

# BOURDILLON

## SITE DESCRIPTION

Bourdillon is in the north east of the village between Elvendon Road to the north and Milldown Road to the south. Goring Church of England Primary School is to the west of the site.

The site is 0.814 hectares and has a play area to the western end close to the school access gate, and a combined basketball and football facility in the south western corner.

Public access to the site is via two narrow alleyways from Elvendon Road and Milldown Road. There is a pin code gate providing access for pupils into the school grounds.

The site has fencing and/or hedging along all the boundaries. The landscape character is open, with views out to the wider area. Apart from the play area there are very few features within the site. There are no trees planted within the boundary.

There is a picnic bench by the play area. There is a litter bin by the play area and a dog waste bin by the Milldown Road entrance.

## SITE USES

As well as day to day use as a play area and dog walking site Bourdillon is also used as the end point for the Goring 10k annual running race which raises funds for the school. Most of the site is used, with small marquees and vehicle access.

The school sports day is held on the site during the summer term.



*Bourdillon Fields, August 2022*



*Site used as finish for Goring10k ©Goring 10K*

## EXISTING



## OPTION ONE





## DESIGN PRINCIPLES

- Open area of site retained to use for informal sports and local events, including school sports day
- Refurbished play area and sports area with wider range of equipment for mix of age groups, with changes in level, accessible play equipments and seating for supervising adults
- Upgraded accessible paths linking play areas, entrance points and school, and accessible toilet
- New trees to provide summer shade along southern boundary



Accessible swing, RHS Harlow Carr

ITEM	COST RANGE
replace play area to LEAP (Local Equipped Area for Play) standard and sports area (upgraded play surface, refurbish or upgrade goal and basketball hoop). Standard for LEAP set out in Fields in Trust Guidance for Outdoor Sport and Play (see appendix)	£100-200,000
accessible toilet block- trial with offline compost toilet to test concept (see appendix for supplier)	£5-7,000
upgraded accessible paths from road entrances	£30-50,000
new tree planting - planted as extra heavy standards to provide shade	£5-8,000

## COSTINGS

Costs are approximate and do not include design and planning fees, site surveys, site clearance and demolition, connection to utilities such as sewerage and electricity, or contingency. There are a range of options for each item, including the choice of materials which means that in turn there is a wide range of potential costs.

The rates are based on prices quoted for recent similar projects around the south of England including work planned by neighbouring authorities. The rate of inflation for construction materials has been unprecedented - the only way to be certain of price is via the final tender. Costing for sports facilities were provided by the respective clubs with an allowance for inflation.

## CONSULTATION

- There was very strong support for this proposed future direction.
- There were some comments to ensure the retention of the open playing field

The play area is well used at certain times of day, such as the start and end of school, but less popular at other time. The play area is a focus for children meeting friends before and after school.

The lack of roads was seen as a positive as it allows smaller children to play safely and provides a safe place for ball games.

The basketball court is an attraction for some children but it is in poor repair and is a multi-use structure with a football goal.

During the school holidays the site is well-used for football - one group of children bring in a goal from a neighbouring house to use on site. The open character of the site with space to play was a popular feature.

Shelter was mentioned in the consultation - this was intended as ideas for shade rather than formal shelters. There was a strong objection to any new structures, with the concern that they might encourage anti-social behaviour, but there was support for tree planting for shade and environmental benefit.

The need for more shade was acknowledged and demonstrated during site visits. At midday the shade is very limited and those playing football had limited places to sit out of the sun.

More swings were requested by a number of residents, as was an area for dogs. The play equipment was viewed as dated and in need of replacement. Suggestions included more climbing equipment such as nets and climbing

walls, and equipment for wider range of age groups to allow children from the same household to play together. More seats were requested for those looking after children in the play area.

The poorly maintained paths into the site and the narrow paths within the site were referred to, with a request for better maintenance and for paths wide enough to use with prams and pushchairs

As with other sites the poor quality of play provision compared to other smaller villages was mentioned. The lack of clear entrances or signs was highlighted, meaning the site was not well-known by those who don't attend the primary school.

The small mound was popular, especially with smaller children, suggesting that a more varied site would be popular. Baby safe and wheelchair friendly swings were requested.

The site is popular with dog walkers. Dog fouling was mentioned as an issue, especially in the areas close to the play area. Signage states that dogs should be kept on leads but is not always followed.

Making the site child-focused and involving children in future plans was suggested as well as consulting with neighbouring properties.

Eighty-three percent of respondents supporting the site is a very strong level of support. (see previous page for detailed breakdown)





*B5.2 - swings removed*



*B5.3 - review design of hoop, goal and play area*



*B4.3 - path along northern boundary. Improve paths to increase accessibility, including access for prams and pushchairs*



*B11.1 - lack of shade within the site*







## SITE DESCRIPTION

The site is in the centre of the village to the north of High Street. Lyndhurst Road runs along the northern boundary, Upper Red Cross Road along the eastern boundary and Cleeve Road along the western boundary. The main London to Bristol railways line runs to the east of the site in a cutting.

The site is 2.158 hectares.

Public access is open along the west, north and east edges with breaks in the boundary fence at intervals. The southern boundary is a hedgerow with private properties on the southern side.

In the north east corner there is a small play area that was installed in memory of Toby Moses. To the south of the play area there is a bowling green (now also used for croquet) In the south eastern corner there is a sports pavilion. In the north west corner there is an area of planting and a set of cricket nets.

There are a number of mature trees around the perimeter of the site.

There are a number of benches, litter bins and dog waste bins around the edges of the site.

## SITE USES

The site is used for cricket matches, bowls matches, croquet matches, football matches, Summer of Play activities including open air cinema and a holiday cricket camp.



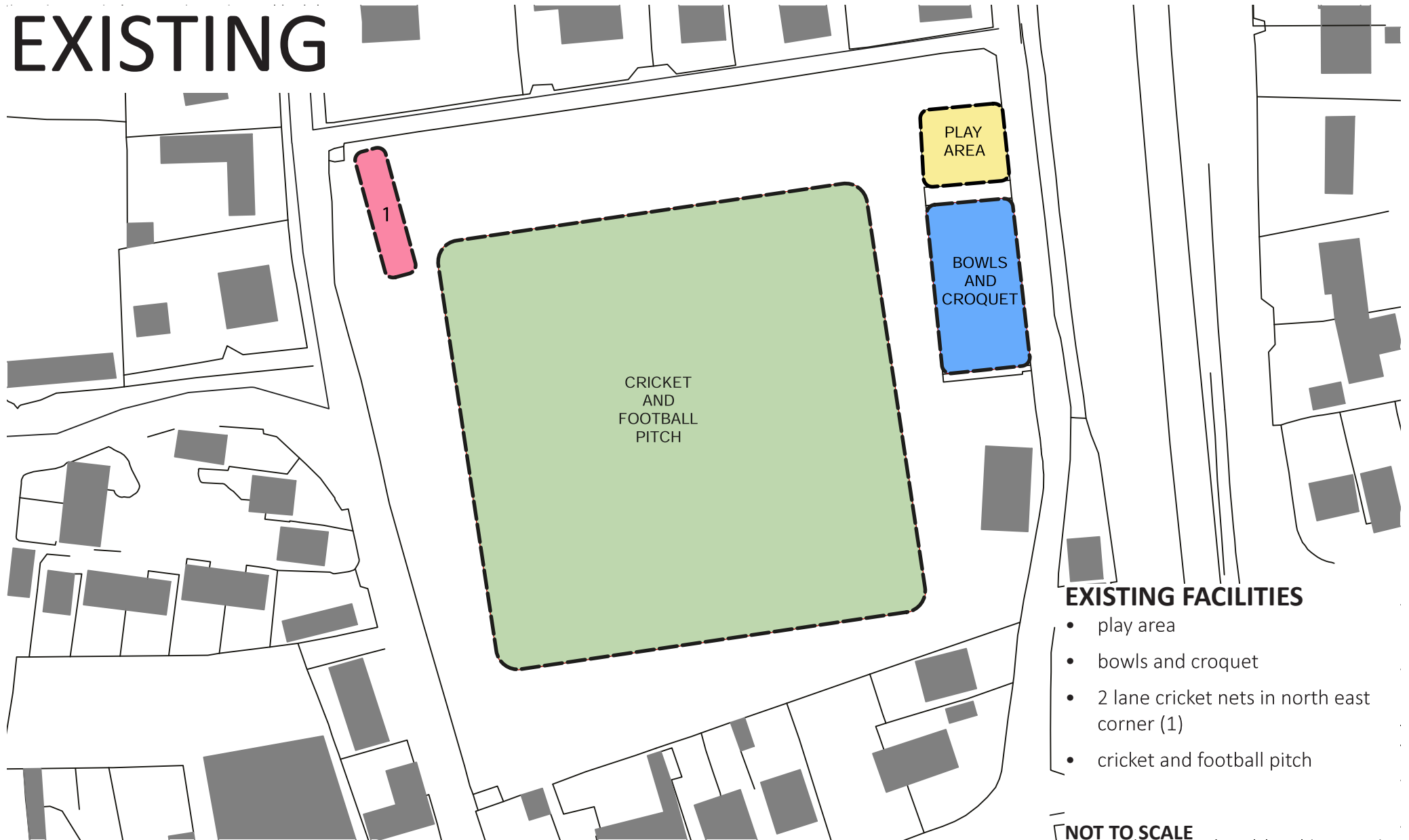
*Site used for Open Air Cinema, August 2021*



*View across site to northern boundary, August 2022*



## EXISTING

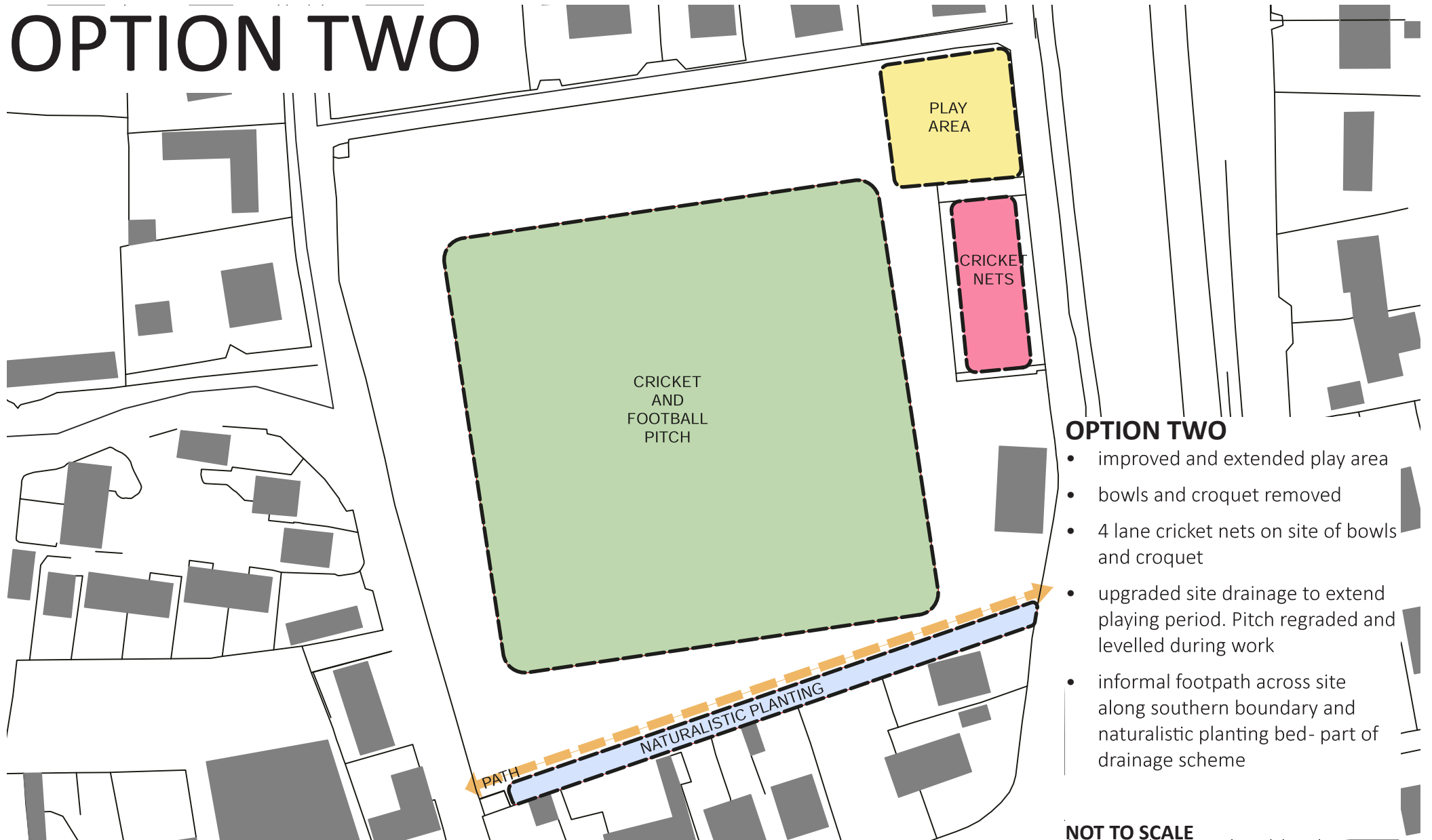


### EXISTING FACILITIES

- play area
- bowls and croquet
- 2 lane cricket nets in north east corner (1)
- cricket and football pitch

NOT TO SCALE

## OPTION TWO



### OPTION TWO

- improved and extended play area
- bowls and croquet removed
- 4 lane cricket nets on site of bowls and croquet
- upgraded site drainage to extend playing period. Pitch regraded and levelled during work
- informal footpath across site along southern boundary and naturalistic planting bed- part of drainage scheme

NOT TO SCALE



## DESIGN PRINCIPLES

- Open character of site with views to wider area retained
- New informal path provides all weather access between Upper Red Cross Road and Cleve Road and naturalistic pictorial meadow planting as part of Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) scheme
- Planting provides wildlife corridor across site and habitat for pollinators
- Improved site drainage and pitch regraded and levelled
- Upgraded play area with changes in level, seating for supervising adults, natural features and accessible play equipment. Accessible access from Upper Red Cross Road
- Protection of all existing trees, including root zones

ITEM	COST RANGE
replace and extend play area including accessible play equipment (to LEAP standard- see appendix for guidelines)	£100-150,000
new path, drainage and planting	£50-150,000
new 4 lane cricket nets	£65-80,000



*naturalistic pictorial meadow planting, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London 2012*





*G1.2 - no clear entrance or welcome to site (Cleeve Road)*



*G1.4 Rear face of the pavilion is unwelcoming*



*G1.2 - no entrance to site (Upper Red Cross Road)*



*G2.7 - damaged perimeter fence gives a poor impression*





*G5.1 - play area is outdated*



*G9.1 - litter bins in need of replacement*



*G5.3 - cricket nets in need of replacement*



*G12.2 - poor appearance of pavilion*