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Wednesday 14 April 2021

To whom it may concern

I write this letter as one of the ERYC Councillors for Wolds Weighton Ward, of which Melbourne is an intrinsic part.

Melbourne is a key settlement in Wolds Weighton, one of our largest villages, supporting a friendly community, local school, pub and shop. I would like to give my full support to the proposed Playing Field Enhancement projects. These projects will be fantastic community assets, which will benefit the entire village and local community; providing facilities for all ages, from activity boards for young children, to a pump track for teens, to tennis court for all ages, plus much more.

This scheme would bring health, leisure, social, educational and environmental benefits for the community of Melbourne and the surrounding villages. Being mainly exercise and sports based, the project will clearly provide a valuable leisure facility, which will benefit the mental and physical health of residents wanting to use it. Something which, in our intense modern world, is vital. The project has also been designed to benefit the environment and therefore, us all. By providing parking for bikes, the scheme encourages those attracted to use it to get to it using healthy and environmentally friendly transport.

Being a facility for team sports as well as individual exercise, this project would be a focal point for the community and provide an environment to encourage social activity and strengthen community bonds, both within Melbourne and within surrounding villages. Our village communities are a key part of our rural lifestyle, and as such, it is important that we continue to do all we can to help encourage them to grow. Facilities like this are fantastic at doing that.

This scheme not only provides health and leisure activities, it also provides educational facilities for our young people. The toddler activity boards and games will provide parents with a fun way to help educate their children, a clear benefit, not just to Melbourne, but the East Riding as a whole.

Finally, the project will be a great attraction for Melbourne, drawing in residents from neighbouring villages and the surrounding area to use it. This would bring economic benefit to the village and help to support the pub, shop and other community facilities, such as the wonderful heritage canal.



Councillor Leo Hammond Wolds Weighton Ward







This scheme would be a great benefit to Melbourne, Seaton Ross, Thornton, East Cottingwith and Allerthorpe, and the list goes on, for the reasons stated above. It cannot come soon enough and I would implore everyone who can to support the scheme.

Yours faithfully



Councillor Leo Hammond Wolds Weighton Ward

Dictated by and signed in the absence of Councillor Leo Hammond



PCSO 7615 Laura Hudson Pocklington & Wolds Weighton Community Policing Team

Humberside Police
Pocklington Police Station
37 George Street
Pocklington
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18th April 2021

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing in relation the application for funding for Melbourne Playing Fields.

Melbourne is a rural village located South of Pocklington, with amenities including a primary school, village hall, shop and pub. The playing fields are a well-used community resource and currently provide limited entertainment to local youths.

Humberside Police have previously been made aware of occasional anti-social behaviour in the area and have worked with local residents to combat these issues. If the playing field equipment was able to be upgraded and improved to encourage a wider range of users then it is likely to be used not just by residents in Melbourne, but also the surrounding towns and villages too, along with being a positive influence to engage in local activities and therefore minimise youths engaging in anti-social behaviour.

Covid-19 has had a huge impact on the world, especially children. Disrupted schooling, social restrictions and mental health concerns are just some of the issues that children have had to face over the last year. There has been no better time for support agencies to be encouraged in society.

The plans to improve Melbourne Playing Fields show commitment to invest in the wellbeing of local residents and as the local policing team covering the area, we fully support the project.

Yours Faithfully,



PCSO 7615 Laura Hudson

Subject: Melbourne playing fields
Date: 26 April 2021 at 11:19

## Dear Mrs Hendry,

I am writing to you in support of the Melbourne playing fields improvement project.

Melbourne playing fields are the social corner of the area's children and young people.

I am a village parent with three children between the ages of 9 and 16. When the children were small children, how many times have we used the fact that we might meet other village kids at the park (the playing fields) to bring up some enthusiasm for going out in the fresh air? We've held birthday parties there... As the kids get older, it's a safe and a natural place for them to go on their own and meet their friends, chat but also play sport and have fun.

The playing fields tennis court and football facilities are also a local place where parents can share an activity with their older kids. No time to drive for miles to find a mountain biking track.. but how about a game of tennis, etc?

I believe that children need outdoors exercise, that they are happy when they play with their peers. I believe that, as children grow older, they need to feel that they are still a part of the community and that there is a place for them to gather and do what they enjoy doing. Other than the playing fields, there really is no place fulfilling this role, and because of this, I believe that it is worthwhile investing in the provision of quality equipment.

A variety of good equipment would mean that:

- different age groups can enjoy the fields at the same time without getting in
- older children who are not into football, possibly in particular girls, could find something else to do, other than sitting down and chatting (Would roller skating be allowed on a re-surfaced tennis court? The biking track looks great...)
- older children who are into football can play with nets an appropriate size, which are not being used by younger kids as monkey bars!

Thank you very much for considering Melbourne's application.

Best wishes, Genevieve Hines

each other's way,



# To whom it may concern,

As a teacher at Melbourne Primary School, I believe it is important to share my views with the proposed upgrades to Melbourne Playing Fields. Firstly I would like to thank the committee who have clearly worked really hard to get these proposals together.

Living near Melbourne myself, I regularly see how important the playing fields and facilities are for families and the children of the village and surrounding areas.

The park and amenities are vital for our children and parents to keep healthy both physically and mentally, especially after the tough year we have all been through. The park offers a safe space for individuals to keep active or to relax and to enjoy and socialise with family and friends.

Life is so busy that having such fantastic facilities on their door step would be a added asset for the village. It offers families the chance to spend time together in a safe area without costing a fortune. The range of equipment proposed are so unique for the area and are aimed at so many age groups, skills sets and there is something for everyone, which in turn will help to provide more activities for the children as they get older.

As a teacher, children are at the centre of my thoughts. These facilities would certainly provide much enjoyment, fun and build on so many skills. As an early years teacher, such great facilities with help children to develop friendships and communication skills, long before they come to school. It will impact on children developing their gross motors skills through large play, using the proposed equipment. This will have a massive impact on children's development and will help them in their future years with their fine motor skills and early writing, so educationally it will have a great impact. The community are always looking for ways to improve the village and are forever helping us at school too - our community spirit will continue to thrive with such wonderful facilities available.

I appreciate all the hard work and dedication that such a huge project entails and I would fully support these plans and can only see the positives impact that it will have on our local community.

Kindest regards,

Abi Williams (Early Years Teacher at Melbourne Primary School) Subject: Playing fields letter
Date: 17 April 2021 at 13:46



## Dear Sue and the Playing Fields Committee

We moved to Melbourne ten years ago and have three children (all boys) aged 11, 9 and 7. When we first moved here, there was very little at the playing fields and much of the equipment had been removed as it had been condemned. It felt like a very sad space within the village. Four years ago I was part of the team that helped to raise £32,000 to purchase and install the play equipment that is now there. We were thrilled with the changes we were able to make within our budget but there was so much more that we wanted to achieve. Since the new equipment was installed, the playing fields has become a far more active place, with its own sense of pride. It now feels integral to the village and the community - football teams train on the pitches and it's become a destination for families. We use the playing fields most weekends, more so in school holidays. We are so fortunate to have this facility on our doorstep as other parks and leisure facilities are a drive away. My boys can visit on their bikes, giving then independence too. It was so sad to see the playing fields closed off last spring during lockdown – my boys asked daily on our walks when they'd be able to go and play there again.

As the boys get older, their needs change. They would love to be able to play tennis, but the courts are tired. They'd also love a dedicated bike/scooter trail or more challenging play equipment for older children. It used to be difficult to access the playpark with a pushchair, pushing and pulling it over bumpy ground on the way in, so a footpath would make this much more accessible and inclusive. Some of the equipment we installed four years ago is already in need of upgrading or adapting. The village has grown in the last few years, with new homes and more families moving into the area – and with this thriving community, comes more children and greater needs. It would be amazing to enable the Playing Fields committee to realise their plans for this area and see the benefits it would bring for my own family and our community.

Thank you for reading this letter.

With many thanks

Alice and Joshua King

1 New Pastures

Subject: Playing field proposals Date: 20 April 2021 at 15:22 FT

Dear Sue,

Having very recently moved to the village with my family, I would like to add my support to the playing field improvement proposals.

My 3 year old has been delighted to discover a park within 5 minutes walking distance of our new house. He frequently asks to visit and being so close and accessible we can regularly pop along.

He's even asked if he can bring his friends to the park to play as he loves playing on the wooden bridge and slide especially!

The suggested plans are very welcome and it would be wonderful to see the current facilities developed and expanded, especially as our son gets older.

Currently, it's our feeling that there are not as many options for teens; they end up congregating on the children's play equipment and cycling over the mound, which is not ideal for them or the younger children wishing to play safely.

Many of the new suggestions, I feel would give them more options.

We love the idea of the courts providing different usage options as well as a safe place for our son to safely learn to ride his bike. The toddler tables and activity panels would be very welcome as well.

Having playgrounds closed during the first covid lockdown has made us appreciate how vital these open community spaces are to everyone's well being, both from a physical and mental perspective.

Children and young people have missed so many opportunities in the last year. While indoor children's activities are still limited and restricted it is even more crucial, going forwards that places like this thrive and develop.

As an adult and a newcomer to the village, the playing fields have provided me with a place to start to get to know the community and to hopefully become part of it.

As the village continues to expand with new houses being built, it is opinion, important that these community facilities expand and improve alongside.

Kind regards,

Francesca Taylor

Campey Lane Melbourne

Subject: Playing Fields
Date: 15 April 2021 at 22:31

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Hi Sue,

Me and my partner would like to express our huge support and excitement for the planned improvements of the playing fields! They truly have been long awaited!

We have been both wanting to play tennis for the longest time and often drive past lovely tennis courts in neighbouring villages with a slight jealousy. Existing damage to the surface of the court currently makes playing not only difficult but also dangerous. Having renovated court would help us not only to improve our health and fitness levels but also be a great way to meet other Melbourne residents and have some local interaction which we all need now more then ever!

Thank you for all your hard work. We cannot wait to play on the new courts, we will be first in line!

Best wishes,

Marta and Brad

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Melbourne Playing Fields Support Date: 26 April 2021 at 10:27

Hi Sue,

Please find the following in support of the playing fields update / improvement projects:

Our family has been living in Melbourne for about 12 years, and have seen several changes within the village and its amenities as it has grown. Our two children (14 and 6) have benefited from the playing field facilities in all their versions while we have been here, and we continue to use them frequently.

During lockdown, they have provided a welcome change of scene and a range of different activities to our children using the facilities as they are. In the past, we have used the tennis court, fields and play equipment extensively. We also benefit from the facilities as a more social hub, arranging playtimes, and other gatherings (cubs, barbeques etc), as well as "just" space to run around in, fly kites and generally be noisy.

We are very fond of the existing equipment, and very excited by the prospects of additional equipment and facilities to enjoy. The playing fields and equipment have been a large and important part of our family life and adding to the equipment and range of activities will bring greater enjoyment to the village.

The village is growing, and an increased amenity for everyone to share will add to the sense of village community as there are more people to enjoy the outside fun.

We are wholeheartedly in support of the new development, and hope to continue to enjoy it for many years to come.

Kind regards,

Tom

Dr Tom North MA(Cantab) VetMB MRCVS ACA BFP

Best of luck with the bids!

Tom

Subject: Melbourne Sports and Playing fields project plans

Date: 26 April 2021 at 18:33

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Sue

Please add to the Commuted Sums proposal

As a recent new comer to the village moving here 3 years ago, I was very impressed by the Playing fields and amenities at the sports ground. As I have learnt more about the village and the generations of families that have given time and money to make the amenities as good as they are, I am looking forward to the next chapter and Playing field project.

We use the facilities at the Playing with our family and especially the grandchildren who spend hours burning off lots of energy. We are looking forward to using the new equipment and they are all very excited about the new Pump track and challenge of playing tennis along with challenging my wife's netball skills.

I believe this opportunity to expand the facilities and cater for all age groups and needs is critical and it is fantastic to see families enjoying time together, having picnics and lately see the younger children pack playing football and now cricket.

We need to encourage all ages to keep fit and healthy and enjoy the outdoors, especially after a year of uncertainty and for some people real isolation and loneliness.

The project planned will give all age groups a reason to visit Melbourne Sport and Playing field and take part in activities, I am sure that we can encourage more local teams to utilise the facilities and hopefully a tennis team, netball team and more age groups in Football and Cricket.

Thanks for your support Chris Saunby Alma House Melbourne Subject: Support for Melbourne playing fields upgrades

Date: 10 April 2021 at 17:06



FAO Melbourne Sports & Playing Fields Committee.

We have just seen the latest plans for the new equipment, path, pump track and tennis court upgrade and we are writing to show our support for the plans.

We have two children, aged 10 and 13, who are beginning to outgrow the existing equipment but love going to the park with friends. Having more to do on the court and having a safe area to bike in the village would make a massive difference to them.

Good luck with the fundraising.

Best wishes, Dan and Hannah McGouran

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Subject: Melbourne park plans Date: 11 April 2021 at 19:29



To whom this may concern,

As a teacher at Melbourne Primary School, I believe the local park and amenities available is vital for our children. This allows the children to relax, enjoy and socialise during their time at the park with family and friends.

This is so important to our children, especially for their wellbeing but also, it gives parents a simple, fun activity they can participate in together. Life is busy so having such fantastic facilities on their door step would be welcomed to provide a free, simple but fun activity for our local families. The range of apparatus and facilities that we hope to achieve is something so unique and is aimed at so many age groups, skills sets and there is something for everyone.

It really would be a huge asset to the village for so many reasons, but as a teacher, our children are our sole focus. These facilities would certainly provide so much enjoyment, fun and build on so many skills. The community are always looking for ways to improve the village and are forever helping us at school too - our community spirit will continue to thrive with such wonderful facilities available.

I appreciate all the hard work and dedication into such a huge project. I fully support these plans and can only see the positives in these. I hope to see these plans become a reality and help our children, families and continue the true community spirit Melbourne shows.

Thank you for the continued dedication and passion you show toward the community- it really is like no other.

Best wishes

Sophie Kirk

Subject: Support for Playing Field Plan Date: 17 April 2021 at 19:18



Hi Sue,

We have 3 children aged 15, 10 and 2 and as a family we fully support the proposed changes and developments for the playing fields and are excited by the additional facilities this will provide for all of us.

We will definitely spend more time and get more use out of the playing fields if the proposed changes go ahead. The pump track will be good for all 3 children, the eldest 2 like the refurbishment of the tennis court proposal the dragon swing and the youngest will have far more activities and equipment to play on.

If the plans go ahead it will make it a place we can go spend a morning or afternoon rather than go there for an hour which would be great for us and I'm sure most of the families in the village.

Thank you

Nick Hilton

Subject: Support for proposed park plans Date: 20 April 2021 at 13:01 RR

Dear Sue,

I would like to share my support for the plans at the playing fields in Melbourne.

As a football coach that benefits from using the playing fields, the facilities are crucial for me to be able to train over 16 young players from Melbourne and surrounding villages.

The park is somewhere I am able to bring my children and exercise with friends. The village is growing constantly and the facilities will need to develop in order to serve the whole of the community.

Having usable tennis courts would be great as currently the space is unusable. A designated bike area will not only encourage more outdoor exercise but will keep the cycles off of the grass areas that are used by local sports teams.

The new plans are very exciting and would make such a difference to all of our residents and I really hope that the funding is given to achieve this.

Many thanks,

Beckie Room

Subject: Melbourne Playing Fields
Date: 26 April 2021 at 11:06



The new proposed development of the playing fields would be a massive benefit to the village.

The playing fields has always been a integral part of the community, I have so many memories of the playing fields when I was younger and now my own children enjoy going.

As my son is getting older, the new areas are perfect for keeping his interest and will enable the whole family to keep enjoying the area.

It will be a wonderful and welcome addition to the playing fields which our family, as well as so many more in the village will enjoy for years to come.

Rachel Fleming

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Melbourne Playing Fields
Date: 26 April 2021 at 11:16



Hi Sue,

I wanted to write in support of the proposed Melbourne playing fields development. As a parent of a young child in the village I find it vital to have quality, safe outdoor space where children can play and explore different outdoor activities with their friends. Given the constraints over the last 15 months, it has been clear that having outdoor space for children to play, exercise and socialise in is key to their mental and physical wellbeing. As a village our children are not walking distance from lots of play areas or activities without having to travel by car so having a space that is local and allows them to meet with the friends they may at our village school is important to them. Whilst we are very lucky to live in a very beautiful location with lots of outdoor space, a safe play area offers something in addition to 'walking' space.

I am very supportive of the proposed development which tries (and succeeds in my opinion) to meet the differing needs of children based on their age and interested and allows a space to be used and enjoyed by as many of our local community as possible.

Please let me know if I can offer any other support.

Best wishes

Kim Hinton (Melbourne Resident)



# Please note I do not expect a reply from you on evenings or weekends

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Subject: Support for the playing fields
Date: 20 April 2021 at 14:28

Hi there Laura Kemp here,

I just wanted to add my Family's support towards the new proposed plans for the playing fields.

I have to daughters aged 8 and 4 and I have used the park with them since they were born. Not only do I take them there but both sets of our families grand parents do as well.

We love to use the park and have done for many years. The children love to play on the equipment, it's a lovely place to meet friends- even more so in Covid times as we've had to socialise outdoors with others. And we have also attended wonderful village occasions at the playing fields, end of school BBQs to raise money for the primary school and sporting events. All of which were made so lovely due the surroundings of a good safe place for the children.

The courts are the biggest downside for me and my family. The court has been left for some years. I used play on the court myself as part of "Mebourne Netball team" however the court wasn't funded and fell into disrepair and unsuitable for Tennis and netball.

I'd love to see this up and running again, maybe with dual lines on the court so it can provide good facilities for many different court sports.

The court at the playing field is it's only concrete/tarmac section which can make it a bit tricky when it comes to riding bikes there, and limits access for people with mobility problems (wheelchairs, scooters, frames etc.).

There isn't any footpaths or bike lanes inside the playing field.

This again limits access to some people of which if there was a better under foot pavement may also use the facilities with their grandchildren or for socialising.

This outdoor space is so lovely to use with family and friends, the playing fields is a real hub for the village community.

Hopefully we will be able to enjoy some of these new proposed plans in the future.

Kind regards
The Kemp family

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Melbourne park plans Date: 11 April 2021 at 19:29 SK

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Best wishes

Sophie Kirk

Subject: playscheme

Date: 12 April 2021 at 09:18



Dear Sue,

I'm enclosing a letter of support for the playscheme on the field. Hope this is ok despite being on the Committee!

Cheers,

Julia

## Dear Melbourne Playing Field Committee,

I am writing in support of the latest bid to improve the facilities at Melbourne Playing Field. I am a member of the committee, but am writing in a personal capacity.

Since moving to a house close to the Playing Field about 40 years ago, my family, (two adults and three children) have used the field regularly. The facilities have improved and expanded over the years but with a growing population in the village and more young families living here, the field can only offer a limited range of activities. The tennis court in particular has deteriorated since the early nineties when it was installed and needs upgrading.

Many young people enjoy football but it's important to offer alternatives such as cycling or climbing and the Playscheme offers that chance, as well as the opportunity to play tennis, netball or practise basketball skills.

Football and cricket tend to be male-oriented at the moment so a netball court would give women a chance to play a competitive team game, ensuring more equal acces to sport.

The playing field continues to be an important part of our family life as our grandchildren now enjoy the equipment, we still make use of the field for running and we hope to revive our tennis skills when the court is resurfaced.

We are repeatedly told that fresh air and exercise are vital for both mental and physical health, especially since the pandemic, which is why I feel so strongly that facilities on the playing field should be expanded and improved. The proposals put forward would definitely improve the health and welfare of the village and its visitors.

Julia Williamson

Subject: Melbourne Playing Fields - Support for planned improvments

Date: 21 April 2021 at 15:48



Hello Sue,

I just want to add my support for the planned improvements to the playing fields.

We have lived in the village for the last 5 years and I have seen how the playing field is a draw for families and young people. Prior to restrictions, my granddaughter and friend's children were regular visitors and looked forward to going onto the playing fields where they used the equipment and played, football, softball and tennis. I also like to play tennis with my wife. I have looked at the plans for development and see them as a very positive step in further improving facilities and being a place where families can play, relax and enjoy a more social aspect of village life. Currently, the playing fields do not provide areas for families to socialise around tables, there is a lack of equipment for older children and the tennis court needs to be updated. The inclusion of a cycle facility would be welcome, as would more seating, particularly picnic benches. There could also be a wildflower/meadow area to encourage wildlife, such as bees and butterflies. This would help educate children and support the environment. As we ease out of lockdown, it has the potential to become a real hub for families to meet and socialise in a more open setting.

Thank you for your work and effort.

Martin Holleran

Garth End House,

Campey Lane.

Subject: Melbourne Playing Fields Date: 17 April 2021 at 12:21



To Sue,

Thank you for sharing the proposed plans for the playing fields following last years survey.

My Son (aged 7) was so excited to see the plans especially the pump track and the new additions to the mound. Whilst we live in Seaton Ross both children spend a lot of time at Melbourne with both granny's for childcare and therefore visit the park which has been so important especially with the last year. Our son also plays football there every Saturday and myself and family members participate in sporting events at the playing fields on a regular occurrence.

We fully support the plans and think it will make a huge difference for the village and surrounding areas, bringing families together and children more active.

Hope you are successful in your funding.

Regards,

Craig Steels Norman Steels & Son

Haulage Contractors

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Subject: Playing Fields Project Date: 20 April 2021 at 19:41

Hello,

I am writing in support of the Playing Field Project, Melbourne.

We have lived in Melbourne for just over two years and have a 6 month old little boy. We currently spend time at the park at least once a week and our little boy loves going on the swings and I'm sure he'll make use of the other equipment as he gets older.

We love the proposed plans for the playing fields, especially the bike track as it will provide a safe area for our little boy to learn to ride his bike when the time comes.

A community area in the village is so important and I've really enjoyed meeting other families there recently - especially after feeling very isolated over the past year.

We are really looking forward to improvements being made and can't wait to spend more time there as a family.

Many thanks, Philippa Todd

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Playing fields support email Date: 24 April 2021 at 20:58 JT

To whom it may concern,

I would just Like to put forward my support of the new development ideas For the Playing fields In The village of Melbourne.

We are a family of four who live on the outskirts of the village with 2 young boys ages 6 and 3 and we regularly use the facilities at the playing fields for socialising and playing with friends where we have made many happy memories and we as a family would be very excited for new developments in the area for us to enjoy and to build relationships with others in the community.

We feel some development of the tennis court area would be be beneficial as well as an area more suitable for the teens of the village to meet up in a safe environment as well as some new play equipment for our own children to explore.

We feel improvements such as a bike riding area would be massively beneficial for a wide age range of children in the village and enhance the need for exercise and a healthy lifestyle for children. As an employee of the healthy child service and school nursing team I can wholeheartedly support the plans for the improvement of children's well-being both physically and mentally and the benefit of a green space to exercise and socialise would be invaluable. In addition to this a seating area for adults and families to picnic in the fresh air would improve community and mental health for both children and adults alike after what has been a tough year for most.

This communal area would encourage so much socialisation for our children and thier parents and would be well loved and used frequently.

Melbourne is a growing village with a wide range of age groups and I feel the developments would enhance well being for So many families whether it be grandparents, parents, children, teens, and those who will enjoy keeping fit with an extensive green space and facilities to enjoy.

We would definitely welcome this investment to the village and feel it would be a huge positive and inclusive additon to the lives of many in the area.

Thank you

Joanne tayles

Sent from JoJo's iPhone

Subject: Melbourne playing fields
Date: 26 April 2021 at 11:31

Hi Sue,

My family live in Bielby and we don't gave a village playing fields, so Melbourne playing fields are very important to us.

My son, who is nearly 9, enjoys practising his football skills on the field, as he is a member of the local football team.

He loves all the play equipment, the swings, zip wire, climbing frame, bridge etc.

Before covid we regularly enjoyed meeting up with other families in this space to play and have picnics.

We also like to play tennis as a family on the tennis court.

We like to cycle so a bike rack will be good as we can cycle to the playing fields.

We love the different options the playing field gives us for different activities and we will continue to use and enjoy this space.

Kind regards Sara Ridsdale

Subject: Melbourne Playing Fields Date: 26 April 2021 at 14:40



Dear Sue,

We are just writing to pledge our support for the proposals relating to the enhanced facilities at Melbourne playing fields. As an active family with 3 boys we regularly use the playing fields and the play equipment. The new facilities would enhance further all our enjoyment of the recreational space and the pump track looks particularly exciting.

We really hope the proposals get the go ahead and are happy to help in whatever way we can. Thank you for all your time in pushing this forwards.

Kind regards Emma Winchester

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Subject: New Park Plans
Date: 26 April 2021 at 11:31



The new plans are amazing and the children of the village and surrounding villages would benefit greatly.

Personally it would mean we could bike from Thornton to the park rather then jump in the car and go to parks further away with updated facilities and equipment.

Thank you Kelly Alford

HS

Subject: Melbourne Playing Fields Support Date: 27 April 2021 at 08:45

To whom it may concern

I am writing to offer my support for the new development ideas which have been proposed for Melbourne playing fields.

I live on the outskirts of the village with my family and two young nephews (aged 3 and 6) and we regularly use the playing fields and park area. I would very much welcome any improvements and investment to this area of the village, especially improvements to the tennis courts, and the creation of a communal and a bike riding area.

I think we have all realised the benefits of having green space for exercise and recreational activities given the recent lockdowns. The benefits for physical and mental health and wellbeing are incalculable, especially for young children and young adults. Given the current childhood obesity crisis and mental health epidemic, an improved place for children to meet, exercise, have fun and socialise can only be a good thing.

I am in full support of the proposed developments.

Thank you

Helen Story

Helen Story
Student Support Administrator (Admissions)
Department of Social Policy and Social Work
The University of York
Heslington
York

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(Pronouns: She/Her/Hers)

Subject: Playing Field support
Date: 26 April 2021 at 19:33

SM

Good Evening,

I am emailing to show my support for the proposed development of Melbourne playing fields.

I live in East Cottingwith and have 2 boys who attend Melbourne Primary school. We regularly use the current playing field but are finding that as the boys get older the equipment is limiting and at peak time there isn't enough equipment for everyone.

The new proposal would be a massive improvement. My boys were especially excited regarding the bike track as there is nothing like this in the area at the moment.

As a community we are very fortunate to have the playing field. However as the community and surrounding areas continue to grow there needs to be investment in the area to ensure that it is fit for purpose and serves the needs of all ages of the community. I believe this proposal will do just that.

I very much hope that you are successful in your application.

Kind regards

Sarah Marshall

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Melbourne playing fields
Date: 24 April 2021 at 20:52

Hi Sue.

I'm writing in response to the proposed plans to improve Melbourne playing fields. I have lived in the village for 6 years now, my husband has been here all his life. We have a 14 month old son and we love to visit the park and often meet friends there. We are very excited about the proposed changes. My son really enjoys the nursery rhyme boards on the small climbing frame, although they are faded and some are difficult for him to move. The proposed activity boards would be great for him as they'd allow him space to enjoy them without other children climbing/ using the slide around him making him nervous. As he gets older the dragon swing will defiantly be used by us, he currently loves using the swing but only having one baby swing means he cannot play with his friends here. I am in full support of the improvements to the entrance and path way to the park. My father (who lives in pocklington) uses a wheelchair so he has been unable to visit the park with my son and I yet. Having a proper path instead of uneven grass will allow him to visit with us and see his only grandson playing. When my son is old enough to ride a bike, it will be lovely for him to have a safe place to ride on the new bike track. With the high volume of traffic in the village it worries me if he were to be learning to ride a bike on the footpaths as we live on Main Street.

We are so lucky to live in a village where there is a large outdoor space for local people to use and enjoy. After the past year with COVID restrictions meaning we have had to stay inside so much it will be great to be able to spend more time at the playing fields. We look forward to hearing more about the proposed plans and seeing our community space transform into a wonderful area my family and I can enjoy.

Sincerely, Zoe Walker

Subject: Park

Date: 20 April 2021 at 20:50



I have 2 young sons and we as a family fully support the planned improvements to the playing field.

My boys are currently 6 & 4 who love being outside, they don't have screen time except for the TV and they are very much outdoor boys!

We visit the park regularly for all of us to exercise and spend quality time as a family. My youngest son loves to play football whilst my oldest is very adventurous and would love the bike track.

We are very excited about the proposed plans and really hope they go ahead.

There's not much space around the village for the boys to ride their bikes safely so would be great for them to have somewhere to ride safely.

Thank you Kim Hobman

Subject: Plans for Playing Fields
Date: 19 April 2021 at 13:44



Hi Sue,

We've looked at the proposed plans for further developing the playing fields - just want to say they look great - something for all ages. Our grandchildren already use the playing fields when they visit us, and there looks to be all sorts of exciting things for them to do if you can go-ahead with your plans. It will certainly add to the attraction of Melbourne as a village, anything that helps to keep the local community thriving has got to be a good thing,

All the best, Carol & Ron Tulloch

Subject: Play ground support

Date: 17 April 2021 at 15:15



To whom this may concern,

As a family of five we use the playground a lot its a important place for the children to run and play with other children, my 3 children would really bennifit from there being a bike track as there isn't much off road biking they can do which is safe, also the younger playarea would be a bennifit as its quit small and loses the appeal after a while.

Many thanks kelly

Subject: Melbourne Playing Fields Development
Date: 26 April 2021 at 14:30

Good afternoon Sue,

Our 4 children love going to the village playground to meet their friends and play on the equipment.

They are keen sports players and love to ride their bikes. Having a cycle track would be an absolute dream as currently we head to Goole with the bikes to use the one there.

You have put together a very exciting proposal and I'm sure all of the children in the village would benefit greatly. Good luck.

Thank you,

Kind regards,

**Laura Rowbottom** 



Subject: Playing feilds

Date: 27 April 2021 at 01:55

K

I would just like to express how important the new proposed paying feilds would be for my children and family. We live in the neighbouring village of thornton which doesn't have a playing field for the children of the village, my children love to use the park and they would absolutely love it if the new proposed park was to go ahead. Thank you Kelly kirby and family. Sent from myMail for Android

Subject: Proposals to develop Melbourne Playing Fields

Date: 26 April 2021 at 14:09

## Dear Sue

I am writing to say we absolutely support the proposed development of Melbourne Playing Fields.

The Playing Fields are a real asset to the community. Both our boys love going there. The youngest adores playing on the climbing equipment and the swings, whereas the eldest loves being able to meet his friends there for a chat in the open air (which is all that's allowed currently under Coronavirus restrictions).

When we were looking for an area to move to, the Playing Fields were definitely a factor. We liked how close they are to the village, and how they can be used for so many different purposes. There really is something for everyone.

We do hope the fund-raising is successful.

Best wishes

Jo

Date: 26 April 2021 at 10:20

CN

Dear Sir/Madam

I fully support this development and believe it will make a great attribute to the community and to Melbourne school. We would hope to use it regularly and believe it to be a very exciting opportunity.

Kind Regards

Cathy Newitt

Subject: Support email for Melbourne Playing Fields

Date: 26 April 2021 at 09:52



Good Morning,

Please find in my email a massive support and excitement upon hearing of the possibility of the future plans at Melbourne Playing Fields.

I think it would be a fantastic hub for our village.

Having these facilities for all kinds of ages and particulary something for teenagers would benefit so many and give our children a lovely safe haven to play and meet with friends in, in a brilliant much used family environment.

My family and friends think it's a brilliant idea, it's just what's needed and I really hope this will go ahead.

Kindest regards

Nicola Lee

S

Subject: Melbourne Park Date: 17 April 2021 at 14:39

Dear Sue,

I am writing I support of the new plans drawn up for Melbourne park/playing fields.

We love using the park and my boys are very excited at the prospect of the bike track especially!

Thank you for all your efforts.

Steph Hall South Acre Farm Melbourne

Sent from the all-new AOL app for Android

Subject: Melbourne playing field Date: 18 April 2021 at 08:52



Dear Sue

First, thank you for your continued support it is greatly appreciated.

We, as part of the community and local business owners, would like to add our support to this campaign. It affects so many people In the community and it's benefits are huge. It is so important to have this space to enjoy and it provides so many opportunities for everyone to pursue a healthy lifestyle. From mums and toddlers to teenagers, team sports, tennis, picnics and a dog free maintained space for everyone.

We hope you see fit to providing the much needed facility to this close and active community, especially at this time where people need space and interaction after lockdown. According to specialists people are displaying a lack of vitamin D due to being indoors for too long. It is vital to have outside space to spend time in for mental and physical health benefits.

Kind regards Wendy and Andrew Coe

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android from Wendy Wilkinson

Subject: Melbourne Playing Fields
Date: 17 April 2021 at 07:17



In support of our much valued playing fields that are in desperate need of funding, we would like to say that we have 5 grandchildren who would benefit greatly from using these facilities and we believe it is important for them to help their growth in many ways, to improve their confidence and social skills, they learn to explore and gain a bit more independence, they get fresh air, meet children in our village they might not normally meet.

We believe the playing fields are also useful hub for parents to meet other families and build friendships and most of all have fun and get fresh air.

The fields are within walking distance for most people in our village, however, currently the nearest useful facilities are in Elvington which is about 5 miles away.

Regards

Janina and Ivan Waller

Subject: Melbourne playing fields
Date: 20 April 2021 at 14:18



Hello,

My family and I support the plans for the playing fields because we use the park on a regular basis. I have 3 children of different ages and they all enjoy going and can spend hours there.

My children are very excited about the plans for a bike track and also a multi sports court.

I in particular am looking forward to the mound been turned into a climbing wall as we have had many a scraped knee falling down there.

The playing field is a large safe area for the children to play in and the plans will definately make it better than it already is.

Thanks
Kelly Simpson
(1 Hill View)

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Melbourne playing fields
Date: 20 April 2021 at 21:43



Hi Sue

Quick email just to say we love the plans for melbourne playing fields. We live in East Cottingwith, children at Melbourne school age 5 and 8. Currently we come down and use the facilities but these plans would mean more visits especially the pump track, tennis and netball courts and football.

Good luck with the plans and fingers crossed. Let me know if you need anything further.

Thanks

Vicki Parapen

Sent from my Huawei phone

Subject: Melbourne Playing Fields

Date: 21 April 2021 at 22:42



Hello Sue

Thanks for sharing the plans for the proposed development of improved facilities for Melbourne Playing Fields. They are impressive and if implemented would be a real asset to the village.

I'd like to add my support.

We are relatively lucky in Melbourne to have relatively little anti-social behaviour and long may that continue. Whilst Melbourne has a majority of houses with gardens it has relatively little community space. The current playing fields are pretty much the only community space available and hard as the Playing Field Committee works, it is clearly now in need of some investment so that it can be a safe space for those who want to get away from the houses and gardens to which we've been constrained for much of the past year. Open spaces are so important for health and well-being, Young people need a space to meet and socialise - spaces that we had when we were younger.

I'm excited about the plans and I'm sure that we'll be visiting the Playing Fields when my Granddaughter and her friend come to stay.

Good luck! Ann Subject: Playing Field Support Date: 26 April 2021 at 11:09



#### Good Morning

Just a note of support for the proposed new equipment for the playing fields in the village.

We have a 4 and 7 year old that would love the new equipment and the opportunity, as they get older, to safely meet up with friends in the village. Any areas dedicated to families and children getting outside rather than being cooped up in front of screens can only be a positive for the village and I'm confident the equipment would be well used.

Stephanie Neary

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Playing fields

Date: 25 April 2021 at 09:38



Morning Sue,

Just emailing to add our support to the village playing fields proposals.

The playing fields are hugely important to us as a family as the only place that the children can independently access for play (and don't involve being driven somewhere!).

The pump track and dragon swing are our favourite ideas at the moment given their ages (11, 9, 5) but anything that can be done to enhance the playing fields will be incredibly valuable.

Many thanks, Helen Grassam

Subject: Playing fields

Date: 26 April 2021 at 11:20



Dear Sue and PF Committee members,

I would like to support your endeavour as I feel it is essential children in the village have somewhere safe to play. Play is a crucial part of any child's development, so to offer a stimulating and secure environment for this important developmental process is a key responsibility for the parents/grandparents of our children.

Mary Gibbeson (a Granny to 2 junior Melbourne resudents).

Subject: About the football bets at Melbourne park. Hove the idea and I hope to see it come to life. I am a 15 year old and

frequent visitor. Thanks

Date: 25 April 2021 at 11:33



Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Playing fields developments
Date: 25 April 2021 at 11:48



Hi sue, mums just dictated this for me and asked me to send it to you as she is driving me to cricket.

Freddie

Dear Melbourne playing fields committee,

I am writing in support of the new proposals to develop the playing fields. I will be great for my teenagers and their friends to have access to some more challenging and diverse activities as most of the current equipment is more suitable for younger children. They are especially excited about the pump track, having access to larger football goals and also revitalised tennis and netball equipment. As a busy mum it would also be nice to join in with tennis or netball with them on some occasions too.

We also have a disabled daughter and over the years it has been very difficult pushing her wheelchair over the bumpy grass and trying to include her in activities. It will be lovely to see improvements which make to area more accessible for a range of children with different needs and abilities. Although Emi is older and now too poorly to join in with activities it would still be lovely to bring her into the park more easily so that she can watch others playing and enjoy being outside in an open space and to be included in family and village events.

I really hope that all of these proposals are successful after such a difficult year, investing in outdoor activities for young people and families feels hugely important and beneficial in the longer term.

Best wishes,

Helen Taylor.

Subject: playing fields equipment
Date: 25 April 2021 at 12:21



dear Sue and playing fields committee,

i'm writing to say that my friends and i would be really excited to see the new equipment and plans, especially the bike pump track and the bigger sized football nets.

thanks Isaac. Age 15, Main street, Melbourne.

Subject: Playing Fields Updates
Date: 25 April 2021 at 22:10



Dear Sue

Jayne and I are very supportive of the proposed updates to the Playing Field.

Over the last few years it has been great to see the improvements and it will be wonderful to see more investment to enable all age groups to participate in appropriate activities with the new and updated facilities.

Please count on our full support for the project.

Kind regards

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JT

Subject: Playing fields

Date: 20 April 2021 at 12:54

#### Hi Sue

Just to say I have seen the pictures of the vision for the playing fields and I think they look great. I have used the play area a lot over the last year (like a lot of other people) with the grand children and it would be nice to see it revamped and some new equipment. Good luck in your venture.

**Jackie** 

Subject: Playing Fields
Date: 21 April 2021 at 20:11



Heard about the need for email support so here you go:

To whom it may concern

Having lived in the village for nearly 20 years our children and now grandchildren use the park. We would love to add our support to the planned improvements to the playing fields. Any extra play equipment and a safe environment to ride bikes would be particular welcome as well as a path to make access easier to the play area when pushing a buggy.

Whilst we are lucky to have the canal path for walks it is not suitable for little children to run and play with balls, and we have to be careful with people walking dogs.

The playing fields provides a valuable community resource, its improvement would be a great asset to the village.

Karyn Martin 11 Park Close Melbourne

Subject: PLAYING FIELDS
Date: 25 April 2021 at 07:46



Dear Sue,

I have had a good look at the plans for developing the the play areas in the Playing Fields and think they are a fantastic idea. Despite the vast improvements in the last few years, mainly for the younger children, there has been very little for the older youths in the village and surrounding areas. Your plans puts that right and will give the young teenagers something rather wandering around or using equipment ill suited for their age group.

We do not have children in any of the age groups at home that would use the playing fields play equipment, but we have 5 grandchildren in the York area, aged 3 - 15, who visit frequently, pandemic aside, and use the playing fields and some equipment. Our younger grandchildren are well served with the play equipment currently available and I am sure, with the planned improvements and upgrades, our older grandchildren will get better enjoyment and we will have great difficulty getting them away from the playing fields when it is time to go home. I am also confident that we will see more visits from them so they can make greater use the equipment and grounds.

You are all doing a great job to improve what the village offers our young and you have the support of Bridget and me in what you do and propose to do.

Kind regards,

Eddy Dawson Bourne House Subject: Melbourne Playing Fields
Date: 13 April 2021 at 16:25



Hi Sue

I think the plans you have shared on the FB page for the playing field proposals are very exciting opportunity for the village. It will create a great space for kids of all ages give the bike track as well which I've not seen before. Mine are 13 and 7 and I can happily see them all playing there whereas currently my 13 year olds wouldn't be particularly inclined to visit.

It will also be a welcome focal point and gathering place for for families from Melbourne and surrounding villages. I would have thought it would be welcome by the local scout/Cubs/guides packs etc too.

A great opportunity to promote physical and mental well-being which this last year has highlighted how important such things are!

Kind regards

Helena Seedat Melbourne

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Melbourne Playing Fields
Date: 11 April 2021 at 07:49



Dear Sue

We live in Seaton Ross but my children aged 14 and 11 often visit Melbourne Playing Fields to meet up with their friends. They can cycle very easily between the two villages.

There is definitely a need for the new facilities at Melbourne as it is a well used community asset within the local area and this will increase with all the new families that are moving into the new houses that have been built and are being built in village.

The plans look exciting and cater for all ages. I wish you every success going forwards.

Vanessa Wood

Park Farm Seaton Ross York YO42 4NA

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Subject: Fwd: Plans for the Playing Fields

Date: 11 April 2021 at 10:24



#### Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

Subject: Plans for the Playing Fields

Hi Sue

We've seen the plans to update the sports and playing field on the village Facebook group and would like to say we support the MSPFA in their work to further these developments. Thank you for involving us in the process as the nearest neighbours to the tennis court and listening to our views.

The proposed changes will provide an inclusive and appealing place of fun and recreation for residents of all ages and we wish the members of the MSPFA all the best in achieving their ambitions.

Best wishes

Martin Braidley, Parish Councillor

Rowan Braidley

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Play park

Date: 11 April 2021 at 08:37



Hi Sue

Firstly thank you to you and the rest of the committee for your time and dedication to the playing fields. We have lived in Melbourne 9 years and feel so lucky to be part of this community.

The pictures/ plans look great and we would certainly make use of the new facilities. We have a 5 year old and 11 year old and feel the proposals go across these age ranges.

The pump track in particular looks amazing and is so needed in an area where we have so many busy roads that are not safe for the younger children to ride on. The dragon swing is also a winner in our house!!

The only thing we wondered about for any future development is some kind of covered area for much older children to sit in, like a gazebo type of shelter.

Thank you again, this is all so appreciated by the village.

Family Markham x

Sent from my Galaxy

Subject: Melbourne Playing Fields Development

Date: 11 April 2021 at 12:50



Hi Sue,

Thank you for sharing the pictures of the ideas for the development of the playing fields with us all.

My son is 3 and we use the park most days at the moment! We really appreciate having such a lovely park in our village & are grateful for all the work that you and your team put into the upkeep. It's great to hear that you have access to so much funding for the development.

My son has just learned to ride a bike and would absolutely love the pump track! I think that will appeal to all ages & will be a great addition to the park. I also think he would enjoy the dragon swing & the climbing wall (replacement for the mound).

In terms of the community, I think the proposed renovation of the tennis courts will be great too.

We look forward to hearing more about the plans in the future.

Kind regards,

Judith & David Hopley

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Melbourne Playing fields project
Date: 13 April 2021 at 07:45

Α

Dear Sue,

We live in Seaton Ross and would love to see the Melbourne playing field transformation. Our son is 9 and loves going on his bike. The off road bike trail would be fantastic alongside a great playground and basketball court as well.

Although the bike trail would be his favourite option. Thank you for your hard work.

Best wishes, Alina & Edmunds Kalnins- Kalnarajs Subject: Melbourne playing fields
Date: 10 April 2021 at 20:51



Dear Melbourne playing fields

We very much support the proposals outlined for the improvement of the playing fields. As a sporty family, having access within walking distance of a good tennis court would be of enormous benefit to us and the environment.

The pump track proposal looks wonderful and will be used by my teenagers and other young people within the village.

Thank you for all your hard work. I hope the bids are successful. The village deserves better facilities.

With kind regards

Dr Clare Dowzer

Subject: Melbourne Playingfields
Date: 15 April 2021 at 18:29



Sue,

Please add my support to the development of, and improvements to, the playing fields.

As a teenager and then a young man I played sport on those fields for many years. Even into my late 50's I enjoyed the odd game of social cricket. Playing fields like this are so important to the physical and mental health of so many people. This starts at an early age. Getting children to play outside is hugely important in their development, both in physical skills but also their social development.

This has never been more important. With the rise of video games, computers and obesity it is crucial that young people get into the habit of exercise from an early age.

The playing fields are also an important meeting place for young people where they get to develop relationships away from the home environment.

The importance of playing fields cannot, in my opinion, be overstated. Public funds invested in playing fields will reap untold benefits for decades to come.

Regards,

Geoff Knight

Long term resident of Melbourne and beneficiary of MSPC.

JL

Subject: Melbourne playing fields
Date: 26 April 2021 at 10:47

Morning sue,

I would like to take this opportunity after seeing plans for the playing fields in Melbourne.

To say that it is a wonderful thing to do this.

It will bring the wider community's together and have a greater impact on young people in the area. .

I would like to say as a parent of Melbourne primary school I fully support this idea .

Thankyou

Kind regards

Julie lawrance

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Melbourne Playing Fields
Date: 26 April 2021 at 10:53

BS

Sue,

We love the plans for the playing fields. Our 5 year old daughter will love playing on the new play equipment and I'm sure will enjoy trying out the pump track.

Thanks for all your hard work.

Ben

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Melbourne playing fields
Date: 26 April 2021 at 11:21

FR

Dear Sue

We live in Bielby and our children attend Melbourne School. We are regular visitors to Melbourne Playing Fields, we really appreciate having this facility only 10 minutes drive from home. We very excited by the proposed improvements! In particular, the children will love the bike track (would be great to have this as an off-road option) and the dragon swing. We also like the idea of the mile markers for walking/running, and could use this as a challenge, to complete the mile and get a faster time. The children have been going to tennis lessons and it would be great to have access to a refurbished court for some family games.

Good luck with your bid for funding, we hope you are successful.

Best wishes

Fiona, Bill, Imogen and Oliver Randles

Subject: Melbourne playingfields
Date: 13 April 2021 at 19:53



Dear Sue,

Firstly, thank you for all your time and effort you've put I to this project.

I believe the proposed equipment would benefit the village greatly. Melbourne is increasing in size year on year and the playing field are a great facility for the community as a whole. Expanding the amount of equipment would allow children of all ages and adults to carry on enjoying the outdoor space provided.

I have teenage boys who are often at the park playing football with friends. The facilities allow then to enjoy the ouside without the need to travel, they can easily walk there on their own and play unsupervised.

The playing fields also provide opportunity for parents of younger children to meet, enabling the children to make friends before they start at school making the transition easier.

Any additional equipment would be appreciated but my children particularly like the football nets, dragon swing and cycle track.

Kind regards Heather Fairy

Subject: Park

Date: 13 April 2021 at 16:06



Hi Sue,

Im sending this email to say that I think it's amazing that you are including older children in the new scheme.

A few months ago my 15 year old son was at the park and accidentally broke a piece of equipment that was meant for a much smaller child. Thankfully the equipment was fixed by a resident and my son did some work at the park to say sorry, but I feel that there isn't anything other than football for the older kids at the park.

The new bike path, seating and basketball proposed looks amazing! It's something to keep the big kids occupied and get them away from the games consoles, contributing to better physical and mental health. I'd just like to thank you for keeping the big kids in mind when you designed the scheme.

Yours faithfully, Lisa Mitchell North Ross Farm, Melbourne

Subject: Playing field plans support Date: 10 April 2021 at 20:00



Hi Sue,

The Pump Track looks amazing! I can't tell you how much use and enjoyment Max & Teddy would get from it.

The plans look like there's something for all ages which is really great and a fair way to use any funding as we all use it from toddlers to teens to mums chatting on the picnic benches.

Thanks. Amy Harris

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Subject: Playing field upgrade Date: 13 April 2021 at 13:41



## Hi Sue

Just a quick email to support the plans for the playing field. I'm sure they will be a great hit with the grandchildren when they come to visit. They've always liked walking to the playing fields but as they've got older there is less to do. The proposed upgrade caters for older children which is a very positive thing.

As you know, Melbourne is expanding and there are more young families with children relocating here, which is a good thing and something to encourage. Villages need young people to move in so that there is a mixed community, and the playing fields are a meeting point for families and friends. Although many houses have gardens, there are few public spaces in the village that are accessible by foot and I think that the upgrades will encourage less reliance on cars to access facilities in Pocklington and York.

Good luck! Mark

Subject: Playing fields plans
Date: 10 April 2021 at 20:47

СВ

Thank you for sharing the proposed plans.

We are new to the village but have already enjoyed meeting up with family on the playing fields (under the 2 household rule).

The plans look to cater for a wide age range and offer an exciting and safe environment in which to play.

These plans would be so beneficial for the residents of Melbourne and surrounding villages encouraging outdoor activities and play.

Kind regards Carol Bedford

Sunflower House 3 Thornleigh Croft Melbourne

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LP

Subject: Melbourne playing fields
Date: 13 April 2021 at 20:53

Dear Sue,

I'd like to express my support in the ideas that have been put forward for the playing fields at Melbourne. I have 2 young children who would love what has been proposed. My little boy is 4 and has just started to ride his bike. This would be fantastic to get their confidence up and make it more interesting.

More picnic benches for the adults to meet up or have lunch is a great idea.

I am currently in the Melbourne netball team which due to deterioration of the courts many many years ago, had to locate to another court and we now have to train 20 mins away in Market weighton. It would be great to have the opportunity of the courts for this purpose, and possibly even to create a new team for the village.

I am fully supportive of all of the plans and am excited for the village to have such facilities.

Please let me know how best I can support.

Many thanks Lydia Pike

Subject: Melbourne playing fields
Date: 14 April 2021 at 07:06



Hi Sue,

Firstly, many thanks for your time and effort put into this project for the village.

I would love to see the tennis court resurfaced. I used to play with my daughter, but depending which end you were playing had a big impact on the outcome! I think this would be used a lot more by us "oldies" and maybe a village tennis team?

Many thanks again

Paul Richardson

7 Melbourne park

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Melbourne playing fields
Date: 13 April 2021 at 17:52



Hi Sue,

Thanks for posting the information and pictures of the prospective project to Melbourne playing fields. As a mum of two boys aged 2 and 4 we frequently visit, living just down the road in Bielby. These plans would make such a difference to us - the range of activities look incredible and really mirror how we as a family love to spend our time. To have all this down the road would be incredible and a huge asset to the village and surrounding ones. Melbourne and the school have a strong community already but this would really cement that as an inclusive place for everyone to enjoy.

I hope the bid is successful and the pictures are able to become a reality.

Many thanks for all your hard work on this.

Kind regards,

**Emma Crotty** 

Subject: Playing Fields Project Date: 15 April 2021 at 06:17



Hi Sue

Further to the post on Facebook about the plans for the playing fields wanted to email my support.

We have used the playing friends since my son started at the village school and it really is a great space for children and adults alike. The proposed improvements will really enhance the provision for all age groups and make the space an even more valuable resource for the whole village and community.

The value of the playing fields has been demonstrated over the past year during the pandemic and the further improvements that are planned will make the space even more valued.

Thank you to the team for all your efforts to maintain and enhance the space.

Regards

Yvonne and Scott Naylor

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Re: Melbourne playing Fields 2021 plans and activities

Date: 12 April 2021 at 10:06



Hi Sue

Thanks for the email.

In terms of the difference it would make to our lives it would be huge.

I have two young boys who love riding their bikes so the pump track development would be amazing for them. It would provide the opportunity for them to practice their biking skills regularly. We only live a two minute walk from the park so it would be something we would use a lot - weekends, after school during Spring / Summer. You never know it could even inspire a future world champion mountain biker!

Happy to adopt a piece of equipment - the swings?

Thanks

Mike

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## Mike Moss

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Subject: Playing fields project
Date: 15 April 2021 at 21:04

Dear Sue

I am writing to you as the parent of two young children - 6 and 4 years old - who live in Melbourne.

The playing fields are an invaluable asset to the village and our children regularly play there on the play equipment, providing them with exercise and fresh air. Although they have been unable to play there with their friends for most of the last year, they are looking forward to doing so when possible.

The proposed improvements to the playing fields look fantastic and would provide even more opportunities for outdoor exercise and recreation for our children and all of the other children in this village. Our kids are very close to the age where they will soon be able to ride their bikes unaided, and I'm sure that the pump track would provide them with hours of entertainment!

Thank you for all of your hard work on this.

Best wishes, Jen Ormerod

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Playing Fields Project
Date: 13 April 2021 at 16:39



Dear Sue,

We are fully in support of the Playing Fields Project to improve & expand the outdoor facilities.

It is extremely important that we provide a safe place with a variety of equipment & facilities to attract children to want to use it, & in which they can safely play & exercise. Not everyone has a garden, so community outdoor spaces are even more important. Having a wide open space, such as the Playing Fields, with multiple exercise choices will aid children's physical & mental well being. It is well known that this improves cognitive thinking and behavioural skills.

Furthermore more children using the Playing Fields will mean more opportunities for parents to socialise, thus helping their mental health & facilitating a community spirit.

Kind regards

Michele & Neil Cooper

Subject: Playing fields project Date: 15 April 2021 at 08:21



Hi Sue,

Having studied the upgrade proposals, we are huge supporters of the plans. This would be an amazing facility for residents of all ages and abilities in the village to enjoy, bringing a wealth of benefits to the community and village as a whole. Lockdown has taught us all the importance of outdoor space and the physical and mental health benefits this brings.

For us personally as a family the refurbishment of the tennis courts would certainly be of great appeal, as we attempt to keep fit and healthy in mid life, without the need to drive out of the village. I think more families would do this and spend valuable time together and have the opportunity to meet other people in the community which isn't always easy in a rural village.

Good luck with the project, we sincerely you are successful. Thank you for all your hard work with it and to all the playing field volunteers.

Kind regards

Kate & Paul Richardson

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Playground Plans - Feedback Date: 17 April 2021 at 12:14 PG

Hi Sue,

As mentioned some feedback and support from my perspective.

I am in favour of any improvement to the existing areas. It's important to have a safe area for young people to play - as well as the adults!

My wife would be really happy if there's a flying fox!

But you have our support for the project.

Regards

Phil Cutland Green

Subject: Playing field

Date: 20 April 2021 at 15:03

SH

Hi Sue

Geoff & I would like to say well done for getting the ideas together for the playing field scheme, it will be fantastic for the children in the village & surrounding area. Unfortunately our children & their children are all grown up now, but I'm sure the children who will use it will get much enjoyment from it.

Kind regards Geoff & Sue Law Nirvana.

Subject: playing field

Date: 24 April 2021 at 21:24

AA

Dear Sue,

In support of the project to upgrade the playing facilities in the village.

Nothing is more important at this present time than outdoor play activities for children. My grandchildren spend excessive amounts of time on phones and it devices and need interesting play facilities to motivate them to active play. The modern gardens are too small for much energetic play. They need a safe area to enjoy the outdoor activities without travelling out of the village or further afield.

Having worked with children of all ages over many years I support this important project,

Yours truly, Anthea Ayres

Subject: Playing field

Date: 16 April 2021 at 09:47



Hi sue

Thank you so much for taking on this huge task!

We are so lucky to have such a big, secure open area for both children and adults. From a personal perspective, we use the playing fields for the children's play equipment and for playing cricket. Improvements to the area would definitely encourage us to use more of the space, such as the tennis courts. A basic covered area would be amazing so that there is some shelter for parents when it's starts to rain, but the children don't want to leave the park!

It is so important improvements are made to encourage families to enjoy being outside which is proven to have a huge positive impact on people's mental wellbeing.

Thank you

Aimee

RT

Subject: re: Playing fields
Date: 19 April 2021 at 16:56

Good afternoon Sue,

Yes you have our support for the upgrades to the playing fields

Many thanks

Ralph

Paradise lodges.

Subject: playing fields

Date: 20 April 2021 at 11:50

PS

Hi Sue

Fully support the proposals for Melbourne playing fields, I spent many years playing cricket for Melbourne and using the facilities

Let me know if you need donation to the fund

Best Regards

Phil Stephenson



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Subject: Melbourne Playing Fields

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Hi Sue

I have been following the Playing Field Facebook page and I think the new equipment will be great not only for the children who live in the village but for our grandchildren, and I dare say dozens of grandchildren who come to the village regularly.

I really think the new equipment will encourage a wider group of children/teenagers to use the park more especially the bike track.

Hope you get all the support needed to achieve a successful outcome for this project.

Regards

Sharon Saunby

Subject: Support for local playing fields.

Date: 26 April 2021 at 10:27



I would like to show mine and my family's support for the Melbourne playing fields project. We live in Bielby and our two children attend Melbourne school. We are regular users of the play equipment currently available, ours & all the local children would benefit enormously from the proposed improvements which look fantastic, and will enable them to continue to create memories of playing with their friends there.

Best of luck with the project

From

Helen & The Mcdougall Family.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Subject: Support for new playground equipment

Date: 26 April 2021 at 10:20

GS

#### Good morning!

I'm writing to add my support to your plans to improve Melbourne play area- in particular the addition of a bike path and pump track are of most interest to me as it's difficult to find somewhere safe to practice cycling for little ones where there is no traffic.

Thank you for all of your hard work surrounding this,

Kind regards

Gemma Storer

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Subject: The park

Date: 25 April 2021 at 11:17

SL

Hello I am a 16 year old boy who comes to Melbourne park at least twice every week and the ideas that have been proposed seem to be very good and I am very excited to see what will be done. I am most excited for the full sized goals as I have been playing in them medium sized nets since I was 10 and we have eventually grown out of them.

Thank you, sam

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Fantastic

Date: 20 April 2021 at 21:24



Think the plans are fantastic and it's great to see people using the playing fields at present . These plans will be great for all ages and open spaces with activities is great for everyone mental health Regards carol wilson

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Playing Fields Proposed Redevelopment

Date: 14 April 2021 at 14:57



Hi Sue

We are in total agreement with the need for what is planned for the redevelopment of the Playing Fields. As has been proved through lockdown there is a definetely a large amount of children who are all keen to do more activities/sports.

Hopefully with the proposed proper surface on the tennis/netball court many more will be able to safely use it and clubs will be formed for the future.

A village the size of Melbourne with many young families need better recreational facilities than there is at present.

Good luck with the venture.

Ruth & Nigel Steels Wayside Melbourne York

Subject: Playing fields

Date: 11 April 2021 at 20:44



Hi Sue

After reading your Facebook post I just wanted to drop an email to you to show my support of the plans you have for the playing fields. I have teenage boys who I know will use the resurfaced tennis court (as will me and my husband), and the footy goals. When they were younger, the bike track would have been a great addition so I'd love to see this erected.

I also have a step grandson who is 18 months old and having somewhere like this to take him when he visits is very important to us.

Finally, the path will make taking the grandson (and future grandchildren) to to the park in his pushchair much easier!

Many thanks for all your efforts, I really hope you manage to achieve it all.

Rebecca

Sent from my iPad

Subject: About the football bets at Melbourne park. I love the idea and I hope to see it come to life. I am a 15 year old and

frequent visitor. Thanks

Date: 25 April 2021 at 11:33

LT

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Screenshot 2021-04-21 at 09.08.55

Date: 21 April 2021 at 09:09





## Hi

We just wanted to add our support for the playing fields development. Our children attend Melbourne Primary School. We feel the update to the teen is courts and the bike mounds / track would be a great addition to the children and adults in the local area.

Kind regards Janna



TUF 22:22

Cheers thanks Janna for your support x

You can now call each other and see information such as Active Status and when you've read messages.

Sue Hendry

Subject: Screenshot 2021-04-21 at 09.09.37

Date: 21 April 2021 at 09:09



TUE 13:08

Hi. I'm supportive of any plans that you have for the playing field. I have no young kids or grand children (yet!), but feel that a safe and pleasant area is what should be provided, for all to enjoy.



TUE 14:36

Thanks rebecca x

You can now call each other and see information such as Active Status and when you've read messages.

Sue Hendry

Subject: Melbourne playing fields
Date: 13 April 2021 at 15:51

JS

Hi Sue

The plans for the playing field look amazing, good all round facilities for all ages.

I have a three year old grandson who loves the park as it is , so he will be over the moon with the new one .

We are imminently expecting a new arrival into the family so will be using it for many years to come.

Kind Regards Julie Stericker.

Sent from my iPhone

Date: 21 April 2021 at 09:10





## Hi Sue!

I just wanted to say the plans for the playing fields look fantastic and I really hope the proposed is able to go ahead! Xx



18 APR, 20:36

Thanks so much x

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Subject: Screenshot 2021-04-21 at 09.17.14 Date: 21 April 2021 at 09:17 SH

3 d Like Reply





### Patricia McGill

I've looked at the planned proposal for the new layout of play and sporting equipment for our village playing field. I think it's a brilliant layout, with all ages catered for and with lots of young families moving into Melbourne the need for this large open space and these facilities there is a chance to create solid community opportunities

3 d Like Reply

