

## Proposed new Portobello High School - Suggestions for off-site improvements

	<b>Suggestions</b>	<b>Comments/ considerations</b>	<b>Estimated costs</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
1	Build an up to date play park (Meadows style) in the area	-	£400K	
2	Provide a good kids play area for Magdalene/ASDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open Space Strategy suggests moving away from creating lots of new play areas to improving the quality of existing play areas</li> </ul>	£125K	
3	Play provision in Bingham needs investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climbing wall, play equipment and ball court being installed in Jewel Park in autumn 2010</li> </ul>	£98K	
4	Improve Jewel Park and adjacent green corridor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New provision identified in the Jewel Park Improvement Plan and Open Space Strategy</li> <li>Climbing wall, play equipment and ball court being installed in Jewel Park in autumn 2010</li> </ul>	£98K	
5	Improve park next to Towerbank Primary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refurbishment of the shelter at play area is the Councils priority.</li> <li>The current play area is 14 years old, but is not in a programme for refurbishment at this time.</li> </ul>	Shelter = £10K	
6	Swings/closing gate at 'wee' playground at Straiton Place Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improvements to play area already identified through Park Quality Assessments and included within Park Improvement Plan. No funding in place.</li> <li>The play area is 19 years old and has been identified for refurbishment, but no funding in place.</li> </ul>	£30K	

7	Decent swing park is needed down on the Prom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open Space Strategy suggests moving away from creating lots of new play areas to improving the quality of existing play areas.</li> </ul>	£125K	
8	Put in a real, bigger sandpit at Straiton Place Park (such as at Fisherow Park, Musselburgh) as small sandpit well used by those wanting to avoid dogs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highlighted by Park Quality Assessments</li> <li>In Park Improvement Plan</li> <li>The play area is 19 years old and has been identified for refurbishment, but no funding in place.</li> </ul>	£30K	
9	Small park at the foot of Marlborough St protected from sea wind, with large play equipment to cover both grass areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open Space Strategy suggests moving away from creating lots of new play areas to improving the quality of existing play areas</li> </ul>	£125K	

#### Facilities for older children to keep them active and out of trouble

10	Involve Magdalene CC youngsters in design of SE corner of Portobello Park	Not an off-site facility	-	
11	All weather pitch at local community centre (Magdalene / Bingham) or negotiate some free 'formal' access to new school pitches for community programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open space strategy suggests a move away from single pitch venues</li> </ul>	3G pitch £500K Small £200K (no lights)	
12	Skate park/BMX ramps were proposed by a few people with a number of suggested locations put forward include on the Prom (next to Pitz; Kings Rd end; Seafield stretch); South West corner of Rosefield Park; Straiton Place Park/cake stand and next to the new school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bike tracks are being developed in Meadowfield Park, Hunters Hall Park and Craigmillar Castle Park</li> </ul>	£15-20K	
13	Tennis courts (suggested SW corner Rosefield Park;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tennis courts used to be in Rosefield Park</li> </ul>	£40K	

	Figgate Park; Joppa Quarry Park)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Park Improvement Plan for Rosefield Park (no funding in place).</li> </ul>		
14	Permanent volleyball nets by the pool – perhaps under canvas for the winter	-	>£150K	
15	Basketball courts/hoops (various locations)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basketball hoops will be in the ball court being built in Jewel Park.</li> </ul>	Hoop £1,500 (if tarmac surface already exists)	
16	Bouldering wall (new school)	Not an off-site facility	n/a	n/a
17	Install football goals/proper pitch area (Joppa Quarry Park; Rosefield Park)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kick-about pitch for Joppa Quarry Park identified in Park Improvement Plan and Open Space Strategy.</li> <li>Funding in place from Section 75 monies (meanwhile no other money can be spent on the same project as Section 75 money will be lost).</li> </ul>	£100K	
18	Five-a-side cage (back of Rosefield Court)	-	£60K	
19	Provide cricket square and secure pavilion (Joppa Quarry Park)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conflicts with Open Space Strategy</li> <li>Not sufficient room to accommodate these facilities</li> </ul>	-	
20	Improve access to Cavalry Park as multi-pitch venue	-	-	
21	Lismore school area should be developed for leisure activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site of old school buildings will be developed at some point. Contributions through Section 75 will be sought to improve Bingham Park.</li> </ul>	-	
22	Create recreational space for teenagers close to or on the Prom with suggested locations at the civic space next to Bridge St car park; the amenity space at Rathbone Pl or the eastern part of Straiton Place.	-	-	

**Other general green landscaping improvements around local areas**

23	More trees planted/include fruit trees in public places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual programme of tree re-placement undertaken by Parks team.</li> <li>80 trees will be planted this season. 110 planted last season.</li> </ul>	Standard root ball (guard & stake) = £300	
24	More planting in Joppa Quarry Park to make it feel less exposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional trees identified in Park Improvement Plan. Covered under Section 75 monies.</li> </ul>	Standard root ball (guard & stake) = £300	
25	Trees to provide enclosure for Bingham Playing Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urban Forest already established around Bingham Park and Jewel Park</li> </ul>	-	
26	Improve grass areas around Innocent railway footpath in Bingham/Magdalene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Innocent Railway is in Edinburgh's Core Path Plan.</li> <li>Maintenance costs not covered by this funding</li> </ul>	-	
27	Area between Magdalene and ASDA is overgrown – never feels safe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintenance costs not covered by this funding</li> </ul>	-	
28	Improve green corridor adjacent to Jewel Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Innocent Railway which runs through the park is in Edinburgh's Core Path Plan. Action in plan to improve signage along route.</li> </ul>	£3K	
29	Re-landscape the railway line to the NE of park	Not an off-site facility	-	
30	Urban organic farm: PEDAL keen to work with CEC on this	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baronscourt Park identified in Open Space Strategy and Allotment Strategy as possible allotments/growing project</li> <li>East Neighbourhood Parks team working with PEDAL to identify other potential sites.</li> </ul>	£80K	
31	Improve local path connections with better surfacing and lighting. For example, the path along the north embankment adjacent to Sir HL Rd between Windsor PI and Southfield Place or make connections from Milton Rd through to Magdalene Ave by making it more cycle friendly by installing two dropped kerbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christian path improvements will be started at beginning of 2011.</li> <li>Identified by Roads Team and proposals in place.</li> </ul>	-	

	and bollards to prevent cars from blocking them.			
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### Enhancements to more urban landscapes

32	Upgrade route across St Mark's Bridge (Hope Lane?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identified as part of Safe Routes to School improvements.</li> </ul>	-	
33	Better seating; public toilets; signage; cycle lanes on the Prom	-	-	
34	Invest in fantastic cycle route from Portobello into school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identified as part of Safe Routes to School improvements.</li> </ul>	-	
35	More defined areas (enforced) for dogs/no dogs on Prom, beaches and in parks with locations suggested in front of the baths; northern end of beach which is less used by families; fence and dog-proof Laing Lane Community Park (Portobello Community garden?)	-	-	
36	Improve access to beach, especially in terms of DDA with suggestions of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ramped access and occasional boardwalks;</li> <li>extend the slipway at the north end of Bath Street;</li> <li>jetty for sailing/kayaking club to offer wider range of facilities</li> <li>floodlights on the prom that shine onto the beach for approximately 150-200m to allow activities on beach during darkness</li> </ul>	-	£500K	
37	Water feature or pavement fountains opposite Portobello community garden	-	£300K	
38	Civic space next to Bridge St car park	-	-	
39	Interpretation kiosk at east end of prom (underused at moment) to inform of wildlife in Forth and surrounding area	-	-	

**Additional off-site improvements which have been suggested since the pre-planning consultation**

40	A Soccer arena (complete portable play pitch) which can be used on a number of surfaces (grass, sand, tarmac) for a variety of sports, e.g. football, volleyball.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would address a number of the suggestions given above for improving facilities for young people.</li> </ul>	£20K	
41	New paths to improve access to Meadowfield Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part of Park Improvement Plan for Meadowfield</li> </ul>	£80K	