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19/00895/REM Wykham lane Bodicote

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Hi Linda

The D and A statement has a different layout from the plans submitted in July and December.

The LAP/LEAP is still too far from houses and is not overlooked. The attenuation basins are too near the play area. I can't see any road access to the allotments. There only seems to be one LAP The MUGA would be better sited near the play areas and pitches rather than the car park It is unclear where the entry points to the MUGA are. Entry points need to be next to paths.

No changes have been made to the planting plans following my comments to you on 19th August.

The Play area plans are dire. They look as though the equipment has been dropped on the grass. LAP

Equipment is too similar for both LAP's. Equipment proposed is uninteresting. One piece needs to provide for multiple activities.

It needs to be on wet pour and the wet pour needs to link the pieces of equipment

The bins are too close to the seats: wasps etc

A sign is needed

No pcc slabs as grass grows in the joints and causes a trip hazard

No beech hedge round the periphery as it grows too tall too quickly and is difficult to maintain. There needs to be visibility into the play area for safety reasons

Gates must not open out over paths. They aren't marked on this plan.

Seats to have arms and a back

LAP/LEAP

Children need to be able to move between the LAP and LEAP. They need to be within the same fenced area. A single parent can't be in both areas at the same time. Planting can be used to separate the two areas

The majority of the LEAP equipment is too young and not challenging. The scamble net is OK but the rest is LAP equipment. For a LAP/LEAP a double or triple swing is a good idea with one cradle seat and 2 bench seats. Springers are overused and not suitable here. More money needs to be spent on equipment. Equipment needs to be on wet pour for the LAP and heavily used Leap equipment. Equipment needs to be linked with paths or surfacing. This LAP/LEAP has not been designed. There is no planting for texture scent and colour. The LAP/LEAP is not near Pedestrian gates opening onto grass cause wear patches and seas of mud.

This proposal needs far more detail. At present it is sketchy and lacking in detail. No details for the allotments have been submitted as requested in August.

None of it is in a state where it can be discharged. The comments I made in August have been ignored.

Kind regards Judith

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