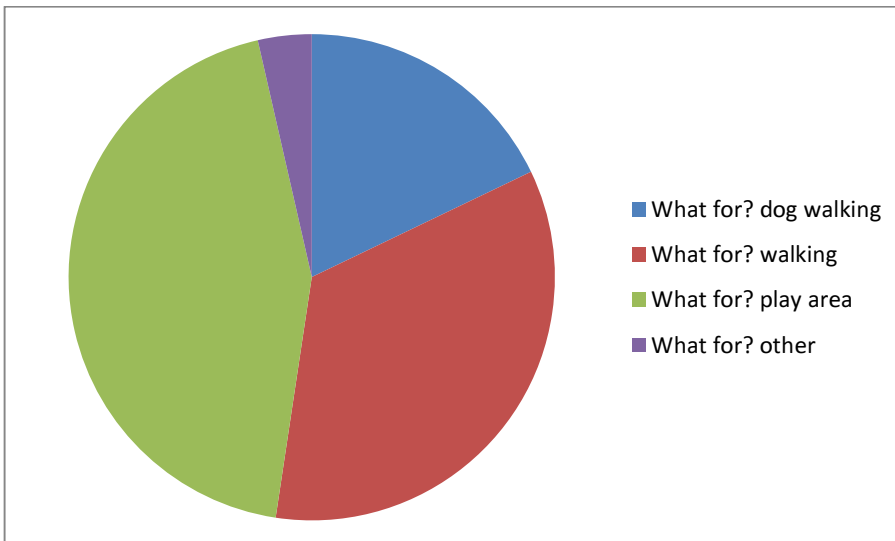
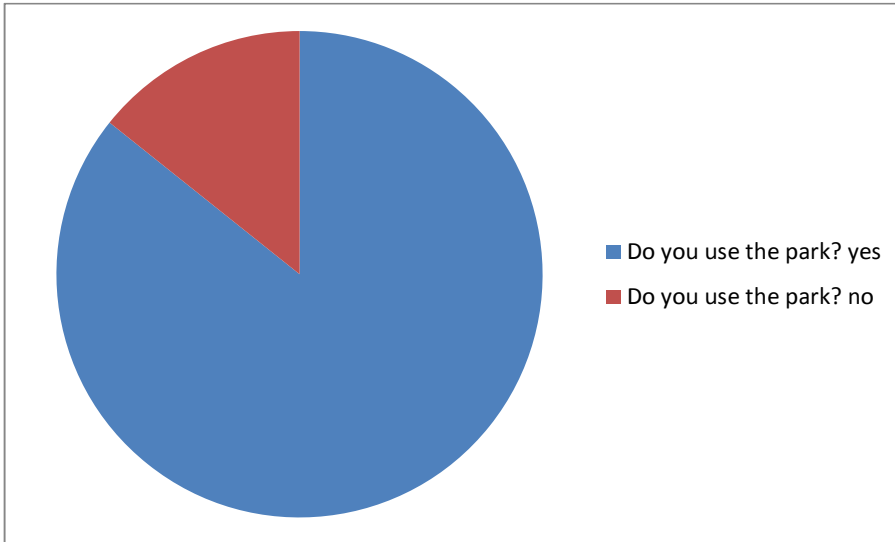


Clod Lane Consultation Summary Results May 2015

Summary

- 350 paper questionnaires given out, 55 were returned not completed. These were taken to Broadway school.
- Also available on Survey Monkey online.
- A total of 70 responses (7 online). Paper response rate of 21%.
- **Option 1 was the preferred option by 3:1**

Responses below from the Questionnaires



Other:

- often take my grandson
- football before it got too wet
- football
- Shortcut to Clod Lane
- daily litter picker
- sitting and viewing if we had decent benches

What do you like about the park?

- location
- locality
- It is a recreation area for children and adults
- convenience
- on the doorstep
- near me
- proximity to our home
- it's a small safe community park
- not too big or small
- at the moment, nothing
- proximity to home
- away from a road
- convenient and safe
- safe for grandchildren
- peaceful, pleasant area
- shortcut from Thirlmere Ave to Clod Lane
- It's the only one near our home
- in a safe place away from the road which can be busy from time to time
- its fenced off and the soft surfacing
- small and quiet
- close to my home
- Play area safe and secure. Pleasant surroundings
- nice equipment, quiet
- not a lot
- Nothing. Well overgrown and unkempt
- far away from traffic
- nothing
- proximity to home
- parents and children making good use of the swings etc
- Nothing at present. Too wet and dated
- its local
- unexpected area on estate
- convenient
- its fenced in
- raised paths
- play area away from road
- It's very handy for the grandchildren (I live on Thirlmere)
- age - its intended for toddlers
- live a short walk away from the park
- well away from roads
- children's play area
- close to the woodlands
- play area is away from wetlands and in view of houses on Thirlmere Ave
- It's an open space and close by
- It's very close to where I live so in easy walking distance with 2 children. It's quite quiet, not near the road.
- Quiet and away from traffic
- open area
- The size and how near it links into other walks

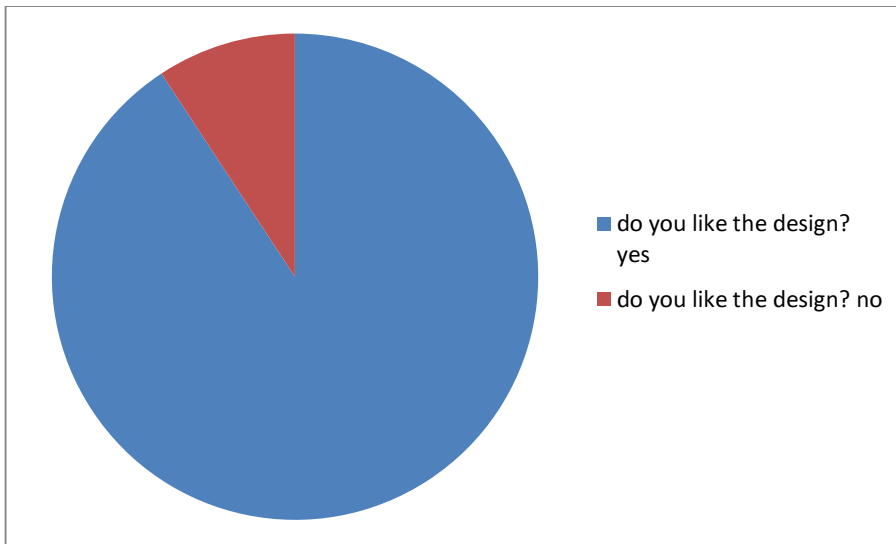
- Our Grandchildren use it as they live on the estate
- The land around the park Just behind my house
- The space and natural feel to it.
- Do not use

What do you dislike about the park?

- wet
- it can be muddy
- Does not have shelter with seating
- too wet, not enough variety of play equipment
- grass not being cut, boggy surface, water etc, lack of apparatus on park, no seating areas, picnic
- how neglected, run down it has become
- The drainage it's wet all over. The swings being thrown over so you can't reach them
- Always wet, grass isn't mown
- the non-maintenance
- can get flooded
- play area - dirty, lack of choice, muddy
- Always boggy. All items old and need replacing
- the boggy area (but not major)
- sometimes littered
- flooded paths after rain
- No seating in winter, the ground around the park floods and becomes very muddy. Quite hard surface
- old equipment, nowhere to sit
- too boggy, always wet
- we go to Snighole a lot and it's more fun for children
- too wet
- Boggy in play area when wet
- no grass to run around on
- Feels a bit isolated, always boggy. Nothing for older children
- as above
- nothing
- boggy, unkempt, neglected
- teenagers using park at night for underage drinking
- equipment old and dated
- It is in bad repair. The surrounding grass is overgrown and if it rains, it is a mud bath and the swings etc get muddy
- very wet, old, quiet
- too wet
- dirty, wet and litter problem
- no lights, too muddy inside
- happy
- Path always under water. Play area equipment not sufficient/ floods a lot
- The general scruffiness, litter, flooded pathways etc
- Where it is situated, attracts teenagers at night. The noise carries into our house - language is not good. This is all summer and late at night
- waterlogged
- boggy
- Existing path from play area to Clod Lane gets flooded. General poor site drainage
- boggy ground

- wet boggy ground
- it's very wet and play area is old and dated
- It's very boggy and wet for most of the year. Sometimes it's unusable/inaccessible. The equipment is limited and dated
- Too wet. The paths can be ankle deep in water after rain.
- Very aged
- It isn't attracting many users in its current state
- I can't take my one year old as there isn't anything for her to do
- Waterlogged and overgrown. Play area is not good either.
- Not in good condition

Responses relating to Option 1



What do you like about Option 1?

- park situated away from the road
- Play area will be dry. Equipment updated, picnic area, woodland paths
- addition of a shelter with seating
- new play equipment, stone picnic tables, new paths
- the play area is away from the road
- picnic area and paths in woodland
- using some existing features and creating new
- Picnic area. Path levels to be raised. Entire area to be surfaced. It's safe well away from the busy Clod Lane
- It's always been nice so doesn't need much to get it back how it used to be
- Design and location of play area
- play area, woodland
- new playground facilities, picnic area, raised path to avoid the mud
- All of it!
- away from Clod Lane which can be busy
- play area now closer to road, safer for kids, Pathway separate away from play area
- picnic area, raised path
- The play area, the stone picnic tables, wetland areas. There are a lot of frogs about there

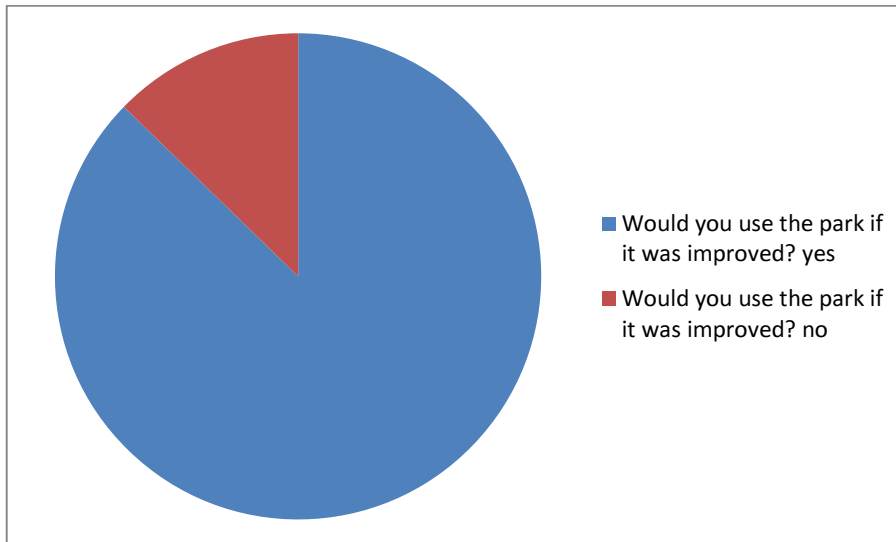
- The park remains in existing place away from the busy road keeping children safe. The paths cleared and raised to stop flooding, new equipment available and soft flooring in park area which is safe in case of accidents
- picnic site, all year round access due to raised paths and new woodland paths
- picnic area, paths, overall layout, multi-purpose
- I do like the park but the council have done a great job with Snighole and Victoria Park. If the same could happen, it will be great
- New equipment and play surfacing which should make it more accessible after wet weather. New bog area with plants
- picnic area and raised footpath
- I like improved access to wooded area. Wetland area a good idea
- position of playground should remain - option 2 susceptible to passing cars and more chance of vandalism (child safety)
- wetland area
- non
- picnic area, wetland area, trees in wet areas (will help to dry out these areas), raised paths
- all of them
- The plan looks safe, walking accessible. Toddler friendly
- The raised path. Bog Garden, but must be safe
- the picnic area and new equipment
- seems to suit everyone
- fully surfaced play area, should keep equipment clean Good idea for bog area
- play area and seating
- the revised access, making a feature of the natural boggy area and seating that blends in
- everything
- Good use of boggy area. Woodland path - at the moment this is full of glass and holes due to bottle diggers
- new pathways, especially the ones up to the woods (eliminating muddy shoes for grandchildren)
- wetland area, woodland pathways are a good idea
- we welcome any improvements, like the park being away from the road and like the picnic area
- original setting
- Paths being raised to address flooding problem. New picnic area. New woodland paths
- new boggy area, link to woods, picnic area
- See above. Rising of pathways to give better access. Fencing in of park. Linking Thirlmere/Rydal more easily
- updated new equipment
- I like the picnic area, the new equipment, the location of the play area. I like the creation of paths and the bog garden
- Secure play area away from houses, less noise for residents. Please keep the big tree; some of our children have grown up with it.
- That you are keeping the wet area and making a feature if it
- The picnic benches
- Baby facilities
- The whole plan looks good. Especially wetland area for wildlife.
- New play equipment

What do you not like about Option 1?

- try adding soakaway to central grass area
- Its fine as it is but I recently visited a similar woodland walk which featured carved animals and wooden benches. Information boards on boards, animals and insects. These features made it more interesting, There were wooden climbing posts too

- See above
- Like everything about both designs - would definitely use the park more if it was improved
- Trampoline, hopscotch, play area bigger, no planters for flowers/herbs. The paths don't go anywhere. Little orchard or maze. Parking on Clod Lane for cars. Little kick about area for ballgames
- The roundabout. It's not inclusive for some children who use it. The gate is dangerous, it slams shut. The slide isn't accessible. Dog fouling
- The play area for young children. If the grass was cut and not wet, then team type activities could be played for older children. Bat and ball, rounders, football
- an area for playing with a ball
- Stone picnic tables - wood ones may be better?
- Nothing
- I would not have long grass - they did that in Whitaker Park last year. It didn't last long
- nothing
- none
- I would put a gate on exit/entrance at Clod Lane and Thirlmere Avenue for surrounding area even safer
- wouldn't change anything, good design
- It's always very wet between the equipment
- Change to the same as Snighole and Victoria
- Grass being left long around all of site. Maybe perimeter areas of grass only could be left long, allowing children to play on other mown areas
- cut the grass
- I think play area needs to be nearer to Clod Lane
- Better drainage and maintenance. People digging in the woods for Victorian bottles and the like. Glass thrown on Clod Lane from these same people
- nothing
- waste of our money
- A little concerned about the paths from Clod Lane to Rydal Rd becoming more of a thoroughfare than a path. Do your plans run all the way down the path to Broadway? Where do the plans stop? Who will maintain these paths? At the moment its residents!!
- Higher fence, lock at night if possible around park and picnic area. I would volunteer when I am home. Swings that can't be thrown over frame
- Would the footpath in woodland be visible from play area? Just thinking from a safety point of view
- It might be better further from houses if the park gets well used, there might be complaints. Anything will be an improvement
- install lighting that shuts off so that youths are attracted at the night
- Happy with the design. With all the digging in the woods by people from outside the area I worry that any improvements could be subject to vandalism
- The stone seats (picnic tables) not at all suitable. Metal ones more appropriate (stockings will get snagged etc)
- Location of park - too close to Rydal Rd gardens. Option 2 nearer the road and would be easier to police at night
- all OK
- needs to be a bit for older children i.e. Football nets on drained grass and or skate board ramp or a track round perimeter for bikes
- It could have some small trees by the paths as it used to have.
- Add some small playful paths...

- I would like to see included a rope swing, a ground level trampoline, a basketball hoop, sand pit, sensory play equipment for special needs users and ensure the whole of the area is wheelchair accessible.
- I like all
- It's a shame there isn't more provision for some more planting around the park.
- Looks the same

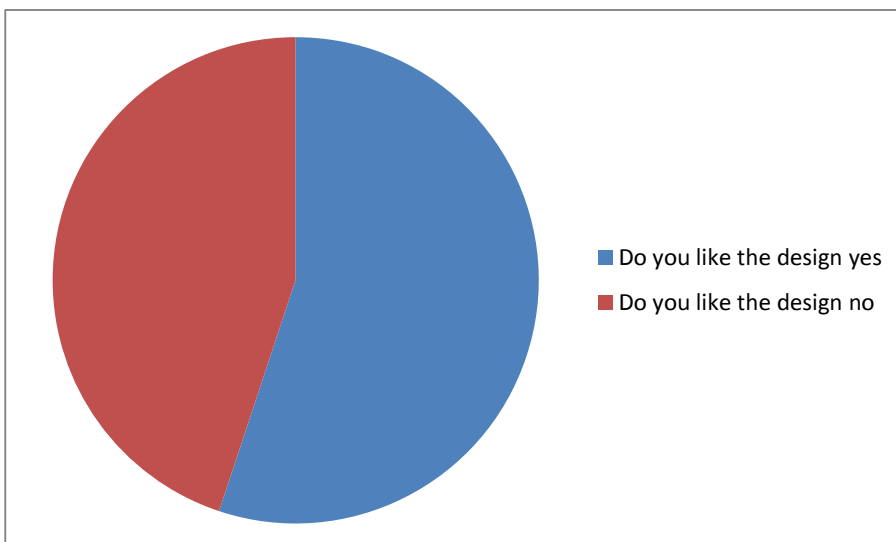


Why?

- location, new facilities
- It would be more usable after wet weather. Nice to sit in picnic area whilst children play
- see above
- Definitely!! At the moment, it is too wet - new challenging play equipment would be great
- Could be made more beautiful with funding. A meeting place for neighbours and their children
- to play and have picnic
- my granddaughters enjoyed going there before it became so run down
- I use it all the time, just put wellies on
- I would take the children on more and encourage activities to bolster team play and keep fit
- Its directly behind out house and we have a child of 9 years
- Better equipment, not boggy, better access, year round use
- It is the only play area around - away from main road too, great for toddlers
- could use winter or summer
- Entertaining grandchildren, quiet strolls
- more user friendly
- more use of paths if raised
- The play area for grandchildren and the wetlands to see the frogs. The picnic table to sit and watch the grandchildren play
- We already use the park given I have 2 children but we have various family members with children who would also use this.
- it would be more attractive, more easily accessible and a nice area to go for a picnic with the children
- It would be a nice safe area
- more fun for children to play on
- Because new play area with improved surface would make it more accessible for our grandchildren who we care for

- there's nowhere close by
- Something for everyone to do. Places to sit
- New grandchild visits
- only use it when grandchildren area here, otherwise only walk through it
- it's out of the way and nobody has ever used it
- nicer place to take my grandchildren to play
- No more than I do now. I like to keep it tidy
- due to things (equipment would be updated and safer for children, we would like it like Helmsshore Park)
- we have grandchildren and it would be lovely to have somewhere locally for them to play and to sit and enjoy the play time
- children would enjoy more like Snig Hole and enjoy more children playing there
- More all-round the year use
- don't like coming away with filthy shoes and clothes - particularly children's
- can have picnics
- probably not but raised paths would make it more accessible in winter
- Safer to walk with grandchildren and dogs. Would use play area and seating more
- It's a very pleasant outlook you can see the hills and the woods all round
- more variety of equipment and if it was cleaner
- the picnic area would let us get more use out of the park
- the raised footpaths would prevent large puddles forming which currently prevent access without wearing wellingtons
- Dry feet, look at wildlife at boggy area. Have more picnics
- easier access across area in inclement weather
- because my children would like it and enjoy it
- More accessible, better equipment and facilities. The picnic area means you could make a day out of a trip to the park
- As pensioners we occasionally walk through (bit old for the climbing frame)
- I like more natural parks where children can be taught about the conditions surrounding them.
- My daughter is blind and has special needs and uses a wheelchair and it would be good if she could use the park effectively along with her nieces and nephew.
- Nice area
- Drier to use. To see any wildlife that might visit.

Responses relating to Option 2



What do you like about Option 2?

- safety surfacing and new equipment
- playground near houses safer
- play area too near Clod Lane
- new play equipment, stone picnic tables, new paths
- more space for football and cricket
- extra equipment, picnic bench
- Nothing. In the summer, even from Easter, Clod Lane is very busy with golfers going to golf club and young children could get run over
- good for children to play and be safe
- improved access from Thirlmere
- path on drier area
- Not that I don't like the design, it's the position of the park that's the issue
- all of it
- Dry area around playground. Equipment is unusable as it is
- moving of the play area to along Clod Lane
- new woodland paths and boggy ground being enhanced
- its nearer the lane so long as its fenced off
- I like the play area closer to the road where things can be more visible and accessible
- It will clean up the area and create a nice environment for local children to use. Hoping it does not bring in vandals from outside the area. This is an ongoing summer problem
- wetland area
- adapting the boggy area and the new paths
- None - the park will not be used. It never has been
- wetland area with use of trees
- woodland paths, bog garden, new post and rail fencing
- The plan looks nice. The footpath looks easy to access, looks lots of room
- all looks fine
- the playground being in the drier area and making it possible to keep toddlers away from the wet area
- as for option 1
- the play area extended ad well drained
- natural boggy area being made a feature
- Play area away from houses. Keep the big tree by Clod Lane
- nothing
- that the park will be updated and there will be a dry area
- nearer the roadside - easier access and easier to police
- Whilst I appreciate the work done on these designs, it assumes that these are the only options
- as play area 1
- Near to Clod Lane for access from Tor View. Tidying up site to make it more attractive
- play area
- That you are encouraging wildlife as well as children. These two mix pretty well!
- New play equipment. Wetland wildlife area.

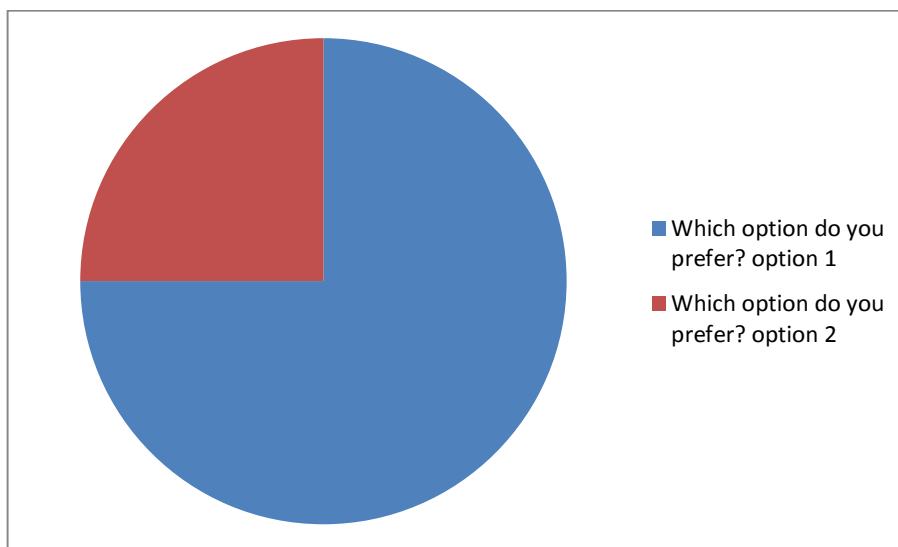
What do you not like about Option 2?

- Too close to road. Some of the grass area should be maintained, regularly cut, soakaways added
- there's no picnic area
- no picnic area
- I prefer option 1 with the play area updated in its existing place

- A path change won't solve the wet problem. It's wet near the houses. Park area near the road is still dangerous for children to walk out on. Raise the existing path and cover the whole play area. It's been there 30 years of when I've lived here and its safe well away from the road, Plant more trees
- I don't like the idea of the young children's play area being so close to a busy road. I can only see the boggy area expanding as it to cover more and more and we just end up with a dangerous bog
- too close to main road
- the play area is too near the two Clod Lane which is the access road to the golf club with traffic which poses a danger
- appears that a tree would have to be removed for play area
- The park has been moved very close to the busy road. If a child ran out an accident could occur. As a resident on Grasmere Road, that area of the park is also very boggy compared to the existing park position
- I would prefer option 1
- Still needs a picnic area like Option 1
- Placement of children's play area. Too close to busy road. Traffic travels quite fast past there to and from golf club etc. Also new path too close to houses
- put a picnic area in too, next to play area
- Would it be possible to build in some repair work on Clod Lane on the stone walls of the woods? They are also in a very bad state of repair.
- Wetland area too near to play area. Do not like play area next to Clod Lane. Too dangerous, too much traffic
- including a picnic area would be good
- Just leave as open grass land and spend your money more wisely. (Eg on a new swimming baths like you promised us so lids can swim)
- Leave play area where it is. Also this plan doesn't include picnic tables. Option 1 is more user friendly
- Park along side of houses - children learn to cycle on option 1 path. Moving the park complete waste of money as vehicles get stuck in water where the new park would be. Lived on Thirlmere for 40 years and I know about water problems on a daily basis. Parks on option 2 would be dangerous at side of road. Even though it would be railed, kids would still run out of it
- Don't like the park area near the roadside. Would move the park away from traffic
- change nothing
- grass must be kept short on play area as wild animals - rats and mice etc are not OK in child area
- Don't like that it is next to the road even though it is fenced. No picnic area
- Too close to road. Golf club members often speed on that stretch
- I would like there to be a pitch of some kind. At the moment the sign says 'no ball games'
- Too close to the road, possible snatching if someone leans over fence. Removal of tree at road edge
- a few small trees by the paths (water loving ones)
- I don't like the play area next to the road for safety of traffic and weirdos on the road
- the play area is too near to Clod Lane (cars do tend to travel quite fast), much safer in existing area
- Could there be a dry area for benches so picnics can be had and maybe football posts?
- A discussion is needed about these facilities, what is needed and what is better. An area would be good for ballgames
- too near Clod Lane and traffic
- Moving the play area so close to Clod Lane seems unsafe. Clod Lane is a 30mph single track lane with no footpath. It leads direct to the golf club and is well used at weekends by drivers going to the club
- children's area too far from house view in thirlmere Ave (only end of one house on Clod Lane)
- as play area 1

- n/a
- I do not like the play area being located near to the road. It is quite a busy road and there is a lot of traffic now in the area. The play area is located with the opening of the new centre at Tor View and the café
- children too near idiots driving from golf club at 50mph plus
- Adding small paths or stepping stones
- Don't like the idea of the play area so close to clod lane
- I don't see the point in spending money removing an existing path or moving the play equipment. The new path is still going from A to B as the old one. Why pave over dryer land with a path. Leave the land and maybe plant something in it if it's dryer than the rest of the site. The play and picnic areas are safer for children where it is. Nearer the road increase risk to children by passing strangers in cars or danger of running into the road. It also might deter wildlife if play/picnic area are nearer the wetland area.

Which option do you prefer?



Any other thoughts?

- Great to see investment
- Perhaps an area for ball play?
- Needs sheltered area with seating
- actually like both, not really got a preference but like the picnic area
- You need to sort the drainage out first. Children learn to ride bikes on the path in the middle - it's safe
- option 2 would give the council an excuse not to cut the grass so this large area just ends up a dangerous bog
- it will be a good area to site in peace
- Option 1 is safer and has picnic facilities. Children away from traffic
- Do it ASAP!
- A great idea to improve this area. Maybe another doggy poo bin at Clod Lane end?
- Zip wires are good, there's on in happy Mount Park, Morecambe. Kids love it
- What if anything can be done to stop people in cars from coming and digging up to woods looking for artefacts? This leaves a mess and undermines trees
- Existing play area should remain where it is. Less likely to be vandalised

- there is an established tree in the play area - what about keeping the tree and making a seat around it
- think about whose money you are spending
- How far down the path from Clod Lane to Rydal will be resurfaced and who will maintain this? Down to residents now as the council no longer seem to do anything anymore. As my home backs onto this path - concern about larger footfall
- without thousands being spent on drainage no gain would be made on moving park and safety would be compromised
- restrictions of age in certain region of the park
- picnic tables could be used on this park area between the two areas
- put play area in the area indicated on option 1 sketch (drawn to the SE of where it is now)
- Wildlife also visits the park. We should make it safe for them also
- too much of the budget would be used to re-site
- Why spend money moving paths and play area. I do agree to upgrading
- Will benches be provided or will we have to rely on donations?
- option 2 as ideal
- Does the path in the woodland area allow for the woods being owned by the builders?
- Option 1 has the addition of the picnic area. Local teenagers will probably use this rather than the play area as now
- Can it be done soon!!
- See over (and tennis area?)
- some football nets
- I'm unable to leave my details below.

Are you interested in getting involved? If so, how?

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Suggestions for moving forward

- Revised design based on option 1. Will include raised paths and a picnic area, fully surfaced play area with new equipment. It will also have a bog garden of some sort (depending on levels) and new planting.
- The woodland walk will be included if funds permit and if we get landowner consent
- Look into possibility of obtaining funding to undertake a 'levels survey' of the site to determine where the low spots are and if the site would be able to be adequately drained. At present, the level of the site is below the adjacent ground level of the surrounding houses and Clod Lane meaning that there is nowhere to drain the water to. If we can assess the levels on site, we can see how feasible it is to install drains that lead to the bog garden as a natural soakaway. If it is possible, then we can look to include drainage and an informal kick about area in the plans, if the funding permits it.
- Speak with LCC Highways and the Police to see if there is any signage or traffic calming measures that can be looked into for Clod Lane to make traffic aware of the play area and the school.