

SAVE WEST BYFLEET RECREATION GROUND



If you don't want to see a pub on the Rec, vote option A

Two years ago local residents secured a £25K grant to have West Byfleet's playground refurbished and expanded. Woking Borough Council (WBC) have also committed circa £30K. Nothing has happened with this funding and there is no clear indication of when refurbishments will be made. This is because WBC have agreed to sell Rec land, including the area containing the playground, to Marston's, the pub chain, so that they can build a pub in the park:

On 10th July 2018, Leader of WBC, Cllr David Bittleston confirmed: *"There are two constraints on the existing play area. First is the sports pitches and secondly the agreement we have with Marstons which allows them to try and obtain planning permission for a restaurant pub on part of the site."*

Following an outcry by residents of this potential outcome, WBC have stated they "wish to work with the public" and so, on Monday 23rd July 2018, will initiate a public consultation, shown below, to ask local residents where they would like the playground to be located. **In fact, this public "consultation" will only offer two possible options:**

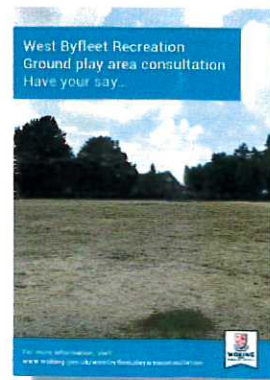
✓ **Option A** keeps the playground where it is and spends £60K of **secured** funding to upgrade and enlarge it.

This site is great location for a playground. It is also Marston's preferred location for their pub and pub car park, so voting Option A reduces the likelihood of a pub on our park.

✗ **Option B** moves the playground next to Parvis Road. An **unsecured** £300K cost is associated with this option.

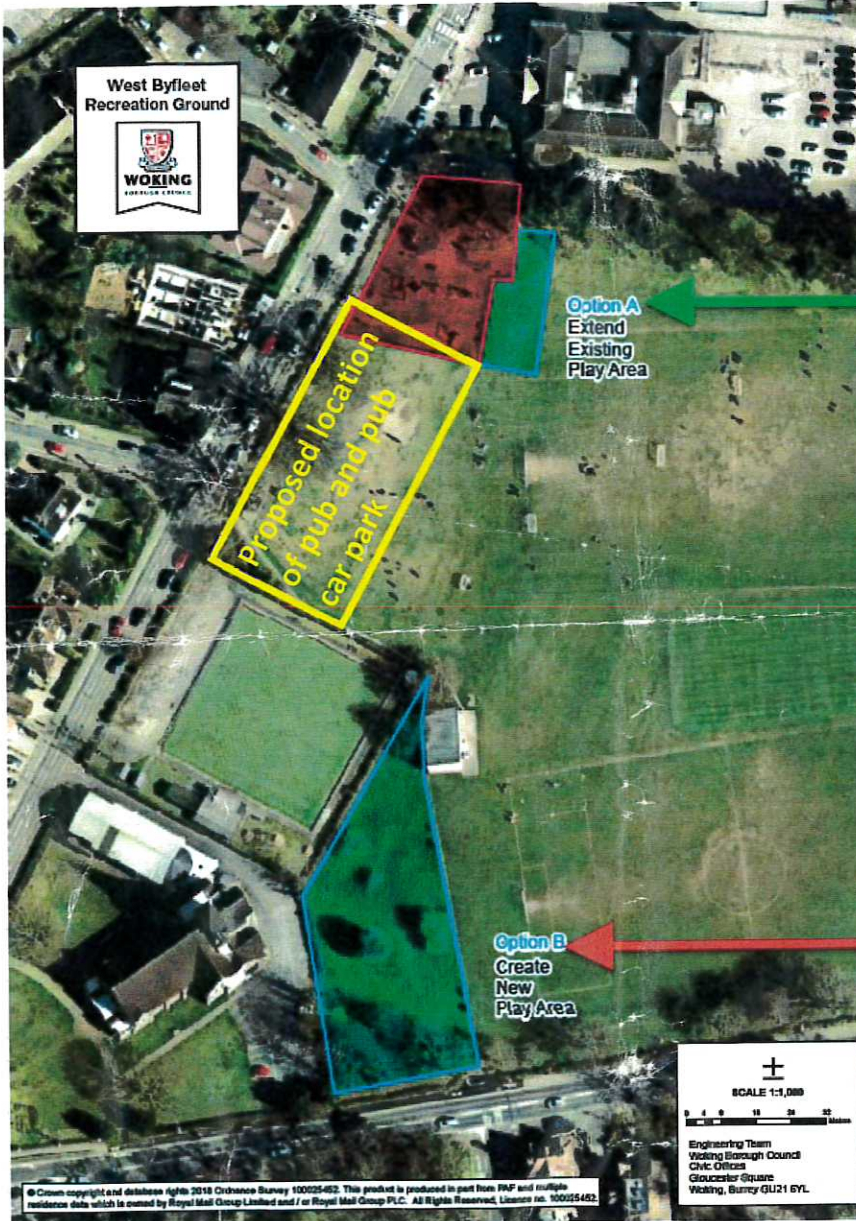
Close to a noisy, polluting, busy road. Children would walk through a pub car park to get to their playground. Much of any budget would be spent on relocation and equipment replacement costs.

By voting for Option A you will be saying yes to upgrading the current playground and, at the same time, reducing the likelihood of a pub and a pub car park being built in that location: on our green space, next to our homes, schools and church



We are a group of local residents who want to preserve our local green space for all, and give our children a great, safe playground. For more information: www.savewestbyfleetrec.co.uk or email savewestbyfleetrec@gmail.com. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

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Option A

WBC has plans drawn up for refurbishing and extending the current area using secured funding of £60K.

The current play area blocks the preferred location for the proposed Marston's pub.



Option B

- This location is close to a busy, noisy, polluting road.
- It is further from the schools and hidden behind the bowls club and pavilion.
- A lot of the unsecured funding for this option would be required for groundworks, fencing and to replace the existing equipment which can't be moved.
- This option paves the way for a pub and pub car park.



Please look out for the consultation and consider these points when you cast your vote.

We are grateful to you for taking the time to participate in this important community matter.

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