

“3rd Street Park” Feedback Report

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Overview

The City of Proctor and Essentia Health administered a survey about “3rd Street Park” to community members from September 22 to October 15. The survey presented two design options for community feedback and was primarily delivered online, but direct outreach through postcards inviting survey responses was mailed to residents in the neighborhood directly around “3rd Street Park”. The survey was promoted on the “Residents of Proctor, MN” Facebook group and through an article in The Proctor Journal. The survey collected 223 responses.

The following highlights an overview of the survey results:

- 55% of survey respondents said they “love” or “like” Design Option 1. 27% said they “could live with it”, and 13% said they “do not like it”.
- 63% of survey respondents said they “love” or “like” Design Option 2. 13% said they “could live with it”, and 22% said they “do not like it”.
- With Design Option 1, survey respondents said they would add more green space, like the fence around the full perimeter, do not like the off-street parking, and would add pickleball courts.
- With Design Option 1, survey respondents from the direct neighborhood said they would add more green space, like the fence around the perimeter, do not like the off-street parking, want to see more lighting, and like the prospect of easy maintenance.
- With Design Option 2, some survey respondents said they like the green space while others said they prefer paved space as green space is available at nearby parks. Others said they were concerned about maintenance of the grass, would add fencing around the full perimeter, and would add pickleball courts.
- With Design Option 2, survey respondents from the direct neighborhood said they like the green space while others said they prefer paved space as green space is available at nearby parks. Others said they were concerned about maintenance of the grass, were concerned about the green space attracting pet waste, and like the pavilion.

Feedback Survey Questions

The City of Proctor invites you to share your feedback about park designs for "3rd Street Park" (the fenced-in lot with basketball hoops on the corner of 3rd Street and N 1st Avenue).

To share your thoughts, please complete the survey below on behalf of your household. All individual responses will remain confidential, and your feedback will help guide the City of Proctor as it selects a design for the future of 3rd Street Park. This survey will close on **October 15, 2023**.

For more information about this project, visit www.orangeplacesproject.com/proctor.

What is your street address? (Example: 123 Main Street) (Optional)

What is your age? (Select one.)

- ☐ 0-15 years old
- ☐ 16-30 years old
- ☐ 31-45 years old
- ☐ 46-60 years old
- ☐ 61-75 years old
- ☐ 76+ years old

What is your gender? (Select one.)

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Other: _____

Designs for Review

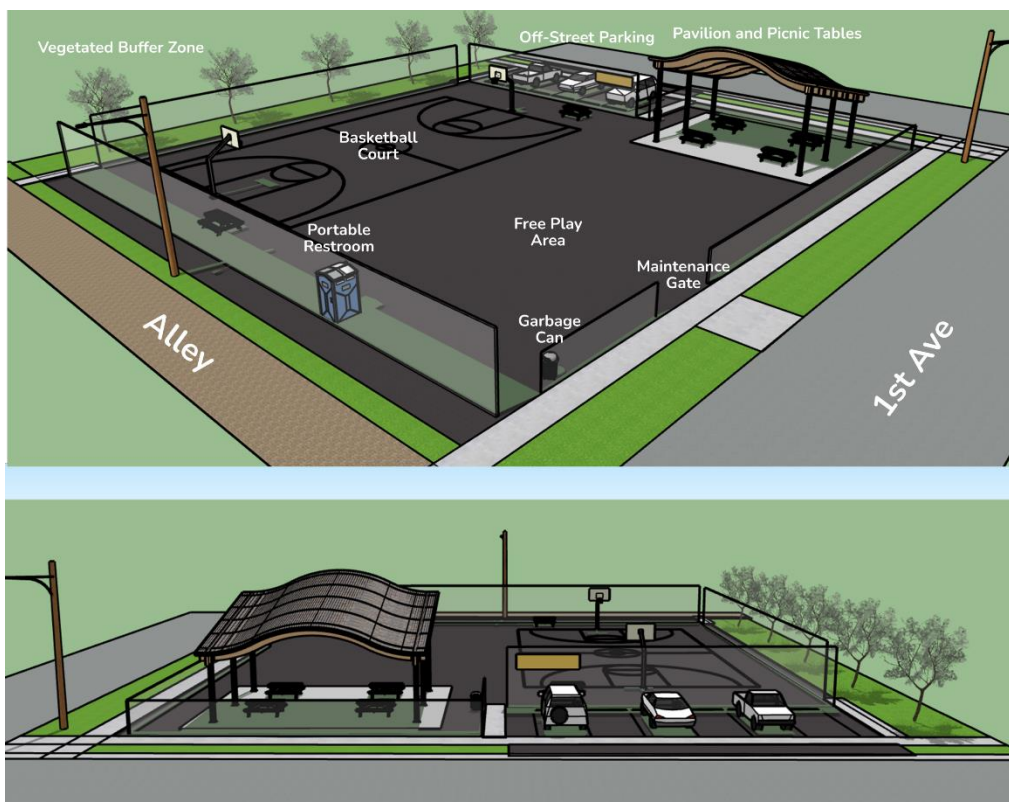
We prepared two park design options for your feedback. Responding to community input received earlier this year, the designs include a basketball court, shaded seating, and higher fences. One of the designs includes open pavement space, and one of the designs includes open green space.

Although they were supported by multiple people, a playground, a splash pad, and pickleball courts were not included in these designs. Why? Playgrounds are available at numerous other parks in the community. Splash pads in other nearby communities have demonstrated to be costly with minimal use due to our four-season climate. And pickleball courts, due to noises created by the paddles

and ball, are not well-suited for location in the middle of a residential neighborhood.

The two park design options are included below for your review.

Option 1: This option features a similar footprint to the existing park, including a paved surface and a fence enclosing the space. With a desire to activate the entire space, a right-sized basketball court is moved to the southwest corner of the park, with 12-foot fencing around the court space. A vegetated buffer between the park and the nearest residential lot is introduced, and a lit pavilion with sheltered picnic tables is also added. Trash cans, a portable bathroom, and a row of off-street parking stalls provide additional accommodation for visitors.



Rendering of Option 1

How do you feel about Option 1? (Select one.)

- ☐ I love it!
- ☐ I like it.
- ☐ I could live with it.
- ☐ I don't like it.

What feedback do you have about Option 1? (Optional)

Option 2: This option introduces green space to the park. Including a vegetated buffer between the park and the nearest residential lot, a fence-enclosed basketball court is moved to the west side of the park. The east side of the park includes accessible paths, a pavilion with sheltered picnic tables, park signage, decorative lighting, and ornamental trees. A row of boulders along the alley is also added to minimize snow clearing from the alley into the park. Trash cans, a portable bathroom, and a row of off-street parking stalls provide additional accommodation for visitors.



Rendering of Option 2

How do you feel about Option 2? (Select one.)

- ☐ I love it!
- ☐ I like it.
- ☐ I could live with it.
- ☐ I don't like it.

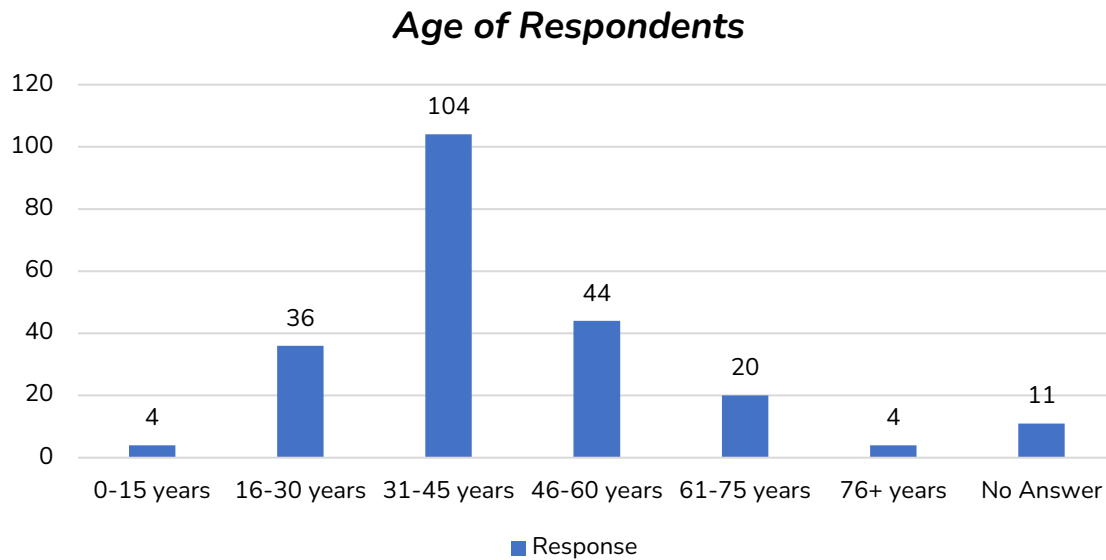
What feedback do you have about Option 2? (Optional)

What else do you want us to know? (Optional)

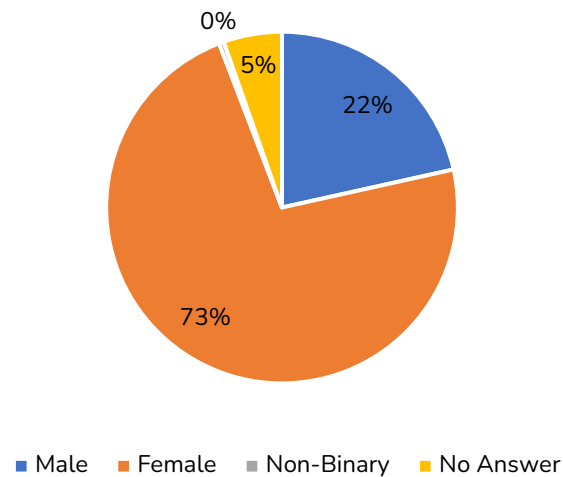
If you are interested in receiving email updates about this project, please provide your email address below. (Optional - Note: If you signed up for updates in the first survey, you will continue to receive email updates.)

Feedback Survey Results (All Responses)

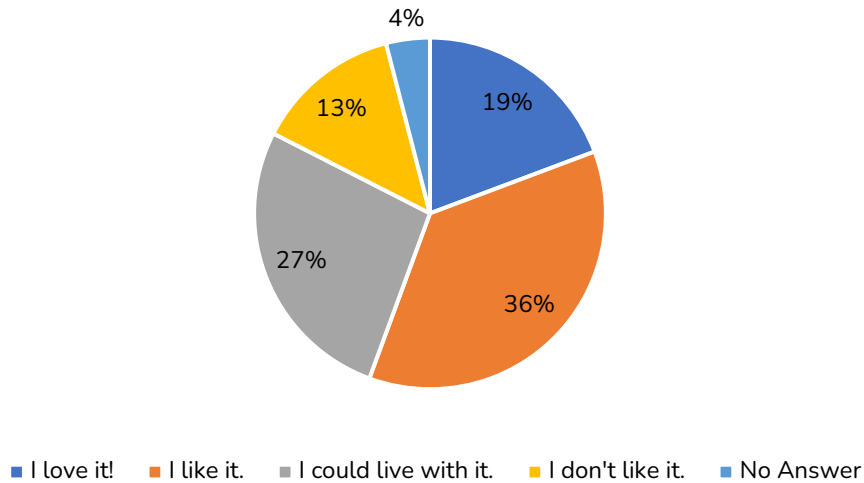
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Gender of Respondents



Response to Design Option 1



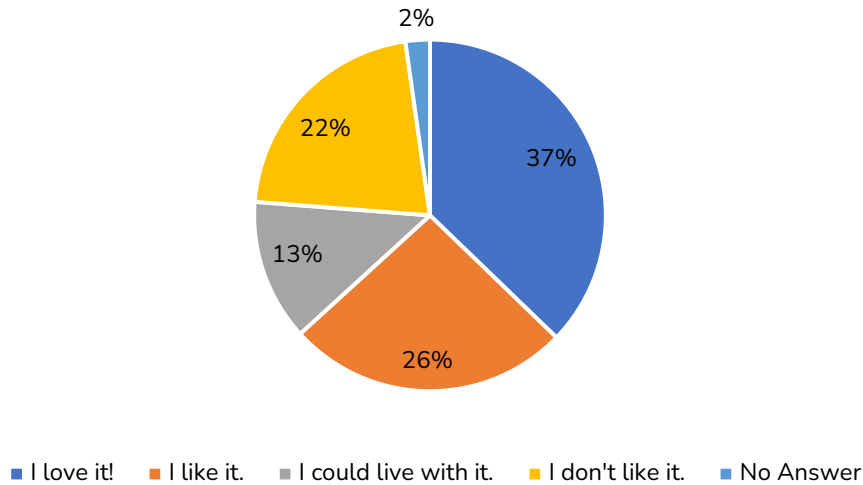
What feedback do you have about Option 1?

The following list categorizes the responses submitted, from most frequent to least frequent. Frequency of each category is noted in parentheses.

- Would add more green space (15)
- Likes the fence around the perimeter (10)
- Does not see need for off-street parking (10)
- Likes the pavement and its multi-use play opportunities (13)
- Would add pickleball courts (9)
- Does not like the unused/"free play" pavement space (5)
- Wants to see more lighting (5)
- Likes the shaded sitting area (4)
- Would add skate park features (3)
- Feels the park design is boring (3)
- Likes the prospects of easy maintenance (3)
- Would add painted lines for four square and hopscotch (3)
- Likes the added parking/would add more parking (3)
- Likes the higher fencing (2)
- Likes the trees/would add more trees (2)
- Would add a tennis court (2)
- Would add a lower basketball hoop for younger children (2)
- Likes that the paved space won't attract pet waste (2)
- Is concerned about asphalt maintenance (2)

- Likes that the park design is like existing park (2)
- Likes the basketball court (2)
- Would add a splash pad (2)
- Would add a hockey net (1)
- Does not like the basketball court (1)
- Would add a grill near picnic area (1)
- Would flood paved space in winter for ice skating (1)
- Would include large gate for plow access/clearing in winter (1)
- Would add trees along 1st Avenue (1)
- Would add benches with backs along sides of the park (1)
- Would move off-street parking along 1st Avenue instead of 3rd Street (1)
- Would prefer gates be added to fencing to make it fully enclosed (1)
- Would like to remove vegetated buffers and pavilion to have more recreational space (1)
- Would move the portable restroom outside the fence for servicing access (1)
- Would move tables/benches to side of basketball court instead of baseline (1)
- Would add a mural or art (1)
- Would add more distance between basketball court and pavilion (1)
- Does not like the sitting area/picnic tables (1)
- Would add sign that prohibits pets (1)
- Is concerned about restroom maintenance/service (1)
- Is concerned that park use during night will disturb neighbors (1)
- Would add playground equipment for younger children (1)
- Feels the park design lacks activities for handicapped people (1)
- Feels the park design lacks activities for younger children (1)
- Would accommodate use of the park for winter storage of snow from alleys (1)
- Would include strip of grass near pavilion for picnics (1)
- Would add a bike rack (1)
- Would flip the park design – basketball court along 1st Avenue, pavilion by alley, leave rest open (1)
- Would remove the strip of grass along alley, replace with gravel (1)

Response to Design Option 2



What feedback do you have about Option 2?

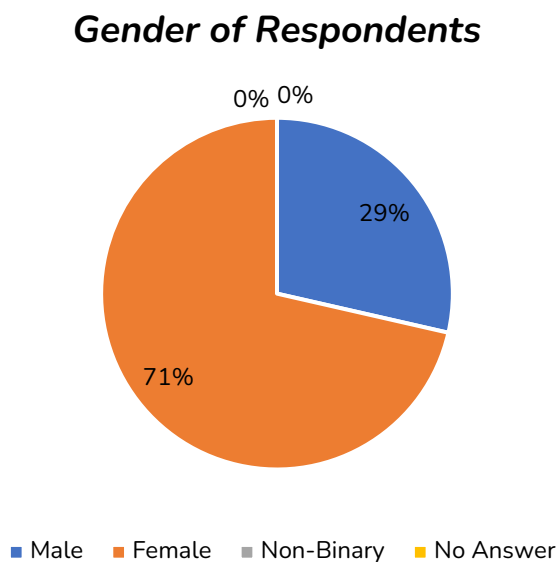
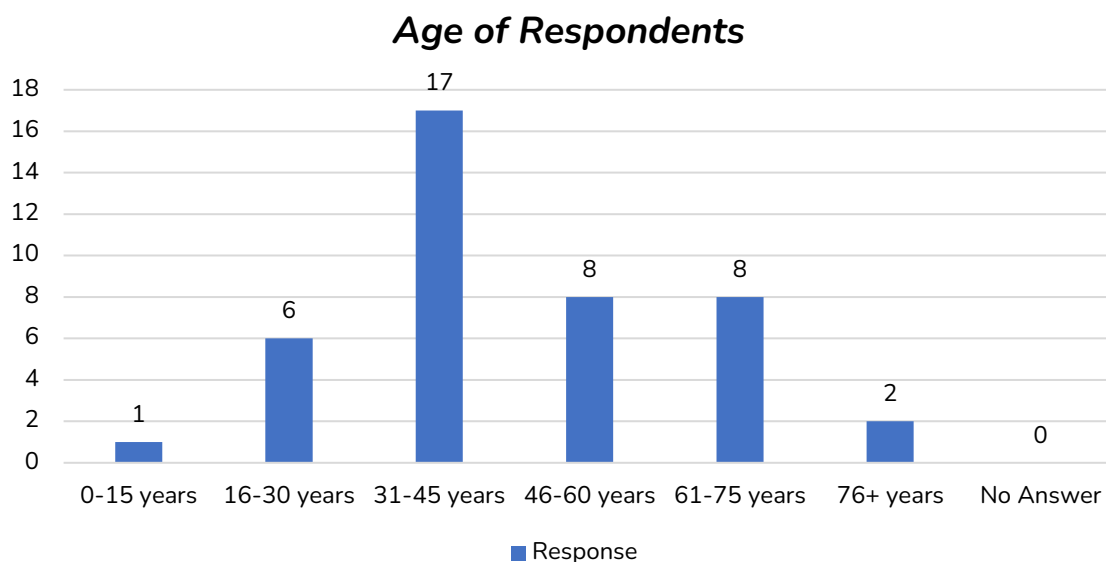
The following list categorizes the responses submitted, from most frequent to least frequent. Frequency of each category is noted in parentheses.

- Likes the green space (28)
- Does not like the green space, which is available at other nearby parks (24)
- Is concerned about maintenance of grass (16)
- Would add fence around the entire perimeter (8)
- Would add pickleball courts (8)
- Likes the separation between the basketball court and other spaces (6)
- Is concerned the green space will attract pet waste (6)
- Likes the shaded sitting area (5)
- Likes the trees/would add more trees (4)
- Likes the boulders along alley (4)
- Feels this is more visually appealing (4)
- Would add a toddler playground (4)
- Likes that it feels more inclusive, multi-generational (3)
- Likes the lighting (3)
- Does not like the boulder along alley (3)
- Would add grill(s) near picnic area (3)
- Does not see need for off-street parking (1)
- Likes the added parking/would add more parking (1)
- Likes the higher fencing (1)

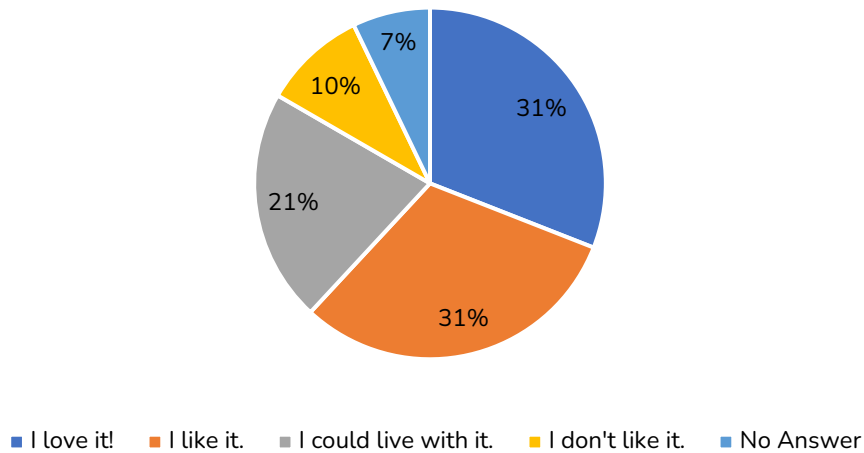
- Would add a tennis court (1)
- Would add a splash pad (1)
- Would flood paved space in winter for ice skating (1)
- Would replace ornamental trees with fruit-bearing trees (1)
- Would add benches with backs in green space (1)
- Likes the portable restroom (1)
- Would move the portable restroom behind basketball court (1)
- Would move tables/benches to side of basketball court instead of baseline (1)
- Would add pet waste station (1)
- Would reposition the basketball court along 1st Avenue or rotated 90 degrees and at center (1)
- Would add a Little Free Library (1)
- Would add garbage cans to the pavilion (1)
- Would replace empty green space with natural plantings/wildflowers (1)

Feedback Survey Results (Neighborhood)

The City of Proctor and Essentia Health administered a survey about “3rd Street Park” to community members from September 22, 2023, to October 15, 2023. The following are survey results from those who identified residence in the neighborhood surrounding “3rd Street Park”. This geographic subset gathered 42 responses.



Response to Design Option 1



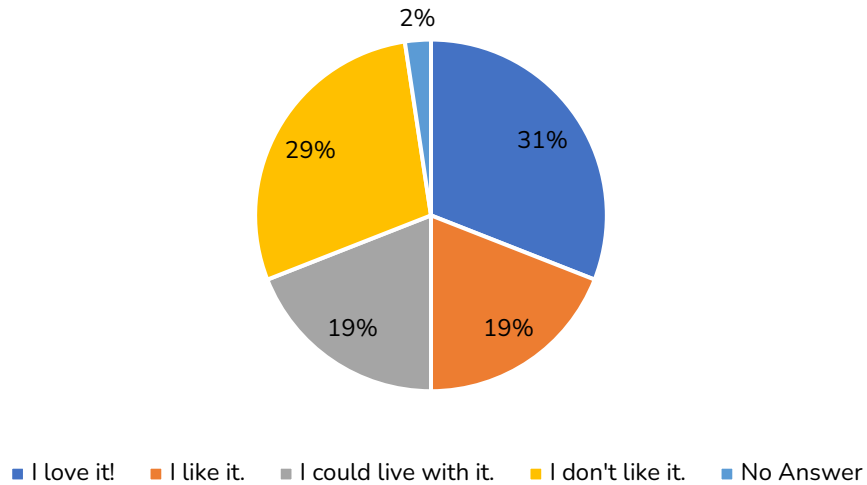
What feedback do you have about Option 1?

The following list categorizes the responses submitted, from most frequent to least frequent. Frequency of each category is noted in parentheses.

- Would add more green space (4)
- Likes the fence around the perimeter (4)
- Does not see need for off-street parking (4)
- Wants to see more lighting (3)
- Likes the prospects of easy maintenance (3)
- Likes the pavement and its multi-use play opportunities (2)
- Likes the trees/would add more trees (2)
- Would add a tennis court (2)
- Would add playground equipment for younger children (2)
- Likes the shaded sitting area (1)
- Likes the higher fencing (1)
- Would add a lower basketball hoop for younger children (1)
- Likes that the park design is like existing park (1)
- Would add trees along 1st Avenue (1)
- Would add benches with backs along sides of the park (1)
- Would move off-street parking along 1st Avenue instead of 3rd Street (1)
- Would like to remove vegetated buffers and pavilion to have more recreational space (1)
- Would move the portable restroom outside the fence for servicing access (1)

- Would move tables/benches to side of basketball court instead of baseline (1)
- Would add a mural or art (1)
- Would add more distance between basketball court and pavilion (1)
- Would add sign that prohibits pets (1)
- Is concerned that park use during night will disturb neighbors (1)
- Would accommodate use of the park for winter storage of snow from alleys (1)
- Would add a bike rack (1)
- Would flip the park design – basketball court along 1st Avenue, pavilion by alley, leave rest open (1)
- Would remove the strip of grass along alley, replace with gravel (1)

Response to Design Option 2



What feedback do you have about Option 2?

The following list categorizes the responses submitted, from most frequent to least frequent. Frequency of each category is noted in parentheses.

- Likes the green space (8)
- Is concerned about maintenance of grass (7)
- Does not like the green space, which is available at other nearby parks (5)
- Is concerned the green space will attract pet waste (4)
- Likes the shaded sitting area (3)
- Likes the trees/would add more trees (2)
- Likes the boulders along alley (2)
- Likes the lighting (2)
- Does not like the boulder along alley (2)
- Would add pet waste station (2)
- Does not see need for off-street parking (1)
- Would add benches with backs in green space (1)