March 29, 2019

Dear Neighbour:

Re: Update on Kilally Fields Sports Park - 1400 Adelaide Street North

Following the public open house held on January 9, 2019, the City of London reviewed all of the comments received from residents and park users. Please see Frequently Asked Questions on reverse.

After careful considerations and in response to comments received, the concept plan for Kilally Fields has been modified as follows:

- The proposed play area has been moved closer to the fieldhouse;
- The batting cages have been placed together on one side of the path, while keeping a buffer from the ESA and property line;
- The pathway loop has been simplified to one loop instead of two;
- A woodchip trail has been added, to provide a better connection with the adjacent ESA trails and more specifically to the bottom of the staircase at Glenora Drive;
- Accessible spectator areas have been added for baseball.

Please see revised plan attached.

It has been suggested that a new name be given to this park. If you have any name suggestions, please forward along, with any other questions you may have, to Julie Michaud at the Parks Planning & Design section at (519) 661-CITY (2489) ext. 2357, or by e-mail at jmichaud@london.ca. Construction is expected to start in summer 2019.

Note on Accessibility: proposed pathways are considered a ‘Recreational Trail’ under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, and would meet all technical requirements for accessibility, including minimum width, maximum slope, and head clearance space. As part of this project, the City of London is inviting additional comments and suggestions from residents with various disabilities, on their specific needs regarding recreational trails and outdoor play spaces.

Sincerely,

Julie Michaud, Landscape Architect, Parks Planning & Design

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Please contact 519-661-2489 Ext. 2425 or accessibility@london.ca by April 12, 2019 if you need information in an alternate format, or require the assistance of a communication support. Arrangements are made upon request by submitting a Customer Accommodation Request Form, and at no additional cost.
Frequently Asked Questions – Kilally Fields

The list below is a summary of the main topics heard at the public meeting, with an answer on how they can be addressed.

The play area is too close to the ESA/neighbouring properties. Can it be moved?
The play area has been moved away, closer to the fieldhouse. See revised plan.

Can fencing be installed?
Standard practice for the City of London is to erect a fence between ESA lands and adjacent private properties. There is a program in place where the City can reimburse home owners for the cost of a fence at the shared property line. If you are interested in installing a boundary fence, please contact Christine Jarvis, Special Events and Approval Technologist at 519 661-CITY (2489) ext 5208 or cjarvis@london.ca to initiate a request for funding.

Can more trees be planted for screening?
Yes, more trees will be added along Adelaide Street and ESA lands to screen.

Will there be lighting?
There is no lighting planned for this sports complex, other than safety lighting at the fieldhouse.

Will there be an impact on Adelaide Street traffic as vehicles access the park?
Starting 15m south of the existing access to 1403 Adelaide Street North, the current northbound left turn lane on Adelaide Street will be changed to a southbound only left turn lane. This will provide sufficient lane storage for the park access.

Will there be enough parking spaces?
Number of spaces provided is consistent with our planning standards for sports fields. At times, there may be a need for additional overflow parking that will be accommodated through the site.

What about dogs running off-leash?
It is against the Parks By-law to run dogs off-leash outside of designated off-leash areas. Any offences can be reported to By-law Enforcement at 519 661-4660 or e-mail enforcement@london.ca.

What about litter/debris in the park or ESA?
Contact Parks Maintenance staff at 519 661-5575 or email es@london.ca to report any maintenance issues that need to be addressed such as safety issues, debris blocking pedestrian/cycling pathways, or litter at parks and playgrounds.
The City has an Adopt-A-Park program that encourages community groups, neighbours and local businesses to get involved in the preservation and enhancement of local parks. For more information, contact 519 661-5336 or neighbourgood@london.ca.

Community groups such as Friends of Kilally ESA can also organize clean-ups once or twice a year for the ESA lands. Adopt-an-ESA is also an option, and more information is available by contacting 519 661-4980 or planning@london.ca.

What about after-hour/illicit uses?
As per the Parks By-law, it is illegal to remain in a park between the hours of 10pm and 6am. Any offences can be reported to the London Police who will log calls and take action as necessary. They can be reach at their non-emergency contact number 519 661-5670.