

# Friends of Roseburn Park- a Vision for the Future

## Consultation on draft park plan for Roseburn Park

**Friends of Roseburn Park** (FoRP) are working with the Council to set out an Improvement Plan for Roseburn Park and nearby areas affected by flood works. Once the plan is approved, we must fundraise for the improvements; we aim to get McLaughlin & Harvey to help, by seeking some community benefit from the £22M flood prevention scheme. Any support they offer will partner bids to the Lottery, etc.

This survey asks what you think of the ideas that the Council has agreed to in principle; you can also add your own at the end. You can comment on FoRP's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/roseburnpark](http://www.facebook.com/roseburnpark) . Please post any questions you have using the online form at [www.friendsofroseburnpark.org.uk/contact-us](http://www.friendsofroseburnpark.org.uk/contact-us) or come along to our drop-in (see below).

A few points to note:

The **existing play park** will be dismantled. Neither we nor the Council think the new flood wall which will isolate it will be safe for parents in the park who need to keep an eye on their kids- their sightlines will also be obscured by a 2m high flood embankment. The play structure is also quite worn out and at the end of its life.



The **toilet block**, unused since the 70s, has become an eyesore and either needs to be refurbished or demolished. Our proposal is to refurbish it at a cost of around £30,000, which we shall fundraise. The Council would lease the building to FoRP and we would, in turn, lease it to a local Roseburn business, who would run the building as a cafe.

Our sub-let will require the cafe proprietor to maintain a 1-cubicle public toilet. They will, in essence, become an on-going presence in the park and will provide the kind of observational security that will help our vision to be a durable one. The income from the let will be used by FoRP to fund ongoing park improvements. This artist's impression suggests how it will look, once refurbished.



We wanted the **tree seats** at each of the three entrances as a way to mark the flood works. As the trees were felled last month, we were able to salvage an oak that, being hardwood, will be re-used as one of the seats (it is currently stored in the McLaughlin & Harvey compound at Balgreen).

The trees will be shaped and treated by 4 Winds tree sculpting agency, who created the crocodile in the front playground of Roseburn School.



Want to discuss what's in the vision so far? Come to -

- [Roseburn Primary School](#) for a **drop-in session** on Wednesday 13th April anytime between 5pm and 8.30pm (64 Roseburn Street). There will be a raffle to pay for the school hire, tickets £1 each.
- the [Murrayfield Community Council](#) meeting on Tuesday 19th April at 7.30pm where an updated version of the draft plan will be presented, incorporating the feedback from this survey. (Murrayfield Parish Church Centre, 2b Ormidale Terrace)

If possible, please fill in the **survey on-line** at [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HK6B2JG](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HK6B2JG)

If you prefer to use paper, complete this form now or at the drop-in on the 13th April. Please post your replies to Val Forbes, 5 Roseburn Drive, EH12 5NR before our survey **closes** at midnight on Friday 15th April.

The survey results will be published on the FoRP website on Sunday 17th April. We will post or e-mail the results and the revised park plan to you if you leave your details below.

Thanks so much for taking part! FoRP is a membership charity with over 200 members: join free at [www.friendsofroseburnpark.org.uk/join-for-free](http://www.friendsofroseburnpark.org.uk/join-for-free) to get our newsletter and more involved.

Q1 Who are you? (underline one) I am an adult I go to school  
Q2 How do you use Roseburn Park? (underline all that apply) Dog-walker Cyclist Pedestrian Jogger Play team sport  
Playground user Home overlooks the park Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Q3 Please rate each of these ideas:</u>	Love it	Like it	Don't mind it	Have doubts	Dislike it
Refurbish toilet block into café with public toilet					
Tree seats / carved tree trunks at each entrance					
Teen area at ice rink end of the park (inc shelter, basketball net/goal end)					
Trim trail stations (such as wooden monkey bars or stepping logs)					
Adult gym stations (such as fixed bikes or cross-trainers)					
BBQ concrete slabs					
More picnic tables					
Public shelter with seating near the café					
More planted tubs with planting (such as communal herbs)					
BMX track along south boundary of park linking ice rink to new play area					
Cycle speed bumps near the buildings in the park					
Alternative cycle routing (eg behind toilet block to remove blind spot)					
Visually screen parts of new flood walls with mural or mosaic art					
Visually screen new flood walls with climbing plants					
Meadow area for wildflowers eg poppies, daisies, etc					
Road marking at ice rink entrance bridge to warn of walkers and cyclists					
New footbridge across the river at toilet block / café					
Greater tree diversity (such as oak, blue cedar, fruit)					
Sculpture trail or other improvements along the river "corridor" from Roseburn to Saughton					

Q5. You can comment on any of these ideas here

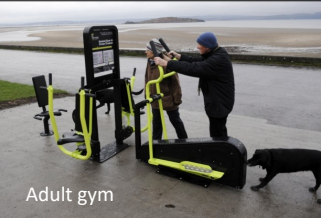
Q6. You can add your own ideas here

Q7. Please leave your name, address (and e-mail address, if poss) if you wish to be sent the survey results and revised park plan



**Roseburn Park Improvement Plan –**  
for consultation

All FoRP proposals are in **orange** overlaid on park as it will be post floodworks



Adult gym



Trim trail- monkey bars



Basketball net/goal end



Shelter



<u>Q4. If you are interested in the new play park, please comment on its:</u>	Love it	Like it	Don't mind it	Have doubts	Dislike it
Play mounds					
Climbing frame and slide for toddlers + juniors					
See-saw/ balance beam					
Picnic table					
Stilt walk					
Play boulders					
Stepping logs					
Clamber stack					
Play sand					
Baby swings					
Normal swings					
Basket swing					
Climber for children: seniors age 6-12					

