Project Outline – Playground for Suffolk Rd. Recreation Ground ④



Cluster: Barnes, East Sheen and Mortlake Amount of NCIL available: £24,979 Group: Friends of Suffolk Rd. Recreation Ground Amount requested: £15,000

The Friends of Suffolk Road recreation ground are working in partnership with Richmond Council to transform this underused recreation ground into a space which can be enjoyed by everyone in the community.

We plan to create a new dog-free area which will include a natural playground, as well as improved planting and more seating. The playground will include swings, a climbing frame, a slide, a ground trampoline and a sand pit. There will be a swing suitable for children with disabilities as there are none currently in Barnes and local families have to drive to East Sheen. Improved planting will include new shrubs, trees and a wildflower meadow. More seating will be installed to include picnic tables and benches. In the second phase of the project, a large sensory garden will provide a sanctuary for all ages.

The site is currently an empty field primarily used by dog-walkers. The improvements will attract more people to this under-used space, particularly families with children and the elderly.