

Network Rail contractors – Councillor suggested projects

Edging to the tarmac parking area by the play area in Coulson Park.

New pedestrian entrance to King George V by the bridge, path to the play area and possibly the gym and two new entrance gates one by the bridge and one from the A390.

Use sleepers and aggregate to define a hardstanding parking area in the area currently being used as a site compound. Signage by us or them to direct people to the 'Park and Walk' facility there and at the Coulson playground area, which having looked at it last night could easily accommodate 15 + cars if lined out.

Steps & hand rails in the boundary bank of KGV5 Park, giving safe, easy, manageable access to the river side walk, to 2nd Island & beyond, to further prevent erosion of the part of the bank close to the park entrance (North Street End) & prevent possible accidents by members of the public, who regularly climb up /slide/ run/ walk down the bank,

Not everyone knows there are steps further along that can be used to at least get to the top of the bank, (not of much help when you're walking back from 2nd Island & you have to struggle to find a way back up the bank through the trees)

This would further discourage people to walk past the children's play area & the muti gym where the ground has such poor drainage its water logged for around 7 months of the year.

Use some of the railway sleepers to create a walk way from the entrance gats (North St end) all the way past the muti gym, as the ground is very waterlogged,

Agree with the suggestion of a new entrance from the Community Centre Car Park to KGV5 Park, as the

current entrance is a waterlogged, mud filled mess, for months to a time. New entrance new gates?

Use some of the sleepers as a raised flower bed, Cattle Market car park, adjacent to the notice board, it could be lined with a pond liner (for example) so nothing harmful to plants, I would gladly take care of the planting / watering (the small display I put there last year was very well received by members of the public & it brightens up the area & makes for a good impression on leaving / entering the car park.

Use some of the sleepers to edge the bank (s) along lower Park Road, to help prevent continuous damage from cars & vans either driving in so close to the bank there forever cutting bits off of it, leaving the road side a muddy mess & obvious tyre marks in the bank, the other side of the slip way where the bank is virtually level to the road, the grass area is an absolute mess from vehicles parking on it. This area could seriously do with some remedial work, even if it does upset the Boat Owners Association, as, depending on what is done, it might restrict / hamper people getting access to their canoes etc. (I'm looking at repairs to the road side & bank, not 'Glamorising ' the area with picnic tables or plant containers.

In the event that RW return the ground - where their storage compound is in Coulson Park, back to grass & not as Town Council would like a proper hard standing car parking area, could Town Council use the old railway sleepers & create this car park itself?

Offer them to the Community Centre? I'm sure a use could be found for them over there.

Would it be possible to find out what the sleepers have been treated with as I thought old sleepers were classed as hazardous waste and had to be disposed of specially. Is this network rail just placing the responsibility of disposal on us to save them money? If they are environmentally safe then they would make

a great flower bed (cemetery memorial garden?) or possibly a wildlife house (2nd Island?) but I am Also concerned about the environmental risk of these sleepers so think we should be very careful about accepting them.

I like the idea of gates and a path to the play/gym areas, not having mud on peoples shoes will help prevent accidents when using equipment.

Did Network rail agree in the end to aggregate the little bit of land near the new bridge for parking?

Could they aerate the parade ground and/or create areas around the trees to protect the roots, I know that is something we have talked about in the past. Did we manage to get the benches around town repaired in the end? (I haven't checked), I know Covid interfered with the planned renovation, if that is not now going ahead we could ask them to do it instead.

They could build a flower bed on the turning from the A390 into Cott road south, we lost a palm tree there a while ago and it has left a fairly large patch of plain grass. (This of course would mean having to find someone to look after it)

The sleepers could be used as a barrier from the bridge to the boat slope at the top part of the Road to stop cars parking and turning up the grass which in turn making it hazardous. Once the area is seeded we don't want to spoil it.

Some of the sleepers could be used to form a bridge over the drainage channel towards the Southern end of Shirehall Moor. Others could be used to form a fishing platform on the river bank at Second Island Park. Such a platform would need well-raised edges for safety.

My brother worked for the railway for over 40yrs as a supervisor re railway tracking etc. He advises that these sleepers will be concrete and depending on the area there could be up to a 100 sleepers approx. 6ft x 6ft so that is a lot of sleepers. As Councillor Guiterman has pointed out might these be put to good use with regards propping up the river bank area.

It would nice to have substantial steps, up the bank to the river path just inside the gate to KG field by the bridge. I have seen people with their dogs struggling to get up on to the path and therefore walk along the bottom of the bank.

Further along the bank opposite the playground it would a nice feature to make a seating area the length of the playground very much like The Minack (stepped) - for parents and picnics. We did something similar at Looe CP School and it ended up being a small open air theatre.