Mulberry Green

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A play space for everyone - designed for Mulberry Green

A scheme shaped by local priorities

Our proposal brings together the priorities identified through the Council's project development and community engagement to create one connected play destination. A younger children's area sits to the east, a more challenging junior area to the west, and the central space remains clear for the Council's future seating project.

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play units	users at one time	identified play values	inclusive elements	dynamic play elements

What the design is trying to achieve

CHOICE + PROGRESSION

Different routes, movement types and levels of challenge so children can build confidence as they grow.

INCLUSIVE BY DESIGN

Accessible routes and shared-play equipment are distributed through the scheme, rather than isolated in one corner.

CALM, NATURAL CHARACTER

Greens, browns and organic forms are designed to sit comfortably within Mulberry Green rather than feel overly urban.

Adventure, challenge and progression

A stronger challenge for older children

The western zone is designed for older children who want height, movement, challenge and choice. The layout gives users different routes and levels of difficulty, so the experience can grow with them rather than becoming predictable.

Headline feature: 13 metre Kanopé Special Multiplay

Accommodating up to 40 users and providing 41 play values, the main structure combines climbing walls, nets, a crawl tunnel, gymnastic bars, balance routes and contrasting slides. Children can choose their own route and increase the challenge as their confidence develops.

More ways to move

- Rollrunner for speed, balance and whole-body movement.
- Hip-Hop and Double Perch for rocking, spinning and shared play.
- Three-seat swing with two flat seats and a supportive pod eat.

Why this matters

- Multiple routes avoid a single fixed way to play.
- Cooperative and competitive activities encourage social play.
- Climbing, balancing, hanging and sliding build coordination, strength and confidence.

Inclusive play from the ground up

A place to play together

The eastern zone combines climbing, sliding, swinging, balancing, bouncing, rocking, sensory and imaginative play. It is designed to help younger children build confidence while giving families more opportunities to play side by side.

Accessibility is designed into the route and the equipment

- Soft-close accessible gate and continuous wetpour route provide step-free access to key inclusive activities.
- Inclusive All-Terrain Vehicle has ramped wheelchair access, restraints, wheel stops and grab rails.
- Flush-access roundabout allows wheelchair and ambulant users to rotate together.
- Ground-level trampoline can be used from a manual wheelchair with appropriate adult support.

A natural fit for Mulberry Green

Natural greens, browns and organic forms complement the surrounding grassland, while black wetpour with green wear pads visually links the two play zones. The result is intended to feel spacious, welcoming and connected to its setting rather than overly urban or crowded.

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One connected play space with challenge, choice and inclusive play for the Poringland community.

Visuals illustrate the wider concept; future seating, trees and sensory planting shown are proposed by others. All play equipment and safer surfacing is specified to conform to EN1176 and EN1177.