

Hats off to the people behind plans to transform park

THE masterplan for Victoria Park in Haslingden looks superb.

Revealed recently, and done by the council in partnership with Proffitts (the group which has done multiple parks elsewhere in the borough) it's exciting to see what could happen.

The team have created a draft masterplan for the site which includes improvements to the pathways, entrances, boundary walls, fountain, play area, bowling green and the multi-use games area too.

There is also an option to create a new forest school space for children and update or replace the current wheeled sports area.

Woodland management works, a woodland walk route and more artwork and trails have also been proposed. In so many places around the country, public parks are neglected. Not so here in Rossendale, where, credit where it is due, the council has made looking after green spaces a priority. That hasn't meant just keeping them as they are, but working out how they can be more useful to more people.

The forest school, especially, is a brilliant idea. And the more people who use and value a park, the less likely it is to end up being damaged by those who don't really care for their community.

