

Swansea, St. Helens School

Homezone & Playground Consultation

Consultation Drawings



- School building
- Houses
- Back gardens
- Shared street surface
- Playground
- Green space
- Shared play facilities
- Picnic benches/tables.
- Existing memorial garden water feature
- Residents parking bays
- Low front boundary, eg. sitting wall
- Secure school boundary, eg. high steel mesh or railings
- 1m deep small front gardens

Coloured shapes shown in street space represent potential for new community facilities, such as picnic tables/benches, toddlers play equipment, environmental improvements - raised planting beds or street trees.

DRAFT PROPOSALS DESCRIPTION

Across the UK (and the City of Swansea), residents and Local Authorities are seeking ways to make streets next to schools safer for pedestrians, especially children.

In recent consultation residents have identified a chronic shortage of meaningful play provision or safe environments for children of all ages across this community.

To enable the creation of much needed new outdoor community resources, the school yard and street space are being considered together.

The presence of the existing high stone wall should be reassessed with a view to replacement with more sophisticated, but no less secure, school boundaries.

Firstly, a low front boundary is proposed between the newly traffic calmed street and new school/community resources. This space is perfect for a sitting/waiting place for parents. Eg. a low masonry wall/railings/low hedging combination.

A second higher secure boundary and gates between the shared space and school playground is suggested. Eg. decorative steel mesh or railings.

New space and facilities are proposed that could be shared between the school and the wider community. Resources are located mainly within the school grounds and partly within the street space.

Types of outdoor community resources/children's play equipment are to be determined through further consultation with school staff, pupils and residents.

It is proposed to improve safety and enhance this stretch of Vincent Street by transforming it to a "Homezone"

- street repaved and space shared between people & cars
- traffic speeds are reduced to little more than walking pace
- parking for residents and school staff is organised for their convenience
- the community decides what resources might be appropriate for the street, eg. fixed street furniture, toddlers play equipment, environmental improvements - raised planting beds or street trees.

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