

Architects Report

Project	Hillhead Primary School	Project No.	4101
Purpose	User Group Consultation	Report No.	n/a
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The following is a record of items raised during a user group consultation on the landscape proposals for Hillhead Primary School with *JM Architects* and *Mike Hyatt*, dated 10th June 2010:

1. Routes through the park were identified as ways for the children to get to school. Education are develop Safe Routes to School and a green ravel plan with the schools as soon as possible.
2. Series of high points and important views around the site could connect to the landscape. These important views seem to tie in with major routes to and from the park/school.
3. Landscape to evoke the park and history, e.g. 1911 exhibition in the park.
4. 4 columns salvaged from park's depot could become part of landscape proposals. Potential design competition for the children, such as a storytelling pavilion.
5. Temples and surrounding buildings reflecting the diversity and multi-cultural nature of the area.
6. Is there a secure bike shed? The proposed bike storage levels seem to be insufficient – approx 600 children and approx 35 bike spaces. This is to be improved.
7. Is there a covered area for parents to wait to collect their children so they don't have to enter the building? Perhaps this could be included at the Kelvin Way entrance
8. Access and drop off issues from people travelling from the Gibson Street side of the city. Glasgow City Council planning department to be asked to review condition that the existing gates from the bottom of Otago Street not be used.
9. Is there washing and prayer space provided within the building for children of different faiths, e.g. Muslim children? jmarchitects to discuss with DRS / Education
10. The wooded area to Kelvin Way separated by the retaining wall, but within the school's ownership was suggested as a supervised woodland play and learning area. This could contain a tree-house or a rope swing.
11. Decisions should be made on the future landscape plan so that all the 'structural' works can be done within the landscape budget and current construction programme. Money can then be raised by the parents and schools to complete over later years.
12. A self-build programme which would allow children and parents from the four schools to come together and get to know each other before the first day of term would be very beneficial. Things such as a mural or mosaic, or planting and minor landscaping were suggested. This could be undertaken post-pratical completion before start of the first complete term in September 2011
13. There is currently not a really large play area for children to run around. Play areas need to be zoned both for management and creating different characters so children can choose how and where they want to play.

Action By

Education

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- Children usually ask for a Free Area (a large soft landscaped space where they can just run around), a supervised Playground and a Quiet/Soft play area. The Parents/ Children group are to consider what landscape zones they would like as part of their briefing to the design team.
14. Assemblies could be held outdoors on good days on the square fronting Gibson Street.
 15. "Classroom in the park" at least 1 day a month is the school's ambition.
 16. Covered play areas were discussed to provide children a space to eat their lunch outside even when the weather's not very good. Can we incorporate external dining tables and picnic areas?
 17. General themes of recycling, growing/allotments/gardens and growing structures created by shaping living branches, such as sculpting a willow tree.
 18. Request for a child friendly powerpoint (e.g. photos, sketches and models rather than plans) to be presented by design team at an assembly session for each school. Progress photos from site can also be sent to schools to keep them updated.

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