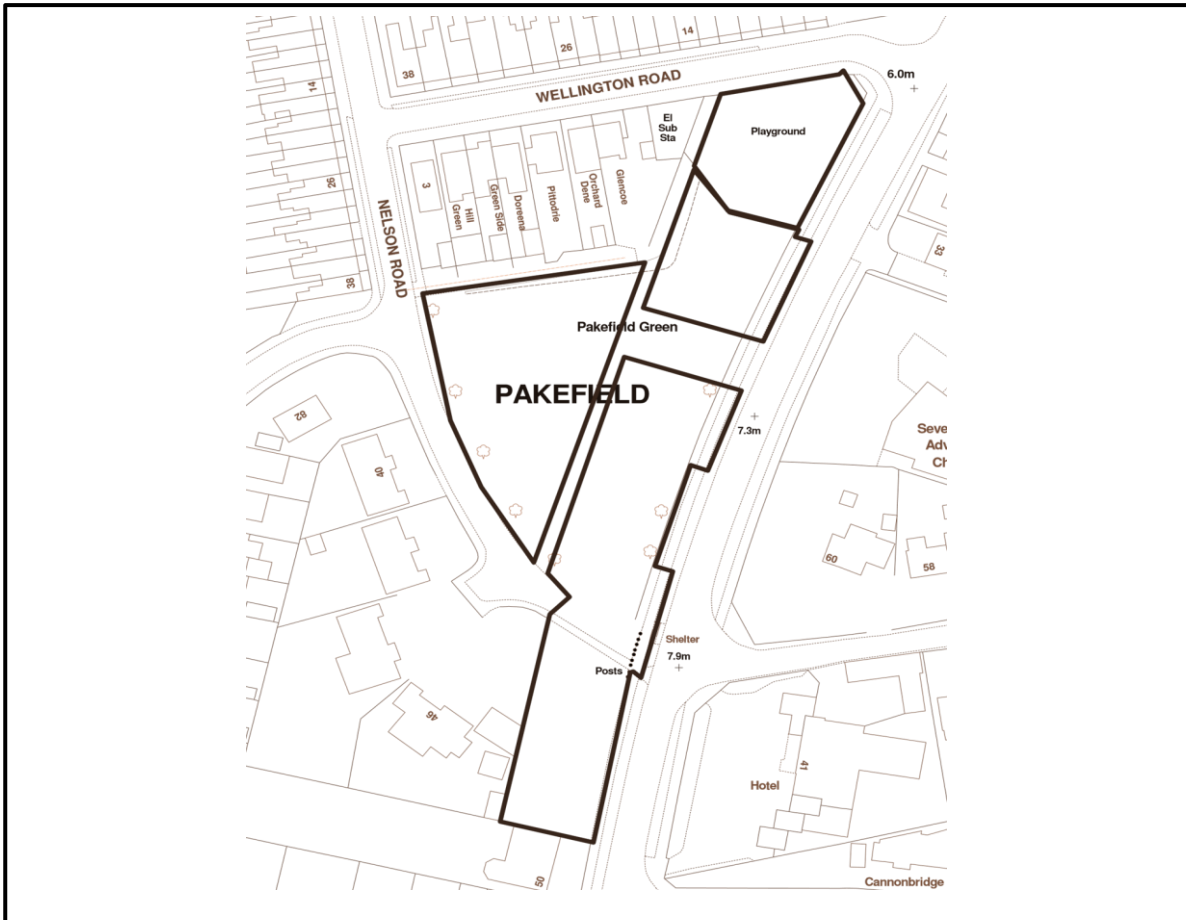


Pakefield Green, London Road South, Lowestoft



Current Site information

Ward: Pakefield

Site Reference: SK261114 (part of)

Area:

Special Status:

Covenants:

Entrances: 3 but open sided on west.

TPOs:

Services: ?

Facilities on site: Playground

Access:

Species on Site:

Soil Type:

Issues:

It does not appear as if the whole site has been transferred to LTC. The site has a high chain link fence along the boundary of London Road to prevent balls going into what was the main road however lack of egress along that side restricts access to the park from the east except at either end or via play area which has metal railings on road side and wooden picket fencing between park and play area.

Current main use of site:

Open Space and play area with good visibility across the site

Future planned use of site:

The site has good junior play equipment, replacement of which will need to be built into the play equipment schedule however new toddler provision will need to be considered first as this is an important play space in Pakefield.

There is a small grassed football pitch which should be maintained however it would be beneficial to replace with a MUGA however the current position of the football space is in the middle of the park and it would be beneficial if the MUGA could be placed closer to the play area to leave more open space.

Whilst teenage play provision would not be feasible it might be possible to provide teen meeting points in the more shaded area at the south end of the park.

Consideration for communal seating should also be given especially in the area of toddler provision which may be better closer to Nelson Road.

Key Development Opportunities

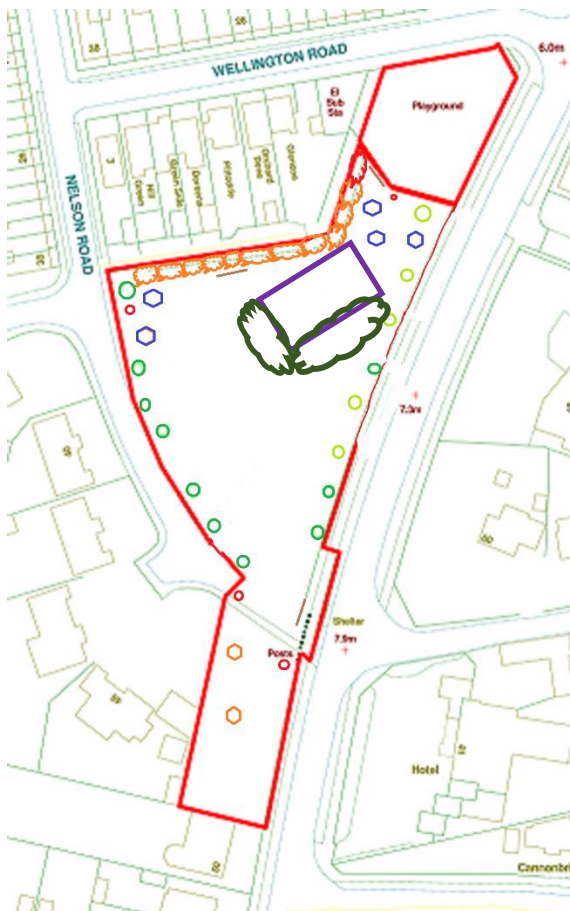
- Toddler play equipment,
- MUGA
- Communal seating/bins
- Boundary planting along the south side of the rear access to the houses on the south side of Wellington Road
- Teenage meeting points
- Signage
- Tree review and possible planting

Resources Required:	Various
Funding Required:	Allocation of funds within the play equipment budget schedule of works Parks Development budget built into schedule
Stakeholder Group	No
Friends Group	?
Maintenance Contractor	Waveney Norse



Current Benches, Bins and Bike Racks Inventory



Code			
	Item	Quantity	Potential Needed
●	Bin	1	4 One from play area to park, one at either end of the path linking London Road and Nelson Road and one in the park near the junction of Nelson Road and Witney Green.
●	Benches	1	5 picnic benches and two teen seats
	Bike Rack	0	Potential for three locations, in the area next to the play area; near the junction of Nelson Road and Witney Green; by the path linking London Road and Nelson Road.



Code

	Muga		Bins
	Picnic Benches		Bike racks
	Teen seats/picnic benches		Low planting
	New Trees		Existing Trees

Action Plan Further Information

Play area

Equipment in the play area needs to be evaluated for age and potential life span however there is space for additional equipment to be added and it should look to fulfil activities for toddlers and juniors and to add to existing activities.

Park area

The park is open and entirely visible from most sides. It is tree lined however there have been some losses over the years and there could be four trees added along the London Road side of the fence. This is a busy road so London Plane trees may be helpful for dealing with pollution close to a play area. There is a potential of ingress to the site by vehicles so along the Nelson Road side of the park it may be wise to add a bund (which could be covered with wild flower turf. Along the access tract for the rear of the houses in Wellington Road either a bund or a natural hedge could be added. A natural hedge would be preferable as it would add to biodiversity in the area and be good for wildlife but it would need an annual trim therefore adding to maintenance costs for the park.

The ground is not completely level and there is the ability for football kickabout. A MUGA would enhance the width of games which could be played but if placed in the current position would dominate the park too much. It would be preferential to move it towards the play area and at more of an angle and then soften the impact of it on the park by adding some low-grown evergreen planting such as grasses and cotoneaster.

Facilities

It would be positive to consider the possibility of placing a compostable toilet in this park, especially if or when the Pakefield Street toilets are closed. Siting it near the electricity sub-station may be the best location. It would also be worthwhile considering whether there is access to water on site to consider whether a drinking fountain might be a consideration although there are shops nearby.

5 year plan schedule of works				
Year	Item/project	Cost	Existing Budget	To be budget for that year.
2021-22				
2022-23				
2023-24				
2024-25				
2025-26				
Longer Term				