



Committee	Full Council Agneda Item 11
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Report Title	Outdoor gym equipment proposal
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Summary

At the July 2026 Assets and Services Committee, proposals were received regarding installation of outdoor gym equipment at select locations in Saffron Walden utilising S106 monies.

Committee considered the proposals and the following was unanimously resolved (A&S 080-26):

In principle to support the project as follows:

- a) Utilise the Skate Park Refurbishment underspend monies to install gym equipment at/near the Skate Park.*
- b) Support installation of gym equipment at Lime Avenue and the Linden Homes site and that Officers will seek quotes for further consideration and review*
- c) Not to progress with gym equipment at Golden Acre as this is a well-used space for children, often playing football*
- d) To note the recommendation to proceed (for (e) and (f) above) must be sanctioned by Full Council (September 2026) as this project is not in the 2026/27 budget; whilst the use of external S106 monies are proposed, Officer time will be required to deliver any new project.*

This report provides an update on

1. The One Minet Skate Park refurbishment
2. Quotes and findings for installation of gym equipment at Lime Avenue and Linden Homes sites

1. Skate Park Refurbishment and installation of outdoor gym equipment

- 1.1.** At time of writing the Skate Park refurbishment is almost complete subject to minor snagging works.
- 1.2.** The refurbishment was funded from S106 contributions (UTT/13/3467/OP - Radwinter Road, Linden Homes development).
- 1.3.** Given the refurbishment is almost complete it is recommended the Working Group is disbanded.
- 1.4.** Details of an opening event will be circulated in due course.
- 1.5.** The underspend of this S106 monies will be allocated toward installation of gym equipment at the Skate Park – as agreed at the July Assets and Services meeting. (SWTC is awaiting written confirmation Uttlesford District Council confirming use of underspend.)

2. Installation of gym equipment at Linden Homes and Lime Avenue

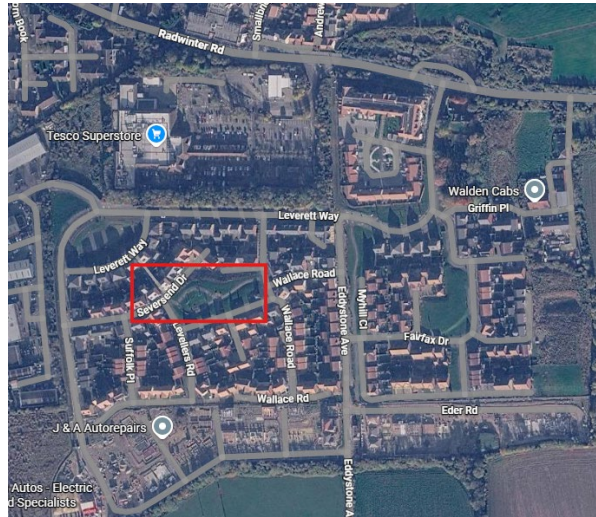
2.1. Full Council is asked to consider whether to pursue installation of outdoor gym equipment at Linden Homes and Lime Avenue as recommended by the Assets and Services Committee.

2.2. This project aligns with the Councils Priorities: 5 – Raise Recreational Standards and 6 - Represent the needs of the Community.

2.3. The proposed locations are identified below.



Lime Avenue proposed location



Linden Homes proposed location

2.4. Funding

- a. Approximately £180k is available from the community and recreation S106 contributions, from planning application UTT/18/0824/OP (the Thaxted Road, Bellway Homes development).
- b. SWTC is awaiting confirmation from UDC as to whether 100% of the S106 monies have been paid yet or not, by the developer.

2.3 Tender

- a. An open tender period was live for four weeks (11 August – 8 September) seeking designs and quotes - which have been received and within the proposed budget.

3. Options

3.1. To progress with installation of gym equipment at Linden Homes and Lime Avenue as proposed – officers will provide updates to the Assets and Services Committee as works progress.

3.2. Not to progress with installation of gym equipment at Linden Homes and Lime Avenue – if this is the case, Council is asked to indicate alternative projects for officers to research and provide findings at a future meeting.

4. Recommendation

4.1. To note the contents of this report.

4.2. Determine whether to pursue with installation of gym equipment at Linden Homes and Lime Avenue utilising the S106 contribution from UTT/18/0824/OP – Thaxted Road, Bellway Homes development.