

Green Spaces consultation – Liskeard School

Strengths of the present provision

- Good leisure facilities in Lux Park and the Sports Club. These are mostly accessible to everyone. A good range of sports clubs for young people to join.
- Range of parks which have play equipment. Westbourne Gardens
- The school.
- Accessibility to the rail network

Weaknesses of the present provision

- Under-maintained pathways: brambles, unsafe (lighting issues for certain pathways in town). Lack of pathways between certain areas of town.
- Lanes unsafe for walkers because of inconsiderate drivers, brambles and thorns in hedgerows encroach on road space.
- Parks generally boring, except for toddlers and younger children. Equipment is targeted at the very young. No provision for teenagers. Lack of social areas for older teenagers.
- Poor public transport from the villages into the town.

Opportunities for improvement

- Renovation of parks to make them more attractive to all age groups: flowers, better equipment.
- Better maintenance of pathways. Continue publicising local network of paths to keep people off busy lanes or encourage drivers, cyclists and walkers to be aware of the particular safety issues associated with using narrow lanes. Continue development of Liskeard as a walking hub.
- A place for youngsters to hang out. Perhaps a billiards room.
- Better and more frequent transport links.
- More community events which teenagers can be involved in: markets, fairs, parades etc
- Town shops staying open on Saturday and Wednesday afternoons.

Threats to improvement

- The southern part of the town being cut off.
- Over population due to housing development.
- Small population so no impetus for change.
- Hilly terrain discourages football.
- Resistance to change so Liskeard is lagging behind other towns.
- A need to find our USP so that we can have an edge on other towns.
- Unsympathetic development which leads to a lack of essential facilities, e.g. schools, shops and surgeries.