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| **Barnet and King George V Masterplan – Public Drop-In Sessions** |
| **Session 1 & 2** | **Friday 28th June -> Saturday 29th June** |
| **Hope Corner Community Café and Barnet/KGV Playing Fields**Approximate Total: 40 |
| **Session 3** | **Wednesday 10th June** |
| **Hope Corner Community Café**Approximate Total: 20 |
| **Session 4** | **Thursday 25th July** |
| **Rainbow Centre**Approximate Total: 34 |
| **Session 5** | **Friday 26th July** |
| **Barnet/KGV Playing Fields**Approximate Total: 24 |
| **Approximate Total: 118** |
| **Key Feedback** |
| **Parking and Traffic** | * Already a major issue with commuters, schools – parking on resident streets – this development will only exacerbate the problem, along with the proposed housing/flats (450) at High Barnet station
* Going to get worse with opening of the Ark Academy in September 2019 – got to consider the amount of students at Ark in 6 years time
* If the park is to become busier – this will affect traffic even further
* Junctions are already a nightmare – better to focus the plans on facilitating more cycle parks, both within and beyond the park – can’t finish at the edge of park, residents need to be able to cycle to the park
* Accessibility to the park needs to be revised – not everyone can drive, particularly users of the Rainbow Centre – new bus routes along Barnet Lane should be considered – accessibility will be key to the future success of the Rainbow Centre (retaining clients)
* If London are trying to encourage green/active/sustainable travel – why is a new car park being proposed? – intrusion on green space
* Concern over parking at the bottom of Grasvenor Avenue / Western Way
* In favour of free parking – important for local residents
* Disliked the car park proposed – will only be utilised/abused by commuters, Ark Academy and ruins the green space
* New car park is a disastrous idea – Ark Academy will use the spaces as they have not factored in enough during their plans (only purposed for 40/60 staff), will never work with cars coming in and out, parking, passing, pedestrians, cyclists – will be completely grid locked at peak times, accidents on the corner
* Better to expand existing car park south into Hadley Wood Sports Trust – currently too narrow
* How going to manage and monitor car parking – e.g. 2-hour limit, pay and display
* Junction up at Westcombe Drive – one of the most polluted parts in the whole of London
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| **Young People** | * Good for use by kids at the Ark Academy – would feel happy as a parent knowing that their kids could access these facilities, be safe in the park
* Concern about the connection between Ark Academy and the park – is the fence high enough so kids can’t jump over
* Good facility mix for kids and young people – currently nothing for them to do
* So many houses being built in the local area with no garden, this will get young people out of the house, screen time and improve health and wellbeing, make new friends
* Positive feedback on the adventure play – catering for older children
* Grasvenor Avenue Primary School – currently utilise the park for a park run everyday and walking bus – must make sure can still do this, consider the safety of the park, busyness
* Young people noted that they do not go to the park much as there is nothing to do and the facilities are rubbish
* Young people really liked the plans, felt that it would bring the community together – what is needed in the local area
* Play areas in the local area are poor quality and not good – need more refurbished play areas and sporting/fitness equipment for young people
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| **Skatepark** | * Major cause for concern for residents – create noise pollution and anti-social behaviour
* Concern that young people will congregate here, hotspot – drug dealing, gangs, vandalism, graffiti
* Encouraging anti-social behaviour – particularly as it has no lighting, not patrolled at night
* Move it further away from homes or scrap the idea completely
* Wrong position – should be put further away from residents’ homes – should be in the middle of the park, swapped with the junior football pitches
* Noise and clatter from this will travel across the park and be disruptive for all residents
* Appreciated that the skatepark has moved further south, away from residents’ houses and Ark, and has shrunk/been redesigned
* Some were not opposed to the facility itself – but the fear over who it will bring to the park – exacerbate an already present issue
* Would be more welcome to the idea if it was designed in a way that wasn’t as noisy
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| **Anti-social behaviour** | * Previous climbing frame (timber) was destroyed within a year – how are these facilities not meant to be vandalised?
* Woods where bench which is facing the opposite way – key area for drug dealers
* Friday and Saturday and during summer holidays (nighttime) – problem with anti-social behaviour
* Motorbikes ride through the park at night
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| **Security, Safety and Management** | * Key for the success of the development – currently an unsafe, unwelcoming park
* Management and control will be key – ensuring a clean site, no litter – many were skeptical on the likelihood of this
* How will the police be involved in preventing anti-social behaviour?
* Play facilities will need safety barriers – safeguarding children, protection from dogs
* More bins (including dog bins) will be needed and will need to be emptied more often
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| **Community Sports Hub** | * Programme of use would be too structured, act more like a leisure centre – young people can’t just turn up/drop in when they want and have somewhere to go (like at the Rainbow Centre) – lack of indoor youth provision
* Must have top design and environmental standards
* Building is too big, size of a small primary school
* Height of the building will need to meet Sport England regulations, if proposing activities inside (e.g. badminton)
* Height of the building is too high – take away from views across the park – particularly the part required for Clip and Climb
* Clip and Climb would be great for kids, grandchildren and families
* Wrong space and position for the CSH
* A better position for this building would be where the table tennis centre is, on the outskirts of the park, rather than destroying the openness of the space
* Would need to be open in the evening for exercise classes
* Disabled access to the building is too small – assisted changing needs to be bigger, include a wet area, hoist, accessible from the outside
* Configuration of the disabled toilets should be revised – too far away from café
* More disabled facilities – only one currently
* Consider having solar panels on the roof – environmental considerations
* Concern that more buildings would follow after CSH is built – like the Ark Academy, Hadley Wood Sports Trust – number of housing developments in the area
* Concern it would be vandalised and burnt down like all the other buildings in the park

Café and Toilets:* Agree that a café and toilets are required, but a smaller building with just these would be preferred
* Café and toilets would be great for families – spend long periods of time in the park
* Toilets are essential – no public toilets nearby to the park (nearest is McDonalds) – key for families and all-day use of the park
* Café was welcomed by many – particularly for parents, as a place to relax whilst their children play – as well as being able to supervise (e.g. outdoor seating)
* Outdoor seating area at the café well received, particularly in the summer months
* Café also act as a waiting room for Rainbow Centre services
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| **Rainbow Centre** | * Pleased that the Rainbow Centre is being re-provided – key that the work they do, particularly for local young people is able to continue
* RC building currently rundown – needs to be updated, re-furbished
* Lack of suitable facilities currently at the park – Rainbow Centre have to take their own equipment to do activities for young people
* Key issue – exclusivity of the rooms in the CSH for the Rainbow Centre – particularly the Community Rooms, studios and Interview/Counselling room – how would multi-use with the public be managed, conflicts over who can run what and when
* Rainbow Centre would need to be guaranteed access to rooms when they required them
* Size of the rooms should match the Rainbow Centre’s current provision – particularly for martial arts club etc.
* Martial arts club – MMA – would need access to studio space that is at least the same size as existing Rainbow room and storage for equipment e.g. mats, gloves (approx. 4m x 2m) – runs free classes for kids in the local estate
* Office – RC needs a space for Steve and directors – would request this office to be exclusive to them
* Demand for RC services may increase even further – particularly with notice boards at the new café etc.
* Rainbow Money Advice service – request for an extra Interview/Counselling room – service already over-booked, strong demand, currently recruiting a new adviser, alongside the mental health services RC offer – all need extra space – benefits the Council in the long term, as the service being provided helps residents live better (e.g. money, health)
* Layout of the Interview/Counselling room needs to be revised – currently shown as an internal room with no outside windows – this should change – needs windows and natural light – makes a big difference when helping vulnerable people, discussing vulnerable issues
* Interview/Counselling room – finer details are key – for security will need CCTV, glass panel door, panic button, desk, filing cabinets
* Concern that the RC programme would not be re-provided to the same effect, would fall apart – particularly due to dual use with the public – too crowded, cross-over with other users
* Essential that the CSH is a key community centre for the local estate - for local kids, deprived communities, continue to run all of the workshops
* Timescales are important – priority should be that the RC is re-homed as soon as possible once construction starts – risk that any further delay will harm RC structure and users
* RC need to made aware of timescales throughout the project, been involved throughout
* Lunch club runs during every school holiday for children on free school meals – need exclusive access of rooms to run this – fundamental to children in the local estate who have nowhere to go
* Key that they also have exclusive use of a play space (e.g. MUGA, football pitch) for a set number of hours that doesn’t interact with other children and parents (safeguarding)
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| **Football** | * Improved football pitches are needed as the current ones are poor quality and there is nowhere nearby for local football teams to train
* Should move the football pitches to behind Grasvenor School, rather than resident houses – will be too noisy
* Drainage for football pitches will be needed
* All football based activities – no facilities for tennis or rugby
* Too many football pitches proposed – duplication across the site – will be too busy on weekend mornings, no space for anyone else
* Young people noted that they currently utilise the park for football primarily
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| **Avenue of Trees** | * Mixed opinions on this proposal
* Many disliked the avenue of trees, noting that it would ruin the open/expansive feel of the park, the view from the current toddler play area (looking south), opportunities to watch the sunset and star gazing
* Not needed – takes the same amount of time to walk around the field – would be a waste of space
* Disliked the ‘straightness’ of the path – too ‘city-like’ – should be more rural, winding
* Path can stay, would be useful to help prevent overcrowding on other paths, watch the football – but don’t need the trees – or if the trees stay, shouldn’t be too high
* Trees would ruin the open vista – should be low shrubs or flowers
* Others liked the idea, as long as there weren’t too many trees
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| **Gaelic Football** | * Concern that if there is a bar in the Gaelic football pavilion this will encourage poor behavior and noise for the residents
* Concern that the pitch would have a fence around it and not be accessible to the public
* Good idea to have more parking for Gaelic football – currently utilised by Totteridge Academy for school drop-offs
* Couldn’t understand why the pavilion was exclusive to Gaelic football – should be made available to other local sport teams
* Could have a positive influence on young people in the area – attract into a new sport
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| **Green Belt / Open Space** | * Already lost land to the Ark Academy and Hadley Sports Trust – eroding away green space, don’t need this development
* Very rare to have any green space in Barnet, beautiful space as it is
* Keeping the space open, vista – peaceful
* Facilities should be kept as close to the Ark Academy as possible, to avoid spoiling the green, open view – CSH should be moved north of the pathway
* Too many facilities being proposed, too overdeveloped – ruins the openness of the space
* Welcome the ideas and proposed activities, but concerned about the green belt
* Planting more oak trees
* Enhance the greenery around the Dollis Valley stream and place more benches/path around here
* Width of the pathways should remain the same – no wider – encroach on grass space
* Like the proposed masterplan, as long as it is not overrun or overdeveloped – remains green, open space – not fenced off
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| **Cycling** | * Consider the width of the cycle paths – to accommodate cyclists, pushchairs and walkers
* Speed of the cyclists should be a concern – professional vs. pleasure cyclists – speed limit needed
* Paths will need clear markings for cyclists / walker’s separation – reconfiguration required at existing car park
* Will need clarity around which paths are for cycling and which are for walking – help avoid accidents
* Cycle route should be included North of the pathway – be able to cycle up to Ark Academy
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| **Pedestrians** | * Many in favour of the proposed bridge across Dollis Valley stream – open up new walking opportunities, KGV currently inaccessible and not utilised
* During construction of the new bridge, the Dollis Valley stream should also be prioritised for a clean up
* Pleased that the walking circuit around the park – which many of the local residents do daily – will be maintained
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| **MUGA** | * Why is another MUGA needed when there is one at the Ark Academy?
* Lower hoops needed in the MUGA for younger children to play basketball etc.
* Suggestion of another MUGA – think it will be heavily utilised
* Can a tennis court be combined with this?
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| **Outdoor Gym** | * Many were in favour of an upgraded outdoor gym – under utilised at the moment – should include calisthenics, popular on the market at the moment
* Equipment of the outdoor gym and trim trail will be key – modern, in trend with the market – Kenguru Pro good example, Westminster Park, Westbourne Green, Primrose Hill (Hampstead Heath) as good case studies
* Good for young people – particularly disadvantaged families who cannot afford a gym membership
* Suggestion to move the outdoor gym closer to the toddler play
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| **Other** | * Not opposed to the facilities in general, but they need re-arranging, re-locating
* Questions over the demand for these facilities
* Residents felt they are never listened to – on the back of the Ark Academy – why are the council pursuing this plan when there is already so much opposition
* Questions over the funding for this project
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| **Further Suggestions** | * Swimming pool
* Water features – splash area for younger children, fountains
* Tennis courts – rather than just football
* Utilisation of Brook Farm – used to be football pitches, has a car park, purpose built changing facilities, accessible from the main road
* Utilisation of the green area by the Dollis Valley estate for some facilities
* Better crossing points over Barnet Lane for pedestrians and cyclists
* Extra Interview/Counselling room inside CSH (see above)
* Porous surface for pedestrian pathways
* Surface of the car park should not be tarmac – not encroach on the green belt
* Include more than the minimum requirement of disabled parking bays
* More disabled facilities inside CSH (see above)
* Include soft play inside the CSH
* Include badminton inside the CSH
* Wild flower / meadow area North of the oak tree – attractive to walk around with the new pedestrian park, improve conservation, enhance greenspace
* Zip wire in the adventure play area – like at Woodside Park
* Phased approach with car parking – see how much demand these is first before adding extra spaces
* Build the skatepark, toddler play and adventure play area first to attract more people, then phase in the other facilities
* Lighting, flood lights should not be on 24/7 – curfew time to respect local residents
* Swap the skatepark for one of the junior football pitches
* Junctions need widening beyond the park
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