**Belle Vue Park**

We are committed to maintaining Belle Vue Park as a green, open space with fit-for-purpose facilities for the whole community.

We have invested **£150,000** in the multi-use games area, completed in November 2018, and the new skate/BMX park which opened in June 2019.

The old skate park area will be retained as a multi-purpose hard surface space that can be used for major town and community events such as the Carnival and Party in the Park and provide space for youngsters to improve their cycling proficiency skills in the meantime.

As part of the wider redevelopment of Belle Vue we are now looking to use the opportunity to provide new equipment and amenities to further enhance the park.

**Toilets**

The old toilet block needs replacing, particularly following high levels of vandalism, and feedback from park users tells us it is not currently in the best location - especially for families with young children.

A new modular toilet unit is proposed for the other end of the park close to the toddler and junior play areas and kiosk.

**Benches**

A number of the wooden benches and picnic tables need maintenance. Trees have grown and spread over the years meaning that some benches are regularly covered with bird mess. An audit of bench locations should be completed and those in problem areas should be moved to more suitable locations.
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Toddler and junior play

We are committed to providing safe and fun play equipment for younger visitors to Belle Vue Park – with our facilities free for everyone to use.

However, ongoing maintenance issues and health and safety requirements in relation to Legionnaires Disease have made the water play element too costly for taxpayers to maintain, so we have been looking into other options, possibly around sand play. Considerations include installing a sand digger and sand play table for younger children and the potential loan of buckets and spades from the cabin.

Fitness equipment

The wooden trim trail and the exercise machines will need replacement in the next 3-5 years. In our most recent consultation, you told us that the exercise machines aren’t particularly popular – and we also know that there is a lack of teenage facilities.

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Have your say on these proposals as part of our survey on our website at www.babergh.gov.uk