Vine Road Project: Intro

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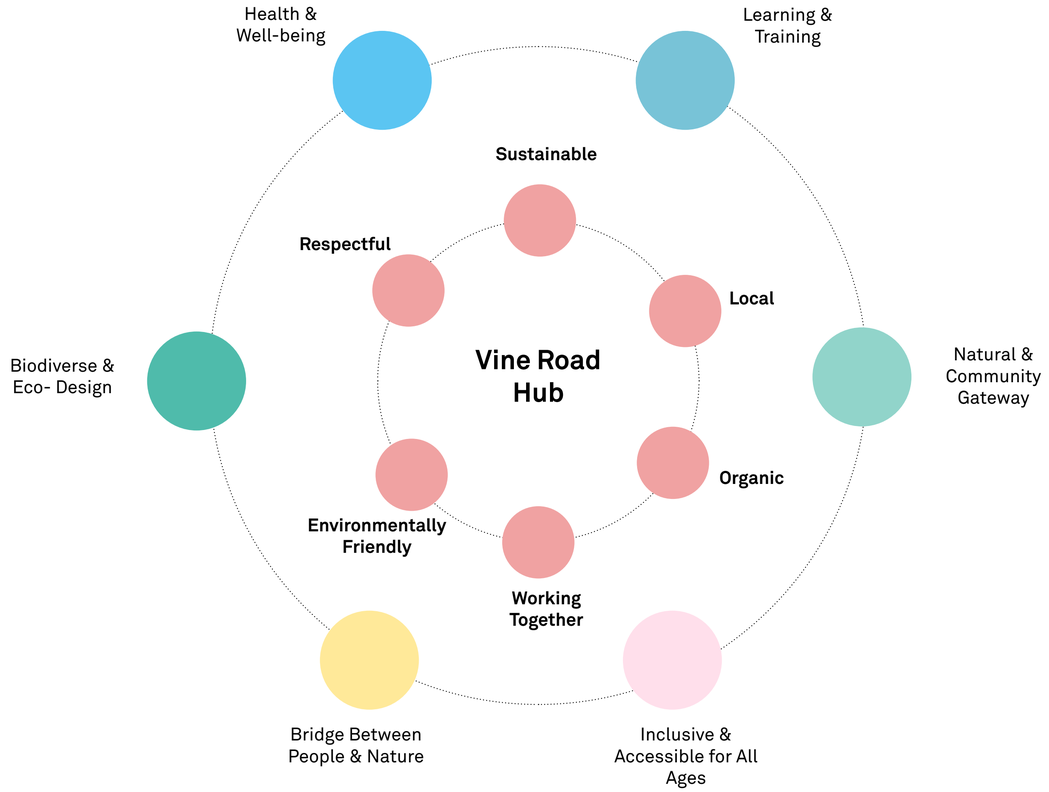
Creating the Vine Road Project...

Friends of Barnes Common ("FoBC") has operated on and from the Vine Road Recreation Ground (the park) for over seven years. We have used this time to assess existing uses and opportunities: the park is clearly much loved, underutilised and run down in parts. From discussion and observation there are several opportunities to better serve the community's needs and improve wellbeing.

FoBC is a community-based organisation and registered charity. Our Vision embraces Conservation, Biodiversity, Wellbeing and Lifelong Learning. Our Mission is to use our custodianship of local open spaces to inspire the Community to be engaged, to encourage participation and 'ownership' to build resilience and leadership and respect the environment for present and future generations.

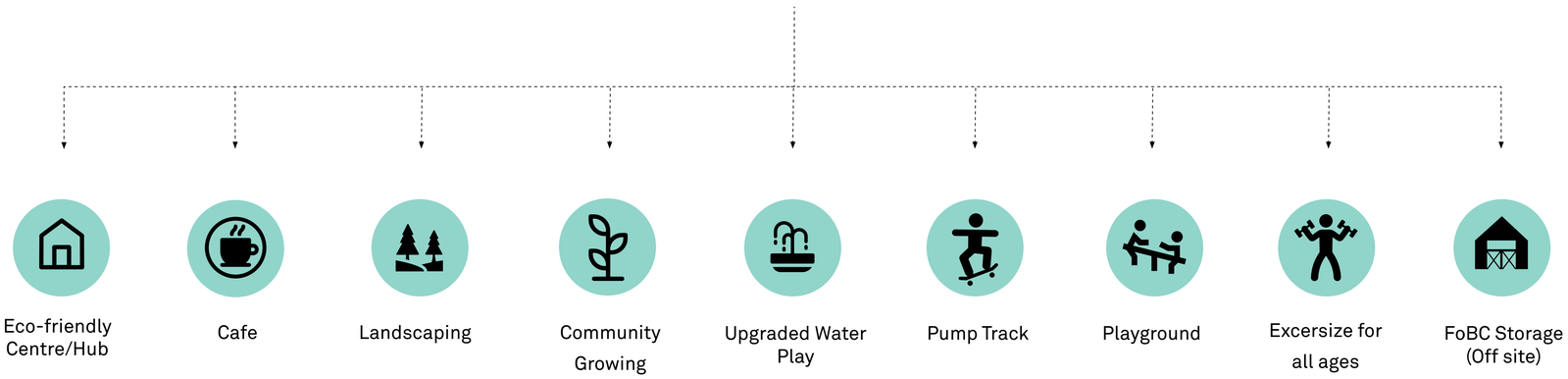
We believe the Vine Road Project offers enormous scope to put our Vision and Mission into practice.

At this stage we have undertaken research and, with respected professional help, prepared ideas for the Community to consider. Following this consultation feedback will then be fed into a Master Plan proposal which we will present to Richmond Council for its approval.



Key Milestones To Date:

- ☑ **2019 Community Funding obtained -** *for project appraisal and initial design.*
- ☑ **Nov 2019 Initial soft consultation–** *just pre-lockdown*
- ☑ **Dec 2020 Lead Architects appointed -** *following public tender*
- ☑ **Feb-May 2021: Additional funding acquired** *to make some small immediate improvements, test ideas and help fund public consultations and Master Plan: Magnificent response! Over £13,000 raised from community, with £13,000 pledge from London Mayor's Resilience Fund. Thank you all!*
- ☑ **Cafe concept confirmed:** *Following huge success of pop-up*



Next Steps:

- ☐ **July-August 2021:** *Public consultations*
- ☐ **September 2021:** *Analyse feedback from consultation and feed into Design of Master Plan*
- ☐ **October-December 2021:** *Council consideration of Master Plan proposals 2022: Subject to funding, prepare detailed designs for Planning & Funding based on Council decision(s)*
- ☐ **2022/3 onwards:** *likely phased implementation (possibly over three to four years)*

Vine Road Project: Context

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Where we are now...

Ownership: Richmond Council (LBRuT)

Management: LBRuT working in partnership with Friends of Barnes Common (FoBC) and using Council contractors.

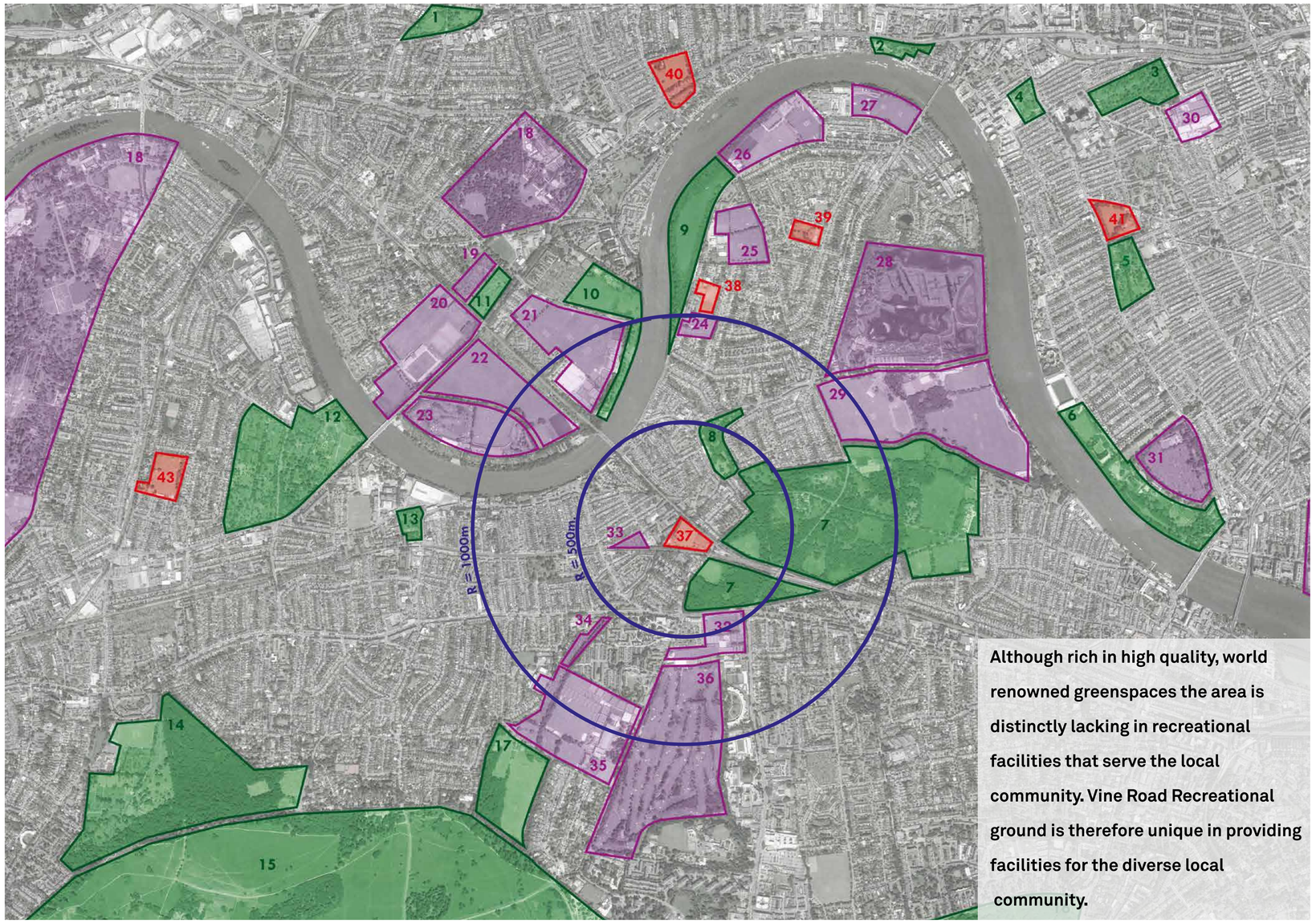
Status: Recreation ground within Barnes Common Conservation Area

Current uses:

- Amenity space for casual games and exercise for adults, children & dogs
- Early years playground, including paddling pool (fenced)
- Adventure play facilities
- Meeting & socialising
- Two areas for Community Growing with raised beds and polytunnel
- Pavilion in use as FoBC offices, cricket club changing room, and for community activities as well as providing public toilets – since Aug 2020 providing 'pop-up' Café testing concept while community uses not possible. (Significant refurbishment 2018)
- Bowling pavilion – Montessori Nursery School (pavilion leased from LBRuT)
- FoBC Storage Yard and Offices

Challenges (and what we have learned from the community)

- Play facilities are located too remote from services (toilets, cafe)
- Bowling Green defunct and suffering wear & tear
- No staff maintaining flower beds and shrub borders
- All buildings at or near 'end of life' with sub-optimal locations and layouts
- Public Toilets often unfit for use
- Lack of facilities for older children and young people to play or socialise
- Vehicle movements in space where children and dogs run free
- Covid lockdown increased usage 3 to 4-fold
- Increased pressure on open spaces for wellbeing and community uses
- Need to plan for and demonstrate climate (and flood) resilience
- Need to serve whole community and be inclusive
- To create a park fit for modern living which is sustainable and environmentally responsible



Although rich in high quality, world renowned greenspaces the area is distinctly lacking in recreational facilities that serve the local community. Vine Road Recreational ground is therefore unique in providing facilities for the diverse local community.

Private Open Space | Public Open Space | Recreation Grounds

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Public Open Space

1. Turnham Green
2. Furnival Gardens
3. Margravine Cemetery
4. Frank Banfield Park
5. Fulham Cemetery
6. Bishop's Park
7. Putney Lower & Barnes Commons
8. Barnes Green
9. Leg O'Mutton Reservoir
10. Dukes Meadow
11. Chiswick (New) Cemetery
12. Mortlake & North Sheen Cemeteries
13. Mortlake Green
14. Sheen Common & Cemetery
15. Richmond Park
16. Putney Heath

Private Open Space

17. Chiswick House & Grounds
18. Kew Gardens
19. Staveley Road Allotments
20. Quintin Hogg Memorial Sports Ground
21. Chiswick Ground
22. Chiswick Rugby Football Club
23. Dukes Meadow Golf Course
24. Barnes Sports Club
25. The Harrodian School
26. St. Paul's School
27. St Pauls's School Rugby Pitches
28. The London Wetland Centre
29. Barn Elms Playing Fields & Sports Centre
30. The Queen's Club
31. Fulham Palace Meadow Allotments
32. Rosslyn Park FC
33. Railway Side Allotments
34. Hertford Avenue Allotments
35. Bank of England Sports Ground
36. Roehampton Club Golf Course

Recreation Grounds

37. Vine Road Recreation Ground
38. Suffolk Road Recreation Ground
39. Castelnau Recreation Ground
40. Homefield Recreation Ground
41. Lille Road Recreation Ground
42. Palewell Fields & Common
43. North Sheen Recreation Ground

Vine Road Project: The Masterplan

THIS PUBLIC CONSULTATION IS ENORMOUSLY IMPORTANT – YOUR VIEWS MATTER!

Friends of Barnes Common invite you to share your ideas on how to create a community park fit for the 21st Century...

Public consultations have happened or are planned in three stages:

- **November 2019** The initial 'soft concepts' consultation
- **July-August 2021** Master Plan 'Sketch' design open to comment
- **2022-23** Formal Planning consultations will follow as detailed plans are proposed for development

These plans have been prepared by StudioWeave, award -winning architects and designers and LDA, highly experienced, award winning landscape architects, engaged by FoBC by public tender, to be Lead Architects for the Master Plan (proposed park layout, buildings and landscaping)

The Architects' brief has been to draw on their experience in public park design and, while reflecting the ideas of previous soft consultations, to create a park that will appeal across all ages, offering popular and innovative opportunities for recreation, exercise, social engagement, learning and wellbeing which will be fit-for-purpose, meeting the needs of our multicultural urban community today and in the future.

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1. New pedestrian priority entrance.
2. Disabled parking, loading, delivery and drop off point.
3. New cafe facility with public toilets.
4. New education/ community use facility to support the parks conservation, community, outdoor learning and wellbeing.
5. New courtyard space with outdoor seating & spill out space.
6. 0-5's Play: 0-5's play area overlooked by new cafe & education facility.
7. Productive Area: Area for productive grow spaces, community workshop, tool storage and back of house activities.
8. Woodland Playground: State of the art play facility including water play for older children.
9. Pump Track:Mounds, bowls, ramps and tracks designed for skateboarders, roller bladers and scooters.
10. Beverley Brook & Wetland: Enhancement project to develop a wetland area around the Brook, enhancing habitats, biodiversity and flood resilience within the park.
11. Woodland Buffer: Enhancement of woodland border around the edge of the park to increase biodiversity & create sound buffer.
12. Casual lawn area: Lawn space retained for sports, dog walking and other recreational uses.

Building on the existing growing spaces and polytunnel at Vine Road, the masterplan will offer spaces for community growing, productive workshops, craft and maker spaces!

The Beverley Brook wetland area will support greater biodiversity within the park, encourage wildlife and offer fascinating learning opportunities.

Waterplay has always been a success at Vine Road, especially on summer days. New waterplay facilities will be provided for all ages.

Pump tracks are a valuable facility for older children and have proven across London to offer places for a variety of age groups to play and interact together.

Vine Road is an important asset for familes and children. The masterplan looks to increase the quality of play for all ages across the site.

Following successful testing with the popup café, a permanent café will be included within the masterplan with indoor and outdoor seating.

A new fit-for-purpose Hub building offering scope for more community activities, socialising, wellbeing and learning.

Vine Road Project: Phasing

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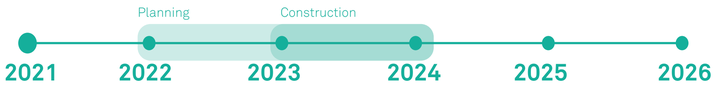
Phase One: Entrance, Cafe & Play Area

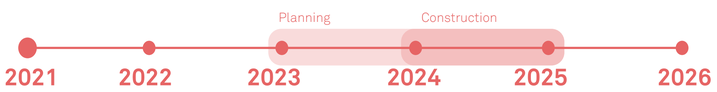
Once funding is secured Phase One of the Vine Road Project will look at removing FoBC storage off-site, developing a new cafe facility for the park, including brand new toilet facilites.During construction safe access to the rest of the park, Montessori Nursery, Playground and Paddling Area will be retained.

As part of this phase of the project new landscaping will be added around the new facility including a new accessible pedestrian entrance, cafe courtyard, 0-5's play area and lawn.



Phase Two: Enhancing Park Features

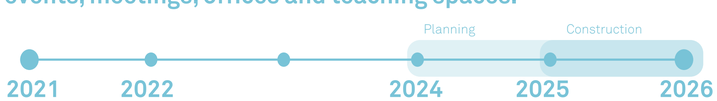
The second phase of the project will look to upgrade and enhance the existing park features including a new pump track, adventure playground and wetland area. Whilst major landscaping improvements are underway a reduced park will remain open to the public including the new cafe facility, 0-5's play area and lawn area.



Phase Three: Upgrading Facilities

The final phase of the project will look at demolishing the existing pavilion and upgrading the structure with a new modern educational facility to support the park's conservation and community outreach programmes.

This facility will be an asset for the whole community and enable future programmes to flourish at Vine Road providing spaces for events, meetings, offices and teaching spaces.



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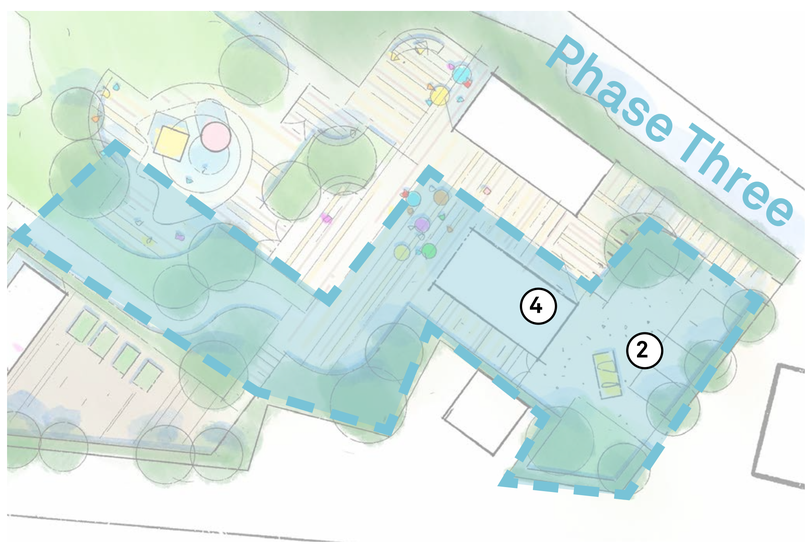
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