

Turner Drive Public Art

community consultation 10th September 2023

In total 21 residents turned up (despite the rain and thunder storm) to express their views having seen the poster or being messaged via the committee WhatsApp group.

Everyone was very supportive of the idea of art works on site and expressed a desire to keep the artworks functional, interactive and in keeping with the environment. Artworks of a landmark monumental nature or too modern and abstract and made from metal or garish materials were not favoured. In general, it was felt that there was a good sense of community and most residents enjoyed living here and had a good connection with their neighbours.

General comments

- What a lovely idea. I think that work could really help.
- It's a really nice idea, as long as the young people don't ruin it
- lots of people pass through on their way to Matthew Arnold school and Oxford Brookes. It would be good to include both of these.
- Community involvement is really important get the kids involved in the creation.
- It would be good to involve Matthew Arnold School
- Great idea, as long as it doesn't increase the fees
- Would be good to work with North Hinksey Primary School
- Needs to be child friendly

Materials

- must fit into the site - natural materials
- Domestic setting - not too "civic" like monoliths etc
- Nothing too modern or abstract
- "I'd like to see works of art in more than one location"
- Wood and willow keeps it rural

Themes

- I'd like artwork that celebrates nature and animals I'd like to see foxes, deer, owls, badgers and birds like red kites and swifts
- love the idea of Willow and natural materials like the tunnel in the play area

Functions

- there's nothing on the estate for very young children - it would be nice to have something that they can climb on safely
- It would be nice to have tactile art for children of all ages
- musical game for children
- Arty stepping stones and play pavements
- seating but in natural materials
- if it is seating it is nice to be in the shade
- Picnic bench would be nice
- will be nice to create a treasure hunt
- seating will help people stop and rest, rather than use as a thorough fair
- "May be a noticeboard"

Locations

- **Turner Drive park to the left as you drive in "the paddock" (9 ticks)**
Majority of people would love a reason to use this space, so a seating area would be preferable
Currently used for all games – mustn't get in the way of its current use
Seating should face the green area (and not at peoples houses/ windows)
Need to be aware of sunshine and where is best to sit.

➤ **Gateway to the playing field (5 ticks)**

Person who lived opposite the opening in the hedge said it was a good idea and will stop other 'unofficial' openings being used.

"[something here] will make it feel cared for"

➤ **Millais Drive green space (0 ticks)**

Nobody suggested this as a location. 3 people said definitely not.

No one from this area of the development attended.

One young person said a friend of hers lives in one of the surrounding houses and they have only played on the openspace once

➤ **Main path leading to Oxford Brookes (8 ticks)**

"some lighting and waymarking alongside the play area"

other issues raised:

- Parking
- traffic speeds
- that the area is used as a thoroughfare for the wider public walking or accessing the sporting facilities at the Oxford Brookes campus.
- Be aware of grass mowing and access for that with artworks.

Ideas that are possible are:



A. Seating
(beyond just benches) £11K for 2 areas



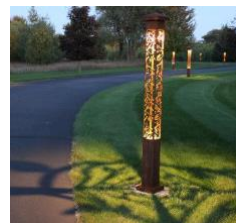
B. Interactive artwork that could be used as play £8K



C. Street signage to help calm traffic £1k



D. Gateway to Louie Memorial playing field
£5k



E. Lighting incorporated as waymarking.

Remaining £3200 for:

- Maintenance
- Community art workshops