

You said it, we did it!

This document aims to evidence how Bristol City Council is using community feedback from Bedminster Green’s Community Engagement events in February and March, to inform designs going forward. Common themes found in the responses can be found in the first column, the corresponding feedback and design changes are then found adjacent to each theme.

Theme	Community Feedback Received YOU SAID:	Resultant Design WE DID:
River Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better access to the river is required for people, specifically children to feel closer to nature/the river. Limited access should be given due to fly-tipping/rubbish/graffiti etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to the river requires a balance to prevent fly-tipping and ensure safety, whilst improving people’s connection to the river. The river has low flow, so limits the creation of significant water features without them becoming stagnant. Design to allow for better visual access, rather than physical access to the river. The opportunity for children to interact with water/nature could be provided through incorporating water based play equipment into the designs, or appropriate fringe bank vegetation to create a wetland transition zone, where safe paddling can happen. Alternatively a shallow pool could be made in the centre of the amphitheatre to allow for safe access to water, whilst protecting the main river from fly-tipping. Increased natural surveillance of the green by those using the new seating opportunities and from the surrounding developments, will discourage fly-tipping, graffiti, and anti-social behaviour.
Safety and Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural surveillance is required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surrounding development plots to ensure that the park has natural surveillance. New seating opportunities allow people to spend time in the green, take ownership, and discourage anti-social and criminal behaviour
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More lighting is needed to feel safe in this area. Darkness is more important, so as to include a haven for nocturnal species. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lighting requires a balance to ensure people feel safe, but also allows for nocturnal species in the area. Lighting to be incorporated as an integral part of the scheme’s landscape design. Existing and proposed trees partially screen/filter artificial light from sensitive areas, maintaining appropriate light levels for pedestrians and cyclists.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fly-tipping and rubbish needs to be cleaned up thoroughly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site is to be cleared of fly tipping and rubbish thoroughly before works begin on site. Consideration of placing bins in the park. Greater use of the green encourages community ownership and discourages littering.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical barrier is needed to ensure park is a safe place for children to play. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Whitehouse Lane side to the park to have a high wall (sunken below the level of the road, so that we can open up the existing river), which will provide a barrier to Whitehouse Lane. Natural play area to be centrally located away from the surrounding roads.
Park Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infrastructure is needed to allow people to use the park as a space to spend time in rather than just pass through. E.g. Seating, herb gardens/community planting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal and informal seating opportunities to be included in future designs.

Aesthetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play equipment needs to fit in with the green space and not retract from the natural feel offered by the green space. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play equipment will form part of the holistic design for the green, using natural and subtle materials such as wooden logs, to compliment the landscape.
Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide access for all (walkers, joggers, disabled, pushchairs etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design of all surfaces will follow best practice and Disability Discrimination Act guidance.
Nature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain trees • Include more vegetation in the park and ensure its native. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We reiterate our design is to retain as many trees as we can. Some trees will need to be removed to allow for the river to be opened up through the park and the amphitheatre to be excavated within the park. However we will replant the same number of trees lost to compensate. • New planting (predominately native) will be designed to integrate with the existing trees to provide greater visual variety, habitats, and biodiversity.