No disabled access to pavillion
- View of WCs
- Views of bins/grit sack
- Sometimes attracts ASB

**Note of meeting prepared
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Possible improvements/new uses

- More legible path
- Bike stands/bike access
- New cafe signage/outdoor tables
- New/re-positioned benches
- Re-surfacing/new sets/curves
- Re-orientate blue railings
- New planting
- Continue mural/mosaic - public involvement
- Water fountain
- Water re-fill facility (play park too)
- Recycling facilities (play park too)
- Table tennis table
- Outdoor gym
- Street food stall(s)
- Chessboard/skittles
- Children's play/bike facilities/cycle training

Limitations on change

- Retain 3 parking spaces (re-positioned?)
- Access for deliveries to pavillion
- Access for trade waste
- No CEC funding /reduced FOMBL budget

Next steps

1. **Circulate note of discussion to participants & Southside Association - DW**
2. **Contact CEC Future Parks re funding - DW**
3. **Consider other funding options - ALL**
4. **Consider wider engagement event, possibly with landscape architect - ALL**