Whitehead Recreation Area
Development Plan

Final
February 2012

Prepared for
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Rev</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Details</th>
<th>Prepared by</th>
<th>Reviewed by</th>
<th>Approved by</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>03.01.2012</td>
<td>DRAFT</td>
<td>Phillip Evans</td>
<td>Catherine Adams</td>
<td>Catherine Adams</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Graduate Landscape Architect</td>
<td>Landscape Architect</td>
<td>Landscape Architect</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>29.02.2012</td>
<td>FINAL</td>
<td>Phillip Evans</td>
<td>Catherine Adams</td>
<td>Catherine Adams</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Graduate Landscape Architect</td>
<td>Landscape Architect</td>
<td>Landscape Architect</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Limitations

URS Ltd has prepared this Report for the sole use of Carrickfergus Borough Council in accordance with the Agreement under which our services were performed ([insert Proposal no. and date]). No other warranty, expressed or implied, is made as to the professional advice included in this Report or any other services provided by URS. This Report is confidential and may not be disclosed by the Client nor relied upon by any other party without the prior and express written agreement of URS.

The conclusions and recommendations contained in this Report are based upon information provided by others and upon the assumption that all relevant information has been provided by those parties from whom it has been requested and that such information is accurate. Information obtained by URS has not been independently verified by URS, unless otherwise stated in the Report.

The methodology adopted and the sources of information used by URS in providing its services are outlined in this Report. The work described in this Report was undertaken between [insert date] and [insert date] and is based on the conditions encountered and the information available during the said period of time. The scope of this Report and the services are accordingly factually limited by these circumstances.

Where assessments of works or costs identified in this Report are made, such assessments are based upon the information available at the time and where appropriate are subject to further investigations or information which may become available.

URS disclaim any undertaking or obligation to advise any person of any change in any matter affecting the Report, which may come or be brought to URS’s attention after the date of the Report.

Certain statements made in the Report that are not historical facts may constitute estimates, projections or other forward-looking statements and even though they are based on reasonable assumptions as of the date of the Report, such forward-looking statements by their nature involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the results predicted. URS specifically does not guarantee or warrant any estimate or projections contained in this Report.

[Unless otherwise stated in this Report, the assessments made assume that the sites and facilities will continue to be used for their current purpose without significant changes.]

[Costs may vary outside the ranges quoted. Whilst cost estimates are provided for individual issues in this Report these are based upon information at the time which can be incomplete. Cost estimates for such issues may therefore vary from those provided. Where costs are supplied, these estimates should be considered in aggregate only. No reliance should be made in relation to any division of aggregate costs, including in relation to any issue, site or other subdivision.]

[No allowance has been made for changes in prices or exchange rates or changes in any other conditions which may result in forecast cost estimates do not include such costs associated with any negotiations, appeals or other non-technical actions associated with the agreement on measures to meet the requirements of the authorities, nor are potential business loss and interruption costs considered that may be incurred as part of any technical measures.]

Copyright

© This Report is the copyright of URS Ltd. Any unauthorised reproduction or usage by any person other than the addressee is strictly prohibited.
## Contents

- **Revision Schedule**  
  *i*
- **Limitations**  
  *ii*
- **Contents**  
  1
- **1.0 Introduction**  
  2
- **2.0 Site Assessment**  
  3
- **3.0 Stakeholder Consultations**  
  7
- **4.0 Case Studies**  
  10
- **5.0 Recommendation of Facility Mix**  
  14
- **6.0 Development Options & Costs**  
  27
- **7.0 Community Consultation**  
  33
- **8.0 Phasing & Funding**  
  40
- **9.0 Recommendations**  
  42
- **10.0 Appendix**  
  43
1.0 Introduction

Brief

URS was appointed by Carrickfergus Borough Council in November 2011 to develop a feasibility report to establish the need to intensify the use of the existing recreation area in Whitehead. The project aims to provide opportunities for new uses and events. There may be potential also for developing the area for other uses which are not sport related. The area must be considered in context with the rest of Whitehead village and in particular with the development at the Railway Preservation Society premises. Links with other parts of the village are important.

The plan for the recreation area should outline the long term blueprint and a phased approach for development and the outline design concepts should be illustrated appropriately. The project has to meet the wider goals set by the Council in its Corporate Plan 2011-2015 which will make the Borough a vibrant place for all to live, work, visit and invest in. The area will help to deliver options for a healthy lifestyle within a safe environment and be at the heart of the community. It also can have the potential to attract new economic opportunities to the area.

Objective

The scheme should reflect community aspirations to provide a Vibrant place; a dynamic hub, thriving and active, a Healthy lifestyle; encourage involvement of ‘all’ within the community to participate in the offering and improve Quality of Life; a clean, safe, happy, sustainable environment.

The project objectives include:

• To provide better facilities for its existing users
• To provide useable space for new activities and events
• To consider the current condition of existing facilities and their fit for purpose
• To consider wider community needs in the context of future facility provision in the area
• To consider proposed infrastructural developments at the adjoining Railway Preservation of Ireland premises
• To enhance safety and security in the area
• To establish future needs and/or plans of Youth Service in relation to its activities on site
• To establish future facility needs and/or plans of local education providers
• To improve the general appearance of the grounds
• To add to the general tourist ambience of the area and town
2.0 Site Assessment

Existing Elements

The existing recreation area currently includes; public access road which serves private dwellings, access to RPSI premises and pedestrian access through the site, formal public gardens, 5Nr. tennis courts, a bowling green and associated open space and car park, a multi-use games area, a playground with a range of play equipment, an informal car park area, 2Nr. grass football pitches and 5Nr. buildings with a range of facilities. A visual site inspection of the recreation area was carried out on 28th November 2011 and a summary of the findings are illustrated below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Formal Garden</th>
<th>Current Condition</th>
<th>Opportunities</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Ornamental public space to recreation area entrance</td>
<td>Create new village square and gathering space</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tennis Courts</th>
<th>Current Condition</th>
<th>Opportunities</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>5Nr. synthetic courts</td>
<td>Provide changing facilities</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>No floodlighting</td>
<td>Dome for year round play</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Poor relationship to changing pavilion</td>
<td>Tennis court perimeter hedging for shelter</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bowling Green</th>
<th>Current Condition</th>
<th>Opportunities</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Natural grass bowling green</td>
<td>Bowling green floodlighting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Privately owned dedicated pavilion with car park</td>
<td>Perimeter hedging for shelter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Stepped access is not DDA compliant</td>
<td>An increased water supply for green irrigation</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MUGA</th>
<th>Current Condition</th>
<th>Opportunities</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Synthetic court with goals and basketball hoops</td>
<td>Create a contained and dedicated multi-use games area</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Does not relate well to other facilities</td>
<td>Improve and upgrade</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Playground

- Out-dated with limited play value and unappealing equipment

Car Park

- Informal bitmac car park
- Area subject to flooding

Pitches

Pitch 1

- Fenced natural grass pitch currently used for intermediate level

Pitch 2

- Un-fenced natural grass pitch currently used for junior level

Current Condition  Opportunities

- Create flagship play facility for Whitehead to cater from toddler to teens

- Rationalise car park layout to provide increased number of spaces
- Hardstanding areas can be utilised for outdoor market / events space

- Pitch upsizing to IFA Premier Intermediate League Standard
- Floodlighting and a third generation synthetic pitch
- New changing facilities to meet IFA Premier Intermediate League Standard
- Remedial upgrade to grass surface
The buildings have not been surveyed internally at the request of Carrickfergus Borough Council for this stage of the project. The buildings generally do not meet current standard of facility provision and hence have limited future use for sporting activity. However, The NEELB have upgraded and reconfigured their building layout.

**Buildings**

Toilets  
Changing pavilion  
NEELB Youth Centre  
CBC squash courts  
Bowling pavement
3.0 Stakeholder Consultations

Whitehead Primary School Consultee - Mr Jim Loughins - Principal

Telephone conversation with J Loughins on 5th December with regard to their existing use of the Recreation Grounds:

The school currently uses the recreation grounds for football, hockey and rugby in winter and tennis in summer. The MUGA is also used. The ground in the school has drainage problems so the grass is not practical to play on regularly. The school hall does not have a good stage or any back stage facilities. A separate sports hall is used for gym classes. They struggle to deliver IT as they do not have a dedicated computer suite. The indoor hall does not have a high ceiling so is of limited use for badminton etc. There is limited parking at the school and set down and pickup is done from the public road. The existing recreation grounds car park is too far away and visually separated from the school to be of use.

The school would love to have use of the following:

- Trim trail with equipment designed for upper body strength to meet Department of Education current guidelines
- Computer suite
- Indoor hall with badminton/netball/basketball for extra curricular classes preferably beside the existing school
- Indoor hall with good stage and backstage facilities

The school would be willing to consider shared facilities built on their ground which they could share with the wider community outside school hours.

Youth Service (NEELB) Consultee- Jim Lewis

Telephone conversation with J Lewis on 8th December with regard to their building requirements within the Recreation Grounds:

The building is owned by NEELB who have spent £150k upgrading it by re-cladding the outside and reconfiguring the layout inside. It currently operates as a full time youth centre, opening 4 nights a week, 2 afternoons and Saturdays and Sundays. Youth activities are centred round person and social development, sport work, art and craft. There are pool and table tennis tables available. There are no computer facilities for members. They have an open access for all policy. The existing hall has a badminton court. There are usually 40-60 young people per night attending the Centre. They rent out the facilities to other groups as long as they are for educational purposes and are not connected with religious or political groups. Groups must be non profit making. The Sea Cadets and St Johns Ambulance use the Centre. They do not make much use of the existing MUGA. There are no plans to change the Centre in the near future.
Railway Preservation Society of Ireland Consultees - Denis Grimshaw and Francis Richards

Site meeting at RPSI premises on 9th December with regard to their extension plans:

The new plans for the development of the current site were discussed- (see appendix). The Scheme has passed Stage 1 of Heritage Lottery Funding and is being submitted for Stage 2 in Spring 2012 with completion anticipated in 2014. There is also an application with NITB and SEUPB jointly with their counterparts in Dundalk. There will be a new café in the visitor reception building on the platform which they hope to franchise out. The new centre will be open daily from Easter through the summer and then at weekends during the winter. Historically the railway to Whitehead brought visitors from Belfast to the Gobbins. From Whitehead they continued their journey by jaunting car. The RPSI hope to be able to link into the Gobbins again if this can be realised by Larne Borough Council. The scheme has not got Planning Permission yet.

The proposals require the following:
- Visitor and coach parking within the Recreation Grounds
- Access to the staff parking area through the recreation grounds site
- Access for deliveries
- Screen planting along the platform side if possible
- Consideration of height of boundary fence to include ball stop along platform side.

Whitehead Bowling Club Consultee - Sean Mullan

Telephone conversation with S Mullan on 5th December with regard to any deficiencies or aspirations that the Bowling Club have:

The club has 90 members and has purchased their pavilion from the Council. The pavilion is of brick construction and has had a new roof and new windows in the last five years.

Requirements
- Pavilion heating
- Pavilion changing and shower facilities
- Pavilion DDA requirements
- Bowling green floodlighting Class 2 or 3 floodlighting of 200 or 100 lux respectively
- A secure boundary to prevent unauthorised access, and help prevent vandalism.
- Bowling green perimeter fencing/hedging, to avoid disruption to line of sight during play.
- An increased water supply for green irrigation as the present half inch water supply from the watermain on Islandmagee Road is insufficient pressure.
Kilroot Rec Consultee - Maurice Cameron

Telephone conversation with M Cameron on 8th December with regard to their aspirations for using the Recreation Grounds:

- Pitch upsizing to IFA Premier Intermediate League Standard.
- Direct access onto pitch from changing facilities.
- Secure site fencing
- Basically a facility (pitch/changing and spectator) that would comply with IFA Premier Intermediate League Standard.
- Floodlighting and a third generation synthetic pitch.

Whitehead Tennis Club Consultee - Daphne Cairns

Telephone conversation with D Cairns on 19th December with regard to any deficiencies or aspirations that the Tennis Club have:

- Shelter – previously the courts had a hedge around them but this was removed by the Council. The hedge provided shelter from the wind.
- Pavilion – The members cannot access existing toilets and changing facilities if something is on in the hall so would like a dedicated or better laid out pavilion.
- Inflated dome over Courts 1 and 2 for winter season

Whitehead Eagles Consultee - Wallace McFaul

Telephone conversation with W McFaul on 8th December with regard to any deficiencies or aspirations that the Football Club have:

- Require two pitches as a minimum as they have 2 senior teams and multiple junior teams
- Ideally one pitch would be a floodlit synthetic
- Increase in size of pitch closest to Islandmagee Road to IFA Premier Intermediate League Standards.
- Redevelopment of the Youth Club to provide adequate changing facilities and an indoor hall for training/5-a-side football (but could also be used for other sports).
- No objection to ground sharing with Kilroot Rec.
- Preference to stay on their existing pitches and would not like to see the pitches being split by Islandmagee Road.
4.0 Case Studies

Meadowbank Sports Arena - Magherafelt

Meadowbank is owned and operated by Magherafelt District Council and is for public use. The arena's indoor synthetic surface allows a whole host of sporting activities to take place simultaneously, for example it can cater for a full size hockey/soccer pitch, plus 4 mini-pitches (all 4 badminton court sized). Alternatively it can also accommodate an indoor 300m track. All of which are complemented with spectator amenities to seat 450 on a first floor gallery, additional changing facilities and ample storage. The centre is also fully accessible to wheelchair users and special needs groups. Outdoors, a 400m, 6 lane synthetic athletics track, facilities for associated field events; sand based soccer and gaelic/rugby pitches; outdoor Astroturf / 2 tennis courts, children’s play area and pavilion, along with additional car parking. All outdoor facilities are floodlit and offer a secure setting with excellent provision for spectators and visitors.

This multi-functional arena has the flexibility to host exhibitions, regional sports competitions, national tournaments and other events.
CIYMS - Belfast

The Church of Ireland Young Men’s Society (CIYMS) is a private club which provides facilities for a range of sport and leisure activities within the grounds. A significant investment in the outdoor facilities and new pavilion have provided CIYMS with the opportunity to cater for: rugby, tennis, cricket, hockey and athletics, badminton, squash and indoor bowling, bridge, chess, and drama (the Clarence Players) and a new fitness suite.

- The Athletics Club is a small section comprised of 14 members. It was established in the early 1980’s and although larger in size in its initial years of existence, membership has remained relatively static over the last five years.
- The Badminton Club caters for adult players of all abilities. Competitive members are involved in match play whilst others can enjoy the game for the fitness benefits it provides.
- The Bridge Club currently has 82 members and they benefit from the pavilion providing private rooms to cater for their numbers and alternative games.
- Similarly to the Bridge Club, the Chess Club also benefit from private rooms.
- The Clarence Players drama group are active performers with yearly shows. They benefit from the space afforded in the pavilion’s function room for rehearsals and additional storage space elsewhere.
- Three cricket teams compete at CIYMS. Facilities are excellent with a well drained square and outfield. The balcony of the new pavilion provides a superb vantage point to view the high cricket. Training and coaching facilities are available and these include two all weather wickets and mobile nets which are used on both the square and the practice area.
- The fitness suite has a range of state-of-the-art equipment, changing rooms and showering facilities are available.
- CIYMS is home to two hockey clubs and provides a sand dressed pitch, changing and showering facilities.
- The Indoor Bowling Club shares the same room as the Bridge and Chess Clubs, proving that the multi-use approach can benefit many organisations.
- CIYMS is also home to two rugby clubs and provides a 2 natural grass pitches, changing and showering facilities.
- There is currently one squash court in the old pavilion, however there is scope to extend the new pavilion and provide new courts to compliment the growth which existing teams and organisations already benefit from.
- CIYMS Tennis Club currently has about 350 members with excellent playing, coaching and social facilities. It has 6 artificial grass floodlit courts, one of which has a practice wall. The club has now added a dome over three courts and this is in operation annually from October to March. The dome was privately financed by members of the tennis club and not the CIYMS organisation. A rigorous saving programme was adopted and after 10 years and savings of circa £100,000, the new dome was installed.
Community Centre - Rathfriland

Rathfriland Community Centre is a modern sports facility that caters for leisure and recreational needs and is run by Banbridge District Council.

Facilities include:
- 3 synthetic tennis courts (floodlit) that can be used for football
- 6-a-side Sand Based Synthetic Turf Training Facility
- 1 court main hall 19 meters X 12 meters used for badminton, netball, volleyball, indoor football and childrens’ birthday parties
- Committee room 8 meters X 4.5 meters used for meetings and for advice centres
- Modern kitchen for catering for any function such as birthday parties and tea dances
- Fully equipped fitness suite
- Small play park situated within the Centre grounds. This park has 4 swings (2 baby), 2 slides, a rope bridge, climbing frames, 2 rocking horses, a sea saw and a small maze

Rathfriland Community Centre is complimented by Rathfriland Bowling Green which has 6 grass bowling rinks and a modern pavilion.
Community Sports Club - Kilwinning, Scotland

Kilwinning Community Sports Club (KCSC) was formed in March 2000 initially bringing together 5 football clubs (c15 teams) to share pitch facilities and to develop community sport participation and social inclusion opportunities in Kilwinning. In 2000 the KCSC took over the management and operation of 6 x 11a-side grass pitches, 5 x 7 a-side grass pitches, a small grass floodlit training area and a changing pavilion from North Ayrshire Council (NAC). Through successfully accessing external sources of capital funding support, KCSC has since developed the following facilities:

- Additional changing accommodation, toilet, and storage facilities;
- Fitness suite;
- Club administration/reception facility;
- 2 x additional 11 a-side grass pitches;
- 72m x 36m floodlit all weather multi-court area (providing four 36m x 18m court areas);
- Clubgolf green and 6 x hole pitch and putt facility.

The KCSC remains the only community self-management mechanism for North Ayrshire Council (NAC) owned sports and leisure facilities - which are now managed on a contract basis by North Ayrshire Leisure (NAL). The facility lease is based on an annual peppercorn rent payable by the Club to NAC. The Council has a responsibility for maintaining the external areas of the original changing pavilion building (to a wind & watertight condition) as well as the maintenance of all grass areas whilst KCSC has responsibility for maintaining/refurbishing the internal areas of the original pavilion and maintaining the internal and external condition of all subsequent structures developed on site.
5.0 Recommendation of Facility Mix

From the consultations and review of case studies facilities we conclude that the following are desirable elements to be included in the upgrading of the Whitehead Recreation Area:

1. IFA Premier Intermediate League Standard facilities
   - Synthetic or grass pitch
   - Stand
   - Floodlighting
   - Indoor changing facilities for players and officials
2. Training facilities and/or possible means of revenue
   - 7-a-Side pitch
3. Tennis Courts
   - Dome
   - Floodlighting
4. Play areas
   - Toddler: Incidental play equipment and themed play items spread sporadically throughout the Whitehead ‘Play Garden’
   - Junior: Outdoor learning and free flow equipment across the whole of Key Stage 1 & 2 play items
   - Senior: Inclusive and active play, inspiring spaces and outdoor learning environments
5. MUGA
   - Synthetic pitch for range of games: football, basketball, hockey, tennis, badminton
6. Outdoor Fitness Trim Trail
   - Challenge and improve balancing, stretching, climbing and traversing in order to develop, co-ordination, upper and lower body strength, as well as core stability.
7. Open Space
   - Useable space for new activities and events, not necessarily sport related
8. Multi-use Building
   - Provide quality, sustainable, fit for purpose with high end finishes which give good whole life costs to reduce maintenance by Carrickfergus Borough Council
**Synthetic Grass Pitch**

Outline Specification

- FIFA Quality Concept for Football Turf 1 star standard
- 100 x 60m standard size, with 3m surrounding run-off
- Perimeter fence 2.4m, including ballstop fence behind goals
- 100 seater modular stand
- Floodlighting - The Society of Light and Lighting, Lighting Guide 4: Sports Lighting, either Class 2 (200 lux) or Class 3 (75lux)
Modular Stand

Outline Specification

- Heavy duty steel RHS tubes and DURBAR steel plate stands
- Surfaces are coated with a matt black primer painted finish
- "Leathergrain" finish Plastisol for the spectator unit roof and wall, nominal cladding thickness 0.55mm
- The seats are injection moulded using colour compounded weather-resistant Polypropylene
- Proposed 100 Nr. seat modular stand

Dimensions

- 4-Step Unit: Lengths - 7.3m; Width - 2.7m; Height - 2.88m
- 6-Step Unit: Lengths - 6.0m; Width - 2.5m; Height - 2.88m
Grass Pitch

- Grass Pitch - Sand carpet construction to the National Playing Fields The Design and Maintenance of Outdoor Sports facilities and STRI Rootzones, Sands and Top Dressing materials for Sports Turf
- 90 x 55m standard size
- Floodlighting - The Society of Light and Lighting, Lighting Guide 4: Sports Lighting either Class 2 (200 lux) or Class 3 (75lux)
7-a-Side 3G Pitch

- FIFA Quality Concept for Football Turf 1 star standard
- 40 x 20m standard size
- Pro-sport fencing with ball-stop netting to sides and roofing
Tennis Dome

Outline Specification

- The dome consists of a pretailored polythene membrane, which is anchored to the foundation. A wire rope network relieves the membrane of most of the stresses and strains when the structure is inflated by a fan that is located in a separate store outside the dome.
- External 3 x 3m store for fans and emergency generator. Power supply taken from proposed pavilion building. Store to accommodate dome when disassembled during summer months.
- Dome structure size circa 36.5m x 48.5m x 9m
- A continuous concrete ring beam foundation is used. Ring beam to be 0.75m x 0.75m grade 20-25 N/mm² concrete, surface to be trowel finished to facilitate air seal with polythene membrane.
- A single access point is required via a self supporting revolving door
- A second emergency single leaf door is proposed for fire escape and for disabled access.

An aesthetic dome covering three courts would allow all year tennis play from the existing outdoor courts in the warm and dry all year round. Extending the playing season this way could increase the club's revenue.
Play Areas & MUGA

Toddler

Junior
Senior & MUGA
Outdoor Fitness Trim Trail
Open Space

Option 1

1. The aim is to create a natural buffer between recreation area and public open space. Existing planting will be retained and enhanced with native structure and ornamental planting to provide screening to the site and a variety of colour and interest all year round. There is also potential for creating an external classroom environment with wildflower planting, raised beds for key stage learning (plant life cycles etc) and planting.
2. Entrance terrace, a flexible space designed to accommodate events and gatherings, services provided for temporary kiosk and temporary sheltered area. Proposed entrance feature to include lighting and signage to inform visitors of facilities and access to RPSI.
3. Play garden, area to include toddler play equipment and community garden.
4. Existing tennis courts to be retained and enhanced
5. Existing bowling green and associated land and pavilion to be retained, perimeter hedge planting to prevent unauthorised access, and to avoid disruption to line of sight during play.
1. A pocket garden to provide a sheltered resting space for picnics and nature watching.
2. Entrance terrace, a flexible space designed to accommodate events and gatherings, services provided for temporary kiosk and temporary sheltered area. Proposed entrance feature to include lighting and signage to inform visitors of facilities and access to RPSI.
3. Play garden, area to include toddler play equipment and community garden
4. Land acquired from bowling club and utilised as an activity space. Proposed high level fitness trail aims to challenge and improve balancing, stretching, climbing and traversing in order to develop, co-ordination, upper and lower body strength, as well as core stability.
5. Re-located tennis court to accommodate location of proposed multi-use building. Perimeter hedge planting to provide shelter to courts and minimise distractions
6. Existing tennis courts to be retained and enhanced
7. Existing bowling green and pavilion to be retained, perimeter hedge planting to prevent unauthorised access, and to avoid disruption to line of sight during play.
Multi-Use Building

The schedule of accommodation has been derived from consultation with key stakeholders and their requirements.
Option 2

- Multi-use sports hall
- Stage area
- Plant room
- Exterior public toilets
- Reception
- Interior changing facilities
- Exterior changing facilities
- Office
- Conference room / kitchen facilities
- Youth room
- IT suite
6.0 Development Options & Costs

The development options have derived from consultations with key stakeholders and a response to the project requirements. The following concepts illustrate elements of best practice and consideration of useable space for existing/new activities and events.

Option 1

Option 1 provides the least obtrusive design, by aiming to rationalise the existing layout and locations of recreational areas. The existing youth building is removed and this area serves as the car park for the site and adjoining RPSI premises. Both pitches are extended and relaid whilst the tennis courts are retained and enhanced on their current footprints. The bowling pavilion and associated land is untouched. Further open space has been utilised as proposed car parking and a 7-a-side pitch. The proposed building is centrally located to directly service all outdoor recreation areas. The existing entrance open space will be retained and enhanced. The dedicated play area will have a direct relationship with the primary school, whilst out of school hours access can be obtained from the main road for community use.

Option 2a

Option 2a utilises space efficiently in order to provide useable space for recreational facilities and new activities and events. One tennis court is relocated to accommodate the proposed building. Further open space has been utilised as proposed car parking and two 7-a-side pitches. The proposed building is orientated to minimise footprint area and to directly service all but the grass pitch.

Option 2b

Option 2b provides scope for a terraced seating / ampitheatre area by utilising the existing contours to the north-west perimeter and the proposed car park area will be transformed into an events space.

Option 3

Option 3 concept is to group all recreational facilities within an area and car parking in an other. This allows the building to service the needs of all users efficiently.
1. Car park - approx. 120 spaces, including 4nr. coach parking spaces
2. 90 x 55m grass pitch
3. Car park - approx. 50 spaces
4. Existing private dwelling
5. Existing Snr. tennis courts
6. Proposed multi-use building
7. Car park - approx. 40 spaces, including Xnr. disabled spaces
8. 100 x 60m synthetic grass pitch, with 3m run-off space and 2.4m fence
9. 40 x 20m 3G pitch
10. Existing bowling green
11. Existing open space to be retained and enhanced, including toddler play equipment
12. Existing bowling club and car park. Car park to be rationalised and expanded. DDA compliant ramp access to bowling green to be incorporated
13. Proposed school / community play area; junior (key stage 1 & 2) and senior play equipment. MUGA to senior play area
14. Road re-aligned, street lighting and avenue tree planting
1. Car park - approx. 150 spaces, including 4nr. coach parking spaces
2. 90 x 55m grass pitch
3. Car park - approx. 50 spaces
4. Existing private dwelling
5. Existing 5nr. tennis courts, 1nr. relocated to accommodate multi-use building
6. Proposed multi-use building
7. 2nr. 40 x 20m 3G pitch
8. 100 x 50m synthetic grass pitch, with 3m run-off space and 2.4m fence
9. Existing bowling green
10. Existing open space to be retained and enhanced, including toddler play equipment
11. Existing bowling club and car park. Car park to be rationalised and expanded. DDA compliant ramp access to bowling green to be incorporated
12. Proposed school / community play area; junior (key stage 1 & 2) and senior play equipment. MUGA to senior play area
13. Road re-aligned, street lighting and avenue tree planting
1. Car park - approx. 150 spaces, including 4nr. coach parking spaces
2. 90 x 55m grass pitch
3. Car park - approx. 50 spaces
4. Existing private dwelling
5. Existing 5nr. tennis courts, 1nr. relocated to accommodate multi-use building
6. Proposed multi-use building
7. 2nr. 40 x 20m 3G pitch
8. 100 x 60m synthetic grass pitch, with 3m run-off space and 2.4m fence
9. Existing bowling green
10. Existing open space to be retained and enhanced, including toddler play equipment
11. Existing bowling club and car park. Car park to be rationalised and expanded. DDA compliant ramp access to bowling green to be incorporated
12. Proposed school / community play area; junior (key stage 1 & 2) and senior play equipment. MUGA to senior play area
13. Road re-aligned, street lighting and avenue tree planting
14. Terraced events space
1. Car park - approx. 200 spaces, including 4nr. coach parking spaces
2. Existing private dwelling
3. Existing 5nr. tennis courts, 1nr. relocated to accommodate multi-use building
4. Proposed multi-use building
5. 90 x 55m grass pitch
6. 100 x 60m synthetic grass pitch, with 3m run-off space and 2.4m fence
7. Existing bowling green
8. Existing open space to be retained and enhanced, including toddler play equipment. Land acquired from bowling club to provide high level trim trail
9. Existing bowling club and car park. Car park to be rationalised and expanded. DDA compliant ramp access to bowling green to be incorporated. Pavilion extension to include changing facilities and kitchen area
10. Proposed school / community play area; junior (key stage 1 & 2) and senior play equipment. MUGA to senior play area
11. Road re-aligned, street lighting and avenue tree planting
### Option 1

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Cost</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Demolition works</td>
<td>45,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Construction of 120 space car park</td>
<td>208,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Construction of 50 space car park</td>
<td>101,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Construction of 40 space car park (incl. retaining wall)</td>
<td>120,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Refurbishment of the existing grass pitch incl. floodlighting</td>
<td>265,300</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New 3G pitch (100 x 60m) incl. floodlighting and fencing</td>
<td>680,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New 3G pitch (40 x 20m) incl. floodlighting and fencing</td>
<td>130,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hedge planting to existing bowling green</td>
<td>6,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Improvements to bowling club car park &amp; ramp access</td>
<td>50,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enhancement to existing open space</td>
<td>275,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Proposed school/community play areas</td>
<td>265,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Road realignment</td>
<td>210,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Proposed multi-use building</td>
<td>1,800,000 - 3,175,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Total** 4,156,300 - 5,531,300

### Option 2b

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Cost</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Demolition works</td>
<td>45,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Construction of 150 space car park</td>
<td>250,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Construction of 50 space car park</td>
<td>101,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Refurbishment of the existing grass pitch incl. floodlighting</td>
<td>265,300</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New 3G pitch (100 x 60m) incl. floodlighting and fencing</td>
<td>680,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New 3G pitch (40 x 20m) incl. floodlighting and fencing</td>
<td>130,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Relocation of 1Nt. tennis court</td>
<td>60,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hedge planting to existing bowling green</td>
<td>6,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Improvements to bowling club car park &amp; ramp access</td>
<td>50,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enhancement to existing open space</td>
<td>275,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Proposed school/community play areas</td>
<td>265,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Road realignment</td>
<td>210,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Terraced events space</td>
<td>75,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Proposed multi-use building</td>
<td>1,650,000 - 3,000,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Total** 3,812,800 - 5,162,800

### Option 2a

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Cost</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Demolition works</td>
<td>45,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Construction of 150 space car park</td>
<td>250,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Construction of 50 space car park</td>
<td>101,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Refurbishment of the existing grass pitch incl. floodlighting</td>
<td>265,300</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New 3G pitch (100 x 60m) incl. floodlighting and fencing</td>
<td>680,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New 2Nt. 3G pitch (40 x 20m) incl. floodlighting and fencing</td>
<td>250,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Relocation of 1Nt. tennis court</td>
<td>60,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hedge planting to existing bowling green</td>
<td>6,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Improvements to bowling club car park &amp; ramp access</td>
<td>50,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enhancement to existing open space</td>
<td>275,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Proposed school/community play areas</td>
<td>265,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Road realignment</td>
<td>210,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Proposed multi-use building</td>
<td>1,650,000 - 3,000,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Total** 3,857,800 - 5,207,800

### Option 3

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Cost</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Demolition works</td>
<td>45,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Construction of 200 space car park</td>
<td>470,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New grass pitch (90 x 55m) incl. floodlighting and fencing</td>
<td>280,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New 3G pitch (100 x 60m) incl. floodlighting and fencing</td>
<td>680,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Relocation of 1Nt. tennis court</td>
<td>60,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hedge planting to existing bowling green</td>
<td>6,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extension to bowling club car park &amp; ramp access</td>
<td>350,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enhancement to existing open space</td>
<td>275,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Proposed school/community play areas</td>
<td>265,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Road realignment</td>
<td>250,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Proposed multi-use building</td>
<td>1,650,000 - 3,000,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Total** 4,331,500 - 5,681,500

### Miscellaneous

- General improvements/surfacing around facilities | 150,000 |
- Provide covered dome to 3Nt. tennis courts incl. floodlighting | 175,000 |
- Provide 100 seat modular stand unit | 40,000 |

**Total** 4,506,500 - 5,856,500
7.0 Community Consultation

The four options were put on public display at a manned consultation evening on Wednesday 8th February 2012. The event was well attended with 39 questionnaires returned at the event. Not all of the questionnaires were fully completed. See Appendix A for a copy of the questionnaire. The options and questionnaire were also uploaded onto the Council’s website with 16 responses received.

The result of the responses is as follows:

1. **Proposal- The existing Play area is to be removed.** A new play area with Kick about/MUGA is proposed to be located in the grounds of the Primary School and would be accessed outside school hours by the local community.

   Response- 19 said it was a good idea, 18 said it was not a good idea, 4 respondents ranked this as their first or second in priority.

2. **Proposal- A new toddler play area would be provided in a redesigned community garden next to the War Memorial.**

   Response- 15 said it was a good idea, 21 said it was not a good idea, 2 respondents ranked this as their first or second in priority.

3. **Proposal- The existing toilets, Castlview Pavilion Squash courts and Youth Centre would be demolished and relocated in a purpose built pavilion.**

   Response- 35 said it was a good idea, 3 said it was not a good idea, 8 respondents ranked this as their first or second in priority.

4. **Proposal- An extended car park and coach park would be located on the site of the squash courts and youth centre which will double up for use by visitors to RPSI’s new visitor experience**

   Response- 36 said it was a good idea, 2 said it was not a good idea, 4 respondents ranked this as their first or second in priority.
5. Proposal- Castleview Road will be widened with a better entrance, lighting and avenue tree planting
   
   Response- 37 said it was a good idea, no one said it was not a good idea, 3 respondents ranked this as their
   first or second in priority.

6. Proposal- Screen planting would be provided around the Bowling Green to close line of sight
   
   Response- 32 said it was a good idea, 3 said it was not a good idea, no respondents ranked this as their first
   or second in priority.

7. Proposal- A new access ramp would provide DDA compliant access between the Bowling Pavilion and the
   Bowling Green.
   
   Response- 37 said it was a good idea, 1 said it was not a good idea, 1 respondent ranked this as their first or
   second in priority.

8. Proposal- Shelter netting would be provided around the tennis courts.
   
   Response- 32 said it was a good idea, 2 said it was not a good idea, 3 respondents ranked this as their first
   or second in priority.

9. Proposal- An all weather dome would provide cover for 2 tennis courts to allow all year play.
   
   Response- 33 said it was a good idea, 3 said it was not a good idea, 7 respondents ranked this as their first
   or second in priority.

10. Proposal- The tennis courts could be reconfigured to allow a new pavilion to be central to all the key
    activities (options 2-3)
    
    Response- 30 said it was a good idea, 6 said it was not a good idea, 2 respondents ranked this as their first
    or second in priority.

11. Proposal- The upper pitch will be extended to IFA Premier Intermediate League Standard size. Additional
    facilities could include:
    - Synthetic surface
    - Floodlighting
    - Stand
• Indoor changing for players and officials

Response- Respondents generally marked each of the parts of this question separately. 38 said the synthetic surface was a good idea, 37 said floodlighting was a good idea, 30 said the stand was a good idea, 34 said indoor changing for players and officials was a good idea. The parts of this proposal which received negative comment was the stand where 7 said it was not a good idea and the indoor changing for players and officials where one person said it was not a good idea. 6 respondents ranked this overall proposal as their first or second in priority.

12. Proposal- Additional 3G 5-7 a side pitches could be provided

Response- 30 said it was a good idea, 3 said it was not a good idea, no respondents ranked this as their first or second in priority.

13. Proposal- A terraced area overlooking the new car park would provide spectator space for local events

Response- 30 said it was a good idea, 6 said it was not a good idea, 1 respondent ranked this as their first or second in priority.

14. Proposal- A new plaza area would provide a setting for the War memorial

Response- 29 said it was a good idea, 5 said it was not a good idea, no respondents ranked this as their first or second in priority.

15. Proposal- New Signage/entrance feature would identify the way into the recreation area

Response- 33 said it was a good idea, 3 said it was not a good idea, no respondents ranked this as their first or second in priority.

16. Proposal- New boundary fencing around the north part of the site (Castleview Road to Islandmagee Road) would provide security with access only through the new pavilion.

Response- 19 said it was a good idea, 18 said it was not a good idea, 1 respondent ranked this as their first or second in priority.
In addition there were general comments noted both at the end of the questionnaires and collated on the consultation evening. The following summarise these comments received:

- Car Park required on School grounds
- Access for long vehicles is required into RPSI
- Also for refuge vehicles and oil tankers servicing cottages
- Blackhead Path – poor maintenance
- Extension to Bowling Club Car Park essential
- More spectator space around 3G pitch
- Widen access from Islandmagee Road
- Do not demolish the Gardens
- Skate boarding facility?
- Tourist needs
- 1 way traffic system with exit beside houses on Islandmagee Road
- Provide more toddler facilities
- Not good to have MUGA away from recreation area
- Play Area in school grounds – users need to cross a very busy road (Speed ramps, pelican light crossing would be required).
- 2 parks on opposite sides of road not suitable for families and not accessible at all times
- Car parking seems geared towards RPSI rather than the community
- Whitehead Tennis Club would love a small pavilion overlooking the tennis courts
- Preservation of World Garden for educational benefits
- Do not remove memorial Flower Bed or the Long Flower Bed in front of the toilets
- Refurbish toilets in current position
Feedback given directly to the Consultant and Council Officers in attendance at the consultation evening is as follows:

- Don’t want event space 5N.
- Do want event space 1N.
- Don’t like the tennis courts sticking out into the war memorial 2N.
- Need to keep the world gardens 8N.
- Need a better play area (good play areas in the estates but not matched in the town) 5N.
- Need to keep the area around the world gardens for older people / no toddler area in the world gardens / near he war memorial 6N.
- Eagles – very happy. Would like to check building has room for indoor 5 aside and storage space for samba nets, balls, bibs, cones etc
- Need to keep the public toilets where they are 1N.
- Need the football pitch to be fenced for security and to stop dog fouling – all Eagle attendants said this
- Security mentioned. Floodlighting welcomed.
- Need floodlighting for the bowling green – suggested the lighting could swing around / multi directional 6N.

Conclusions

The three proposals which are most in debate are the new play area in the school grounds, the location of the toddler play area, and the boundary fencing to the north part of the site. The proposals which found most favour were the new building and the synthetic pitch.

The plan has been amended to incorporate a new, all age play facility within the recreation grounds, retain the world gardens as they are, incorporate more planting around the site for shelter and promote the park character. The existing MUGA will remain in the interim.

The Council convened a further meeting with NEELB in relation to the plans for the current Youth Club building. The Council is now working in partnership with NEELB to determine the best way forward for the area and the final plan will be a reflection on the agreed options.

The long term plan shows an extended building incorporating the Youth Club with the further development of a 3G pitch to replace the smaller MUGA.
Key

1. Retain existing NEELB building and extend car park - approx. 75 spaces, including 4nr. coach parking spaces
2. 90 x 50m grass pitch
3. Existing MUGA and car park lay-by to be retained
4. Proposed community play area; toddler, junior (key stage 1 & 2) and senior play equipment.
5. Existing private dwelling
6. Existing 5nr. tennis courts, 1nr. relocated to accommodate multi-use building
7. Proposed multi-use building
8. Car park - approx. 100 spaces, including disabled bays
9. 100 x 60m synthetic grass pitch, with 3m run-off space and 2.4m fence
10. Existing bowling green
11. Existing world garden to be retained
12. Existing bowling club and car park. Car park to be rationalised and expanded. DDA compliant ramp access to bowling green to be incorporated
13. Road re-aligned, street lighting and avenue tree planting
Key

1. Car park - approx. 140 spaces, including 4nr. coach parking spaces
2. 90 x 50m grass pitch
3. Car park approx. 50 spaces
4. Proposed community play area; toddler, junior (key stage 1 & 2) and senior play equipment.
5. Existing private dwelling
6. Existing 5nr. tennis courts, 1nr. relocated to accommodate multi-use building
7. Proposed multi-use building
8. Proposed extension to accommodate NEELB youth facility
9. 40 x 20m 3G pitch
10. 100 x 60m synthetic grass pitch, with 3m run-off space and 2.4m fence
11. Existing bowling green
12. Existing world garden to be retained
13. Existing bowling club and car park. Car park to be rationalised and expanded. DDA compliant ramp access to bowling green to be incorporated
14. Road re-aligned, street lighting and avenue tree planting
8.0 Phasing & Funding

There are a number of projects which can be procured as stand alone elements and can be implemented in the short term. These include:

- Provision of new play facilities and demolition of existing play area
- Screening to Bowling Green
- Windproof netting to tennis courts
- Plaza to War Memorial
- Flood lighting to upper grass pitch
- New access ramp to Bowling Green
- Peripheral planting around Recreation Area
- Demolish squash courts

These elements would improve the current condition and enhance the enjoyment of those using the facilities.

Medium Term projects

- Provision of synthetic surface to upper pitch to IFA intermediate league standard
- Realign tennis courts and build in concrete beam for future Dome
- Improved drainage and sand slitting to lower grass pitch Castlevew
- Road entrance improvements and road widening/new lighting
- Reconstruct pedestrian link to Islandmagee Road with lighting

Longer term Projects

- New pavilion/ Youth recreation centre
- Construct new car/coach park with lighting
- Dome to tennis courts
- 4G 5 a side pitch
- Stand for pitch to IFA standard
- Demolish Castlevew pavilion
- Demolish public toilets
- Demolish NEELB building
We have contacted the following organisations regarding funding opportunities for projects identified above.

**Sport NI**
Based on the current budget allocation agreed by the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL), Sport Northern Ireland does not currently have a budget for a ‘Places for Sport’ Programme in 2012-13. In the event that funding unexpectedly becomes available Sport Northern Ireland will inform all governing bodies, Local Authorities and Education Boards and will undertake a major publicity exercise to inform the general public of any new Places for Sport programme.

Future investment into sport facilities will be based on the findings within Active Places Research Report, Bridging the Gap, 2009. This research analyses the current stock of sporting facilities across a number of key facility types and identifies facility shortfalls and areas of particular need. Within Carrickfergus District there is a need for badminton courts, tennis courts and sports pitches both grass and synthetic. Sport Northern Ireland will use this strategy to guide its future investment in sporting facilities and all applications to the Places for Sport Programme will be assessed against the need identified in this research.

**GROW - South Antrim**
Funding for Village renewal reopens for applications between 19th March and 25th June 2012. For non-departmental public bodies, funding is available at 75% grant aid up to a maximum of £250,000. Proposals originating from this study and approved by the Whitehead Regeneration Group would be considered eligible for funding.

**IFA**
Shared Access is a leader in building, owning and operating shared wireless infrastructure and through the project, Shared Access will provide eligible clubs with turnkey floodlighting solutions at their grounds. As well as creating a valuable improvement for the club’s facilities, the development will also provide an annual income with a significant share of the rental revenue given directly to the club. The Shared Access project is a proven way for clubs to benefit from a significant capital investment with the added benefit of long term annual rental income. More details are available from www.irishfa.com/sharedaccess. The existing relationship between Council and Clubs with regard to ownership or leasing of the pitch would need to be reviewed if this funding was to be sought.

**INTERREG IV - Cross-Border Rural Development Projects**
No appropriate funding is currently available.

**DSD Neighbourhood Renewal Programme**
This funding programme can be used for areas adjacent to identified Neighbourhood Renewal areas or draw people from Neighbourhood Renewal areas, unfortunately Whitehead would not qualify for this scheme.
9.0 Recommendations

Based on the results from the public consultation we recommend that the Whitehead Recreation Area be redeveloped as illustrated on the Interim Development Plan with the option of adopting the Long Term Development Plan subject to further negotiations with NELB.

An application should be made to GROW South Antrim for a scheme to the value of £250k for the development of a new play area and upgrading of the adjacent parking and removal of the existing play area.
10.0 Appendix
Public Consultation on Wednesday 8th February 2012
Whitehead Recreation Grounds

URS are currently undertaking a review and development of the Recreation Grounds for Carrickfergus Borough Council. There are four options being considered. Before the report is finalised we would value your views on a number of issues so that we understand any concerns or aspirations which you may have before selecting a preferred option.

Please complete the following by ticking the box which you think best applies.

Please select your top 10 ideas in order of importance with 1 being the most important, 10 being least important.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Proposal</th>
<th>Good</th>
<th>Not Good</th>
<th>Rank 1-10</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>The existing Play area is to be removed. A new Play area will be provided in a community.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The existing toilets, Castleview Pavilion Squash courts and Youth Centre would be demolished and relocated in a purpose built pavilion.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RPSI’s new visitor experience centre which will double up for use by visitors to Castleview Road will be widened with a better entrance, lighting and avenue tree planting</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Screen planting would be provided around the Bowling Green to close line of sight</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A new access ramp would provide DDA compliant access between the Bowling Pavilion and the Bowling Green</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shelter netting would be provided around the tennis courts</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>An all weather dome would provide cover for 2 tennis courts</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The existing Play area is to be removed. A new play area will be provided in a community.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Castleview Road will be widened with a better entrance and avenue tree planting</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RPSI’s new visitor experience centre which will double up for use by visitors to Castleview Road will be widened with a better entrance, lighting and avenue tree planting</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Screen planting would be provided around the Bowling Green to close line of sight</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A new access ramp would provide DDA compliant access between the Bowling Pavilion and the Bowling Green</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shelter netting would be provided around the tennis courts</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>An all weather dome would provide cover for 2 tennis courts</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Please complete the following by ticking the box which you think best applies:

Name …………………………….   Organisation ……………………….
Represented………………………...
Address …………………………….

Please select your top 10 ideas in order of importance with 1 being the most important, 10 being least important.

Proposal

- Screen planting would be provided around the Bowling Green to close line of sight
- A new access ramp would provide DDA compliant access between the Bowling Pavilion and the Bowling Green
- Shelter netting would be provided around the tennis courts
- An all weather dome would provide cover for 2 tennis courts
- The existing Play area is to be removed. A new Play area will be provided in a community.
- The existing toilets, Castleview Pavilion Squash courts and Youth Centre would be demolished and relocated in a purpose built pavilion.
- RPSI’s new visitor experience centre which will double up for use by visitors to Castleview Road will be widened with a better entrance, lighting and avenue tree planting
- An extended car park and coach park would be located on the site of the squash courts and youth centre, which will kick off the RPSI’s new visitor experience programme.
- An extended car park and coach park would be located on the site of the squash courts and youth centre, which will kick off the RPSI’s new visitor experience programme.
- An extended car park and coach park would be located on the site of the squash courts and youth centre, which will kick off the RPSI’s new visitor experience programme.
- An extended car park and coach park would be located on the site of the squash courts and youth centre, which will kick off the RPSI’s new visitor experience programme.
The tennis courts could be reconfigured to allow a new pavilion to be central to all the key activities (options 2-3). The upper pitch will be extended to IFA Premier Intermediate League Standard size. Additional facilities could include:

- Synthetic surface
- Floodlighting
- Stand
- Indoor changing for players and officials

Additional 3G 5-7-a-side pitches could be provided. A new plaza area would provide a setting for the new car park. Additional 3G 5-7-a-side pitches could be provided. A new memorial would provide a setting for local events. A terraced area overlooking the new car park would provide spectator space for local events.

New boundary fencing around the north part of the site (Castleview Road to Islandmagee Road) would provide security with access only through the new pavilion. The boundary fence around the south part of the site would identify the way into the recreation area. New signage/entrance feature would identify the new pavilion.

Is there anything we have missed? Please note below things that we should consider further.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Pavilion</th>
<th>New boundary fence around the south part of the site would identify the way into the recreation area. New signage/entrance feature would identify the new pavilion.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Pavilion</td>
<td>New boundary fence around the south part of the site would identify the way into the recreation area. New signage/entrance feature would identify the new pavilion.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pavilion</td>
<td>New boundary fence around the south part of the site would identify the way into the recreation area. New signage/entrance feature would identify the new pavilion.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pavilion</td>
<td>New boundary fence around the south part of the site would identify the way into the recreation area. New signage/entrance feature would identify the new pavilion.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pavilion</td>
<td>New boundary fence around the south part of the site would identify the way into the recreation area. New signage/entrance feature would identify the new pavilion.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Please return completed questionnaire to:

Gail Kelly, Carrickfergus Borough Council, Museum & Civic Centre, 11 Antrim Street, Carrickfergus, BT38 7DG