

Consultation outcomes

Welcome Signs:

Thank you to all those residents who responded to this consultation.

We asked residents to review two design options (metal welcome sign or brick built welcome sign) and select the option you liked best.

22 people responded to the consultation. 59.09% of respondents selected the metal welcome sign.

Comments given by respondents who chose the metal design include:

- Less likely to get vandalised, people will sit on brick ones
- Cost
- Save cost and stand out
- Stands out more
- Kids will sit on them, bricks crumble
- More serviceable as walls seem to crumble
- More in your face, easy to see
- Metal be better

Outcomes:

Housing Services will submit a Planning Application seeking Advertising Permission to enable the siting of the new Welcome Signs at the 4 entrances to the estate.

Wayfinding Signs:

Thank you to all those residents who responded to this consultation.

We asked residents to review two sign design layout options (“side by side” or a “triangle” sign arrangement) and select the option liked best.

24 people responded to the consultation. 66.67% of respondents selected option B – signs in a triangle arrangement.

21 respondents agreed with the location for the proposed wayfinding board. 3 respondents skipped this question.

13 respondents thought that the Council should consider adding additional wayfinding boards elsewhere on the estate, although 6 respondents disagreed with this suggestion.

The Council notes comments given by those respondents who ask the Council to consider adding additional wayfinding boards in these as follows:

- At different entrances
- At the Shernbrook entrances
- At entrances
- At entrances but central first
- New to the area so very useful, really like that the Council consults with local residents
- Near the fields paternoster end
- Finger posts not the maps
- Closer to bus stops
- That or finger posts
- Near the Neal Court entrance
- Entrances could have localised maps

Outcomes:

Housing Services will submit a Planning Application seeking Advertising Permission to enable the siting of the new Wayfinding Sign In the Hillhouse Square. The Council will consider, in conjunction with the Estate Court Champions, locations and designs for additional wayfinder signs across the estate.

Designing out nuisance and anti-social behaviour on the green space central to the estate:

Thank you to all those residents who responded to this consultation.

We asked residents if they agreed with the proposal to thin out and reduce some of the hedgerows, and to lift some of the tree branches behind Stanford, Tillingham and Read Courts to increase natural surveillance of the green, making potential users of the green more visible. Further to replace the chain link fencing at the rear of the Skarnings, Stanford, Tillingham and Read Courts, providing privacy for the Courts, as well as improving how the area looks.

18 people responded to the consultation. 100% of respondents agreed with the proposal.

Respondents were asked if had any suggestions for future estate enhancement works and locations? 11 people responded as follows:

- Big playground area on open space, basketball court, football etc to keep children busy
- New community hall, better lighting in alley ways
- More benches
- Benches
- More benches under trees after very hot summers
- Lighting should be improved in entrances areas, especially where traffic has increased with the sport centre
- Not at the minute
- I think that Ninefields estate has been neglected for a while and whilst there's space this can be utilised well by putting new multi playground and cctv as we are aware that there's antisocial

behaviour is bad and think it's time to give the estate good reputation. It's also important for our kids growing up in this area and we want it to be safe area to live. We love the area, we have good schools but the lack of cctv, antisocial behaviour is a concern its giving bad reputation to the schools as well. It would be also good to have new playground for all ages to which we don't have.
Thank you

Outcomes:

Subject to a positive consultation with the 4 Courts (their consultation runs until 25/12/22), Housing Services will work with internal partners to carry out the grounds, tree and fencing works.

The Council notes the comments provided by residents who have suggested other possible estate enhancements.

The good news is that as part of Safer Streets, More than Bricks and Mortar and the UK Shared Prosperity funding that the Council has secured for the Ninefields estate, CCTV and a new play area is in delivery stages, both of which will be installed by 31/03/23.

3 new benches were installed earlier in the year in the large green central to the estate by the former Residents Association and the Council will install additional benches as part of its playground scheme.