

Meanwood Valley Urban Farm Playground October 2025

Opening

Meanwood Valley Urban Farm consulted on the potential plans for their new playground.

51 people responded to the online consultation, including 10 members of the SEND Youth Council.

Opportunity

There is strong support for creating a larger, more inclusive playground, with separate areas for toddlers and older children and a wider range of equipment, as the current space is seen as too small and limited.

Accessibility, safety and inclusion are key priorities, including fully accessible paths and equipment, better supervision (clear sightlines and fencing), and more sensory and SEND-friendly play features.

At the same time, people want to retain the natural, calm feel of the playground, avoiding large or overly manufactured equipment, and improving supporting features like seating, shade, and toilets.

Outcome

The findings from the consultation were well received and have provided a clear direction for the project. The feedback gathered has helped inform plans for the new playground and will support decision-making as the project progresses.

The next stage is awaiting confirmation from the main donor, who will be funding the majority of the playground costs. Subject to approval, contractors will be appointed and work is expected to begin on site in September.

This demonstrates how children and young people's views have directly contributed to shaping a community space that reflects their needs and priorities.

