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Progress Report on the Master Plan for South Park

The public consultation process for the Master Plan has finished. More than 300 questionnaires were returned and although attendance at the two focus groups event was relatively small, more than 100 people attended the open day in South Park on 6th June to view three design options for the park. No consensus was reached concerning the three design options and it was subsequently acknowledged that none of the designs were intended to be the blueprint for the final design but to promote comment and feedback for the next stage.

A Master Plan Steering Group, on which the Friends are well represented, is now working with the council and the landscape architects to develop a revised outline design which should be closer to what we want. A presentation by the architects at the first meeting of the steering group showed that the results of the consultation were generally in accord with the list of key sentiments which the Friends formally submitted as our collective contribution to the consultation process. Please send us your thoughts.

It is hoped that a revised design will be ready for consideration before the end of July. A borough sports policy both for the general public and schools is affecting discussions and is delaying action on the additional tennis courts and the improvement of the enclosed hard court in the South West corner opposite Thomas's School.

Further information on the consultation can be found at www.southparkmasterplan.co.uk

Thomas's Corner

You might have read the story in this month's H&F News about a new memorial in the childrens's play area. Following the tragic death of four-week-old Thomas, a group of friends who often enjoyed the park and playground with Thomas's mother decided to come together to buy a bench in honour of his life. More than £2,000 has been raised to date, paying

not only for the new bench, which has already been installed, but also for new toddler playground equipment to be installed later this summer. If anybody feels they would also like to contribute, simply write a cheque to Friends of South Park, noting the money is for the memorial. Send it to the Friends Secretary at 20 Beltran, Fulham, SW6 3AJ. She will Thomas's mother know you participated.

Parks Police Telephone Number

This can be found on some of the notice boards in the park but please note it is a different number to that previously used. The current number is 020 8753 5999.

Friends of South Park has a website!

Please visit our website at www.friendsofsouthpark.org.uk. We'd love to have your thoughts on the first draft of our new site.