

# Welcome APSE



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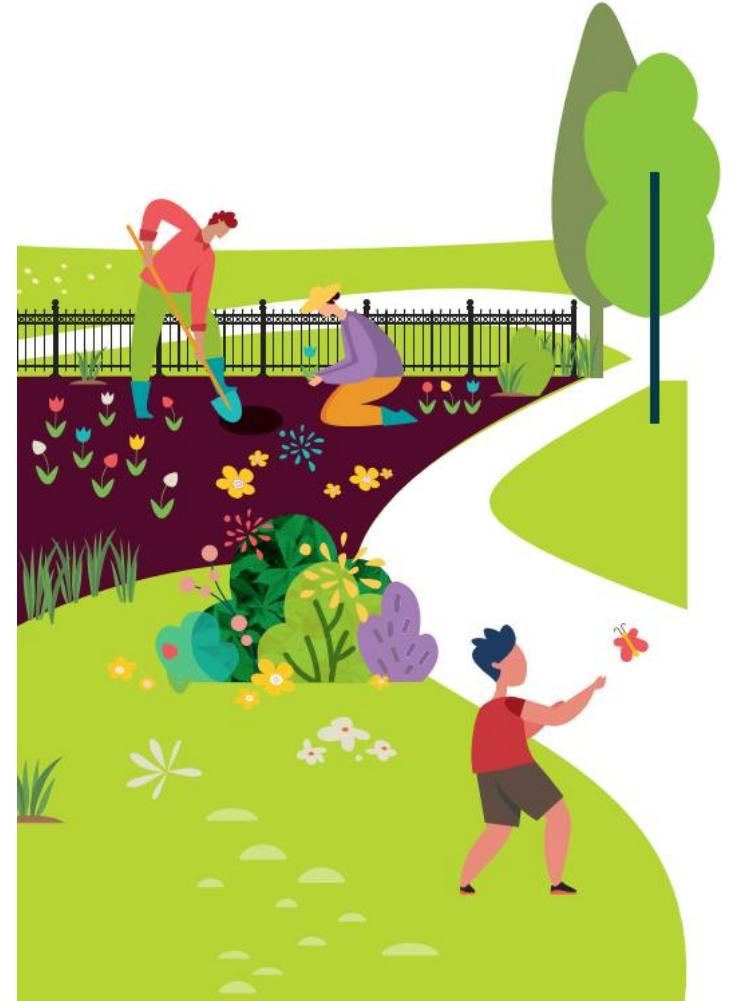
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# Implementing 'Greener, Healthier, Happier Nottingham' Greenspace Strategy

- How are we increasing the spread and quality of greenspace in Nottingham?
- How are we mitigating climate change, maximising opportunities for connected urban greening, and preparing for Biodiversity Net Gain.
- How are we working with groups to increase volunteering opportunities to look after & enhance our parks and green spaces?



# Future Parks Accelerator Programme



Funded through National Lottery Heritage Fund & Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities & National Trust

3-year programme with a dedicated project team

Consideration given to;

- Robust consultation
- Mapping assets, collating insight and data
- Cross sector partnership opportunities
- Blended funding and finance



Department for Levelling Up,  
Housing & Communities



Made possible with  
**Heritage  
Fund**

**Future Parks  
Accelerator**



**Nottingham  
City Council**



# Our amazing greenspaces

Nottingham City Council has a historic network of open and greenspaces contributing to its image as a green city. We look after parks, playgrounds, nature reserves, allotments, cemeteries and community spaces for an increasing resident population of over 320,000 people.

Nottingham's parks and greenspaces cover **1,670 hectares** (the same as) **1,113 football pitches**



Our total public green/blue spaces cover **38.1%** of the city's area (not including private gardens)



Tree canopy cover **13.75%** across the city



Nottingham's trees, plants and soil store over **5,000 tonnes** of CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere every year



Over **90%** of people feel their park is important to their neighbourhood

**1.1 million** visits per month to our parks and open spaces with **63%** of residents visiting at least once per month



Small green spaces contribute **£65 million** per annum in health benefits to the city and contain **77%** of the city's play areas



**120** of cycle paths **Km** and **480km** of signed Routes



Nottingham's Green Guardians volunteering programme delivered over **10,000 hours** in Years 1 and 2



Almost **24,000 trees** planted across the city in 2022 plus over **13,500 flowering bulbs.**



Engaged with over **300** registered volunteers and green groups with **600** planned activities delivered



**Winner**

of APSE Best Parks and Green Spaces Service team of the Year (21/22)



Increased annual local production nursery growing to over

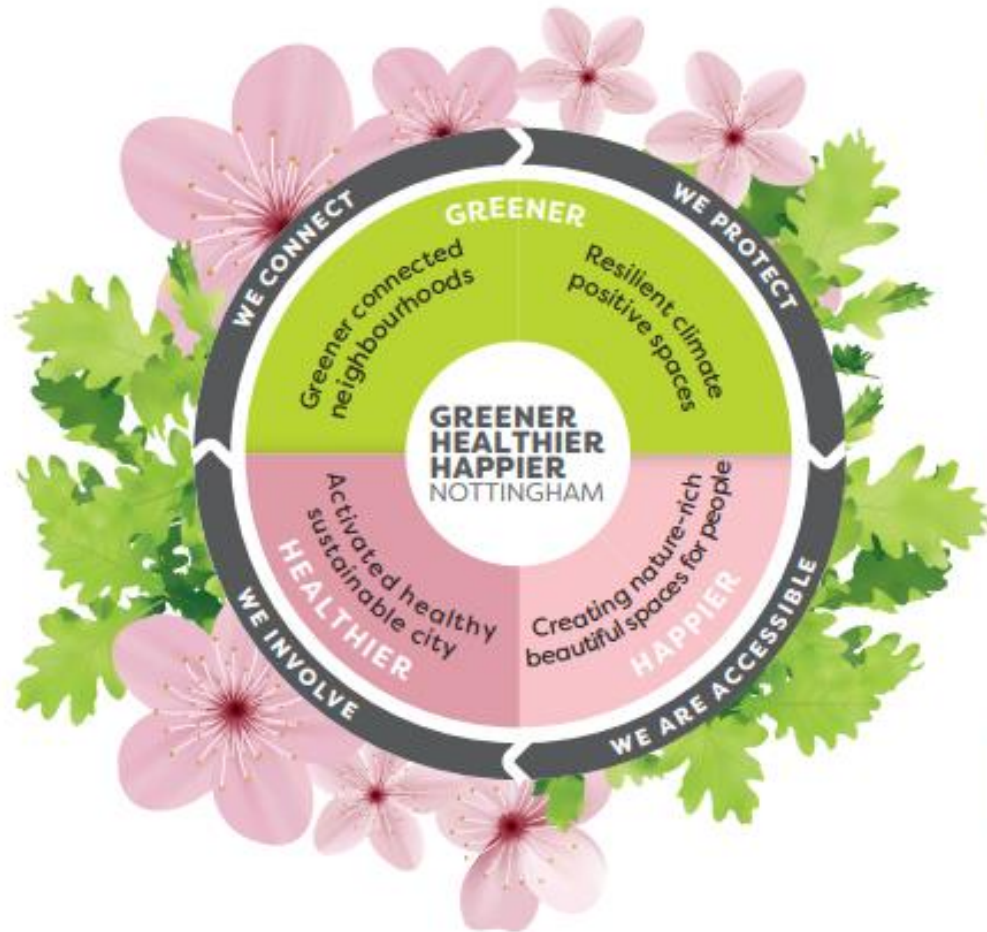
**900,000 plants**



5 pioneering Tiny Forests planted with EarthWatch delivered as well as 2 Blossom Together projects with the National Trust



# Our Vision, Mission and Values



## GREENER

Over a fifth of Nottingham is dedicated green space. And we strive for more. With nature in mind, we will support wildlife to thrive, joining spaces to benefit our people and the city ecosystem.

**WE WILL** be proud of a rich, resilient and connected open and green space network that in turn, protects the planet.

## HEALTHIER

Nature-rich beautiful spaces are vital for our mental and physical well-being.

**WE WILL** continue to provide areas for rest & reflection immersing our citizens in diverse green and open spaces whilst enabling movement around our city through vibrant green corridors on foot or on two wheels.

## HAPPIER

Our open and green spaces bring us together and connect us.

**WE WILL** continue to share ownership of them to give us a common purpose. These spaces are active and well-used, welcoming people from across our communities to play, socialise, participate & partner in looking after, improving & enjoying our city.

## Our Values



### **PROTECT**

We commit to looking after our green spaces to leave a lasting legacy.

### **INVOLVED**

Together, we will share responsibility for how we care for our green spaces.

### **CONNECTED**

For people and for nature, we will inform and influence how we manage our impact on the natural environment.

### **ACCESSIBLE**

Our green spaces will be welcoming, accessible, attractive and safe.



# 1. Greener, connected neighbourhoods

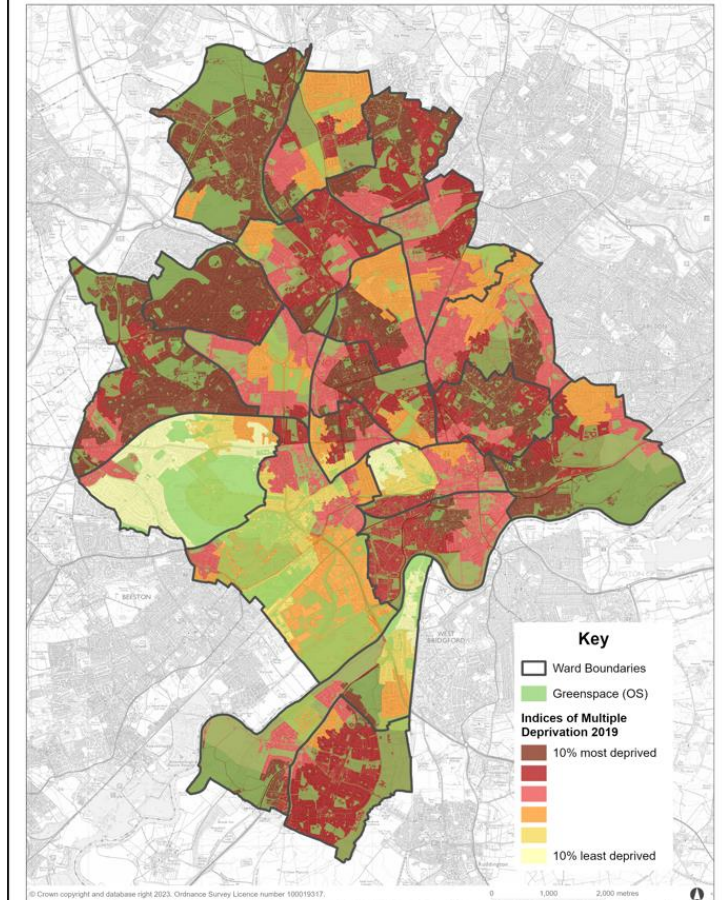


Nottingham will have grown by 5% over the next 20 years. A focus on environmental justice will provide for increasing demand.

We are working towards the Natural England Urban Greening Factor Standard target of 40% - (Nottingham currently at 38.1%).

Green in 15 - better connected green spaces will provide greater access and extend the environmental benefits for people, nature and wildlife.

Indices of Multiple Deprivation (2019)



# Capital Investment Programme

- Island Quarter
- Broadmarsh 'Green Heart'
- Victoria Embankment Improvements
- Playground Investments
- Ongoing capital externally funded programme
- Gearing Ratio 13:1





## 2. Resilient and climate positive places



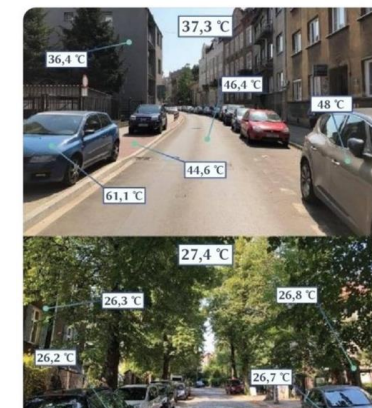
Nottingham City Council declared a climate and ecological emergency in 2019 - our green spaces contribute to mitigating the impacts of climate change.

Nottingham's green spaces are an important part of the city's air pollution and flood protection measures. Our soils, trees and plants absorb carbon and rainfall.

Nottingham's green spaces and trees provide shade and cooling during the summer months. Our Tree & Woodland strategy will support the targeted increase of tree canopy cover.

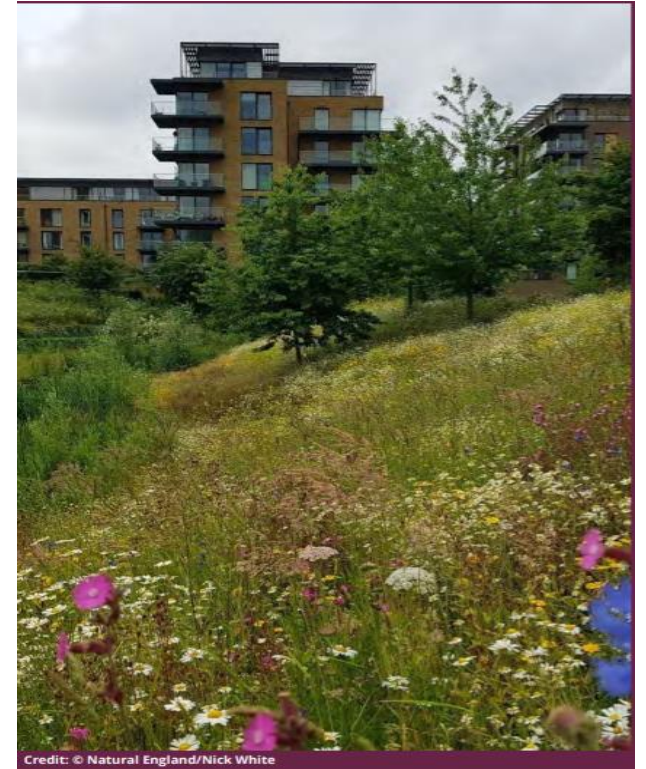


Same city, same day, same time: two different streets.



# Biodiversity & Sustainability Overview

- Working to mandatory BNG (12/2/24)
- Contributing to LNRS
- Habitat Mapping Project
- Options for BNG units through HBV
- 11 new Bee Friendly wildflower sites
- Herbicide Free Street Pilot Project
- Nottingham Crocus Project
- Carbon Neutral Nottingham 2028



Credit: © Natural England/Nick White





### 3. An activated and healthy sustainable city



Nottingham's open and green spaces provide nature connectedness for people.

Sustaining our open and green spaces helps people stay healthy, mentally and physically

Consolidating partnerships with Public Health and Green Social prescribing connects people most at risk of health inequality to nature.

Food growing can happen in allotments and edible plantings in parks, urban orchards, open-access gardens, school gardens, and in street planters.





## 4. Creating nature-rich, beautiful spaces for people



Volunteers are vital in co-creating and maintaining nature-rich beautiful spaces generating valuable skills and experiences. By developing new activities and experiences we move to a more inclusive and socially progressive model.

In undertaking the research for this strategy new thinking has been explored especially around play i.e. Make Space for Girls and Child Friendly Nottingham

More effective consultation and participation will make our spaces more relevant, accessible and future-proof.



# Volunteering & Community Engagement

- 4,434 new trees planted across 16 sites in 2023/4
- Over 42,000 trees since 2019
- Over 200 active tree planting volunteers registered with the Nottingham Green Guardians
- A total of 190 hours given since 1st October 2023



# Key Partners

We can't deliver this strategy on our own, we need to work with partners throughout the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Sector. We will build new relationships over the next 5 years, but we already have relationships with key partners, who have helped us to get this far, and will be instrumental in our work during this time.

## Nottingham Open Space Forum (NOSF)

An independent charity which brings together Friends of Groups, other volunteers, community gardeners, partner organisations and other stakeholders to create a support network. They aim to work together and in partnership with Nottingham City Council and other public landowners to promote, protect, conserve and enhance the open and green spaces of our City.

## Nottingham Community and Voluntary Service (NCVS)

Nottingham Community and Voluntary Service aims to improve the quality of people's lives in Nottingham by strengthening the voluntary and community sector. Their mission is to support VCSE organisations and groups to grow their capacity and capability, to increase the scale, scope and impact of volunteering and to be a strong, strategic voice for the sector.

## Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust

Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust is the county's leading conservation charity run by local people for the benefit of local wildlife, with nature reserves across the county - part of a UK network of 46 local Wildlife Trusts working to protect wildlife.

## Wild.NG

Wild.NG is a volunteer led project, for local people and led by local people. Their mission is to aid nature's recovery where we live, by creating active communities, street by street. They want to inspire a new energy of action for nature and create extraordinary opportunities, which are positive for local people and the natural world.



Nottinghamshire  
Wildlife Trust



Nottingham  
Green  
Guardians



Nottingham  
City Council



# What next ?

## Nature Cities and Towns

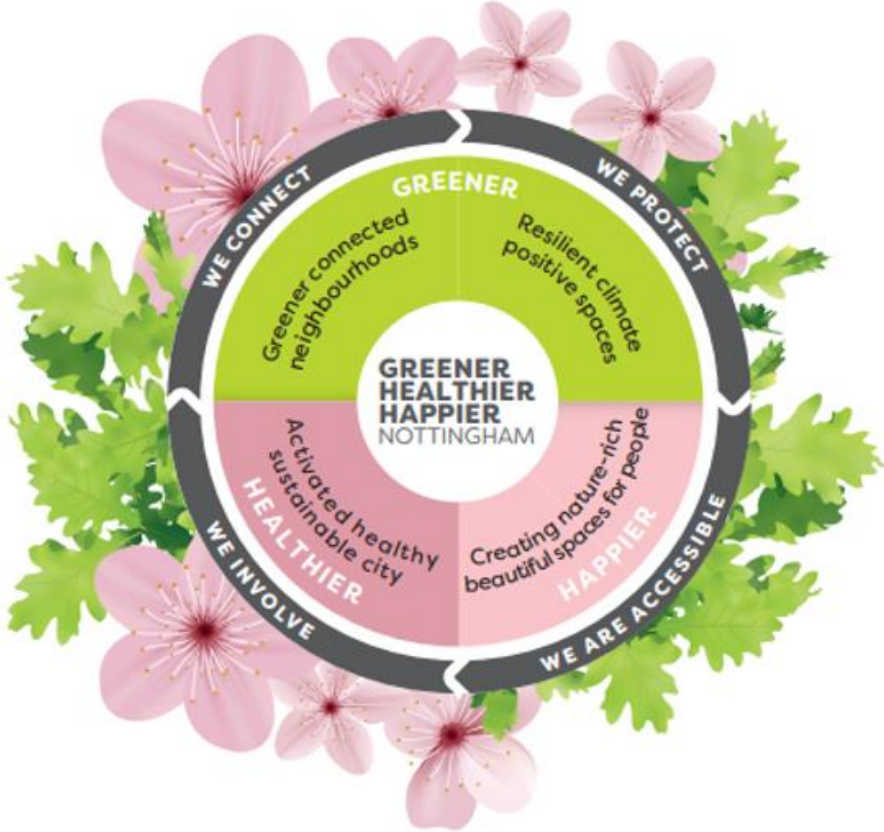
- 3- year programme scaling FPA learnings only available to selected local authorities
- Ambition to develop exemplars that will catalyse delivery of the Government's commitment to 'Green in 15'
- Large scale grant-funded programme
- Accreditation scheme with incentives
- Learning and inspiration network with bespoke support
- Award scheme celebrating ambitious delivery for people, nature and climate.



# What next ?

- Adoption at Executive Board level of Greener, Healthier Happier Nottingham including Volunteering Strategy
- Biodiversity Net Gain Duty – guidance, SPD and implementation
- Contribution to Local Nature Recovery Strategies
- Greenspace Area Improvement Plans
- Development of Capital Investment Programme (utilising strategic approach for identifying projects)

Thank you -Any Questions?







# KSRRE

Empowering Communities through Inclusive Design





**01** What are the issues faced by teenage girls?

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**02** What does better design look like?

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**03** Say hello to KORE

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# 01

What are the issues faced by teenage girls?





“Why would I go to the park?  
there's nothing there for me”.

Lily, 14

# THE CURRENT PROVISION FOR TEENAGE GIRLS

MUGA'S



SKATEPARKS



OUTDOOR GYMS



BMX TRACK



There's a problem with public parks that has led to two key issues faced by teenage girls; losing interest and dropping out of sport and not feeling safe outdoors.

More than 1 million girls in the UK lose interest in sport as teenagers.

The Guardian, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022

New research reveals 80% of girls don't feel safe outside

Girl Guiding, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021



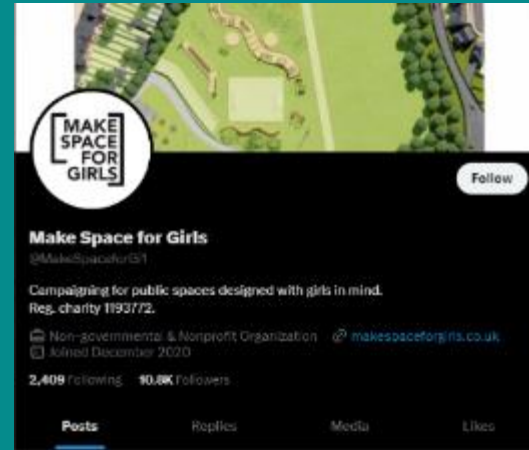
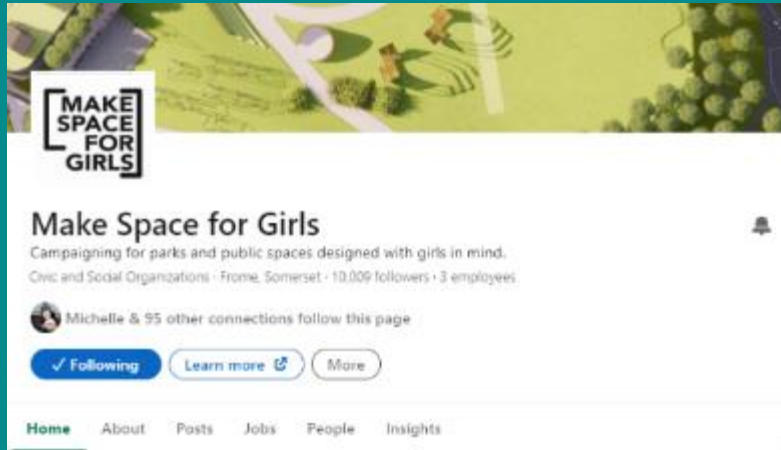


## BUSTING THE MYTH

“We must bust the myth that teenage girls drop out of sport simply because their priorities change.

Teenage girls are not voluntarily leaving sport, they are being pushed out as a consequence of deep-rooted gender stereotypes”.

Stephanie Hilborne, Chief Executive of Women in Sport



# THE CHAMPIONS!



Make Space for Girls  
Women in Sport  
& Yorkshire Sport  
Foundation have  
championed this issue

“Involving girls in urban development will make the city better for everyone. Girl's plan and design with diversity and different needs in mind. Participatory processes are key for planning a city that works for everyone. If we let citizens that are rarely heard be the experts, our cities and communities will become more inclusive, equal and sustainable.”

Her City – The Tables Are Turned



02

**What does better design look  
like?**

If we can align outdoor sport, exercise and physical activity in parks with what really matters to girls at this life-stage, it can have a more relevant and meaningful role in their lives and increase and sustain their engagement.

## What really matters to teenage girls? Five Anchors\*

### Support Network

A strong support network is vital to give girls a sense of place and identity in the world. Friends and mums in particular, are important influencers.

### Socially connected

Social media plays a significant role in girls' lives, providing important validation of who they are, their friendships, popularity and success.

### Independence and new experiences

This life-stage is all about independence, discovery, new experiences and making formative memories.

### Moments of pride

Girls live in a world of great pressure to achieve and be good at everything, and moments of pride help to build girls confidence and realise their best.

### Keeping on top of it all

This is a time when girls have to set their own priorities and juggle what they 'must do' with what they 'want to do'.

## Opportunities for parks

Create opportunities to enjoy activity with family and friends

Leverage/ build on existing habits and behaviours and use tech innovatively

Inspire discovery of new/exciting experiences and possibilities

Create opportunities for girls to build confidence (challenge, pride)

Reframe parks as 'time well spent' and connection to nature and wellbeing

\*Source: Women in Sport (2019) Reframing Sport for Teenage Girls: Building Strong Foundations for their Futures

## Park providers should...



### **Involve teenage girls in shaping the parks and communities they live in.**

Consult and co-create with local teenage girls to design and develop inclusive, active parks that meet girls' needs, and those of the wider community.



### **Create varied, exciting and innovative spaces to support girls to get active.**

Re-imagine existing space, facilities and equipment to be more purposeful and exciting, and to minimise scrutiny and judgement for girls.

Provide more prompts and guidance to show how space and equipment can be used for physical activity.

Use and integrate technology more innovatively with physical activity.



# WHAT DOES BETTER LOOK LIKE?





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No  
Barriers

Different  
Zones

Un-Prescriptive  
Design

Unique  
Play  
Experience

Suitable  
for all  
Ages





# CASE STUDY: BREDÄNG, STOCKHOLM





# WHAT WOULD A GENDER NEUTRAL MUGA LOOK LIKE?





03

KRONE

Activate your space!

# DESIGN PRINCIPLES: Let's Start with Consultation!



# KORE ESSENTIALS



INTERACTIVE

EQUIPPED

INCLUSIVE

ACTIVATED

DATA-DRIVEN





# HOW IT WORKS

Identify the Space

Engage with the Community

Generate Design

Re-Engage with Community

Finalise your KORE design



45+  
Modules!

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Adaptable

Suitable for all Abilities

No Barriers

Unique Active Experiences

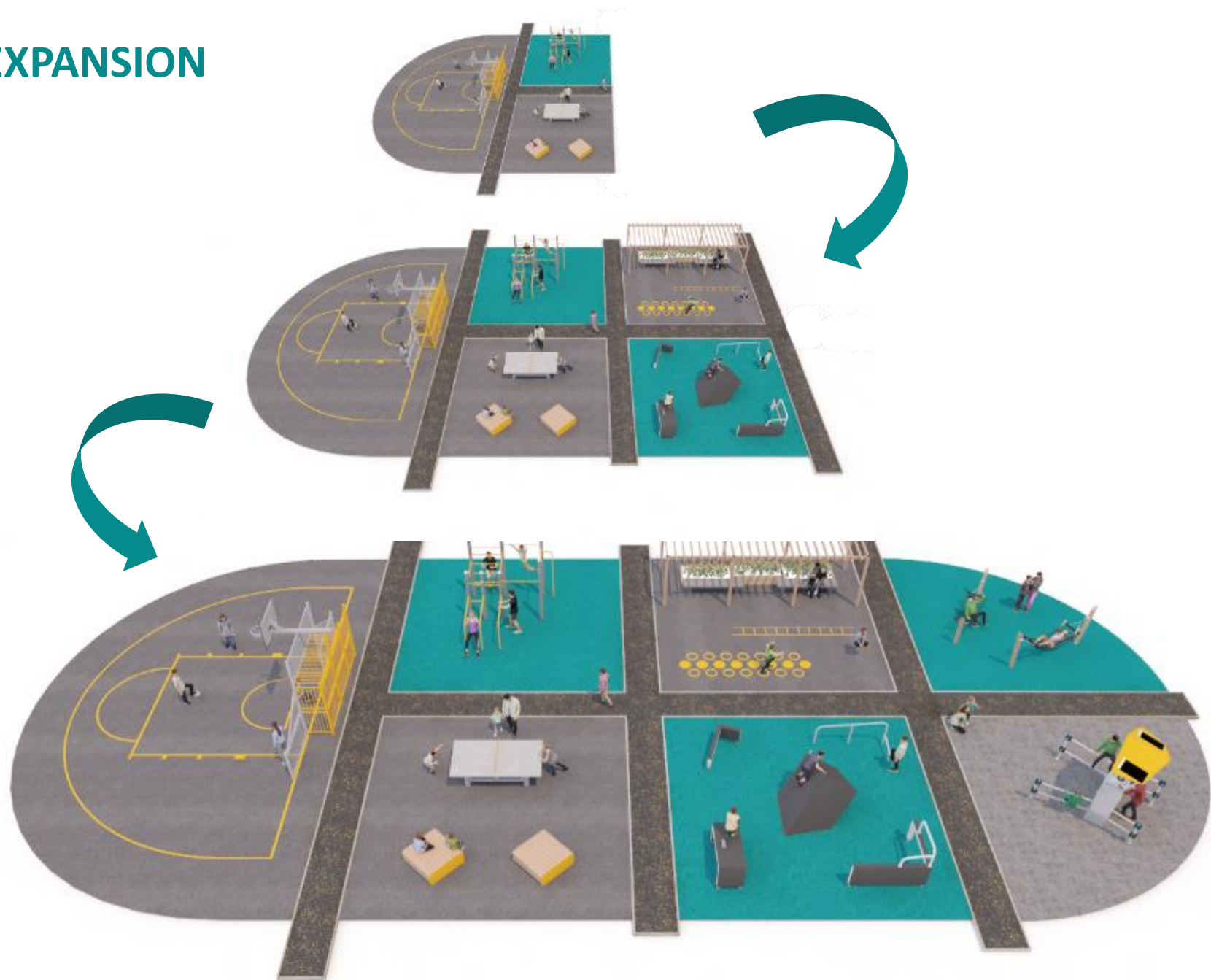
Non Prescriptive Design

Design with your Community

Different Activity Zones



# PHASED EXPANSION







# How does KORE compare to the current options?

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# LET'S COMPARE

- Goal Games
- Hoop Games
- Limited Groups

£85k



- Interactive
- Shaded Area
- Goal Games
- Hoop Games
- Alternative Games
- Multi Group Use

- Social Seating
- Walking Route
- Real ROI Data
- Creative and Performance Space





£56k

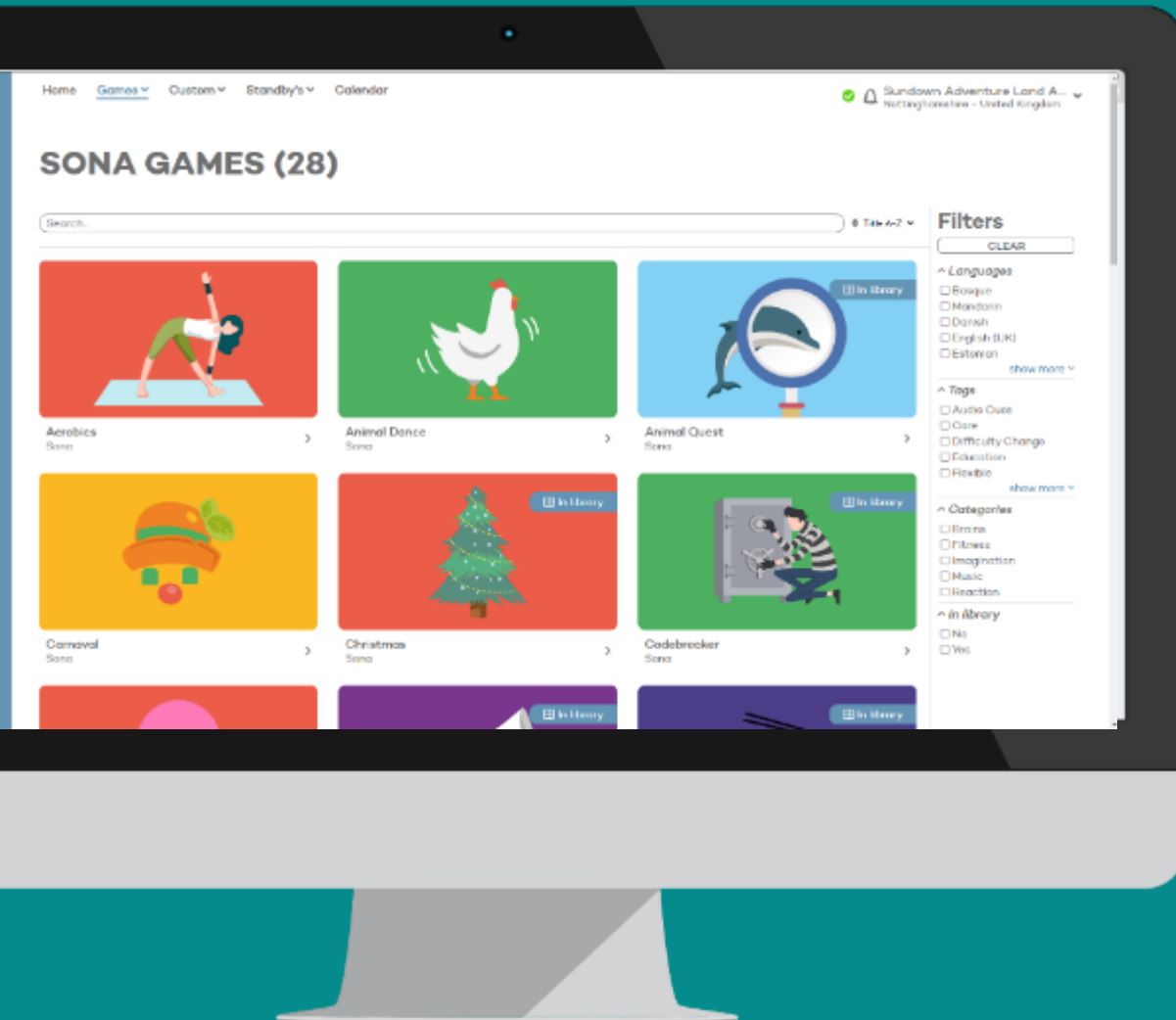
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- Interactive
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- Multi Group Use
- Social Seating
- Walking Route
- Real ROI Data
- Ready for future expansion



# Gamification



- **Mind** - Practice with colors, numbers, shapes & audio. Train your memory, solve problems and stimulate your mind.
- **Fitness** - Move, exercise, and improve your motor skills, stamina, and physical condition.
- **Imagination** - Be creative, involve your imagination and role-play. Unstructured play, with no rules, goals, or results.
- **Music** - Enjoy & dance to music. Learn rhythm, dance together, and experience new music styles
- **Reaction** - Practice your reflexes. Focus, multi-task and increase your physical & mental reaction speed and time.

# Equip your Space!



## Our mission

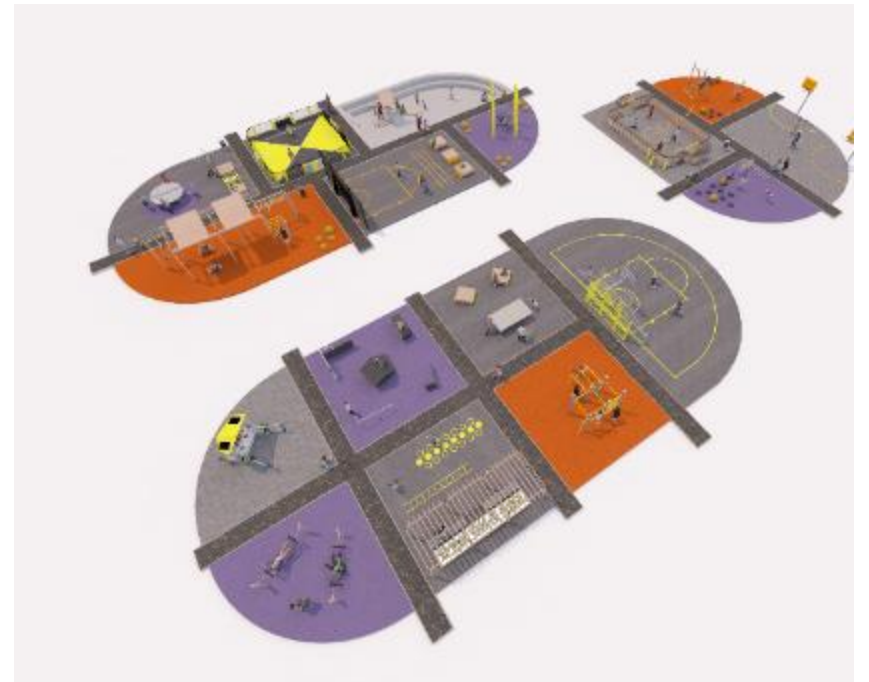
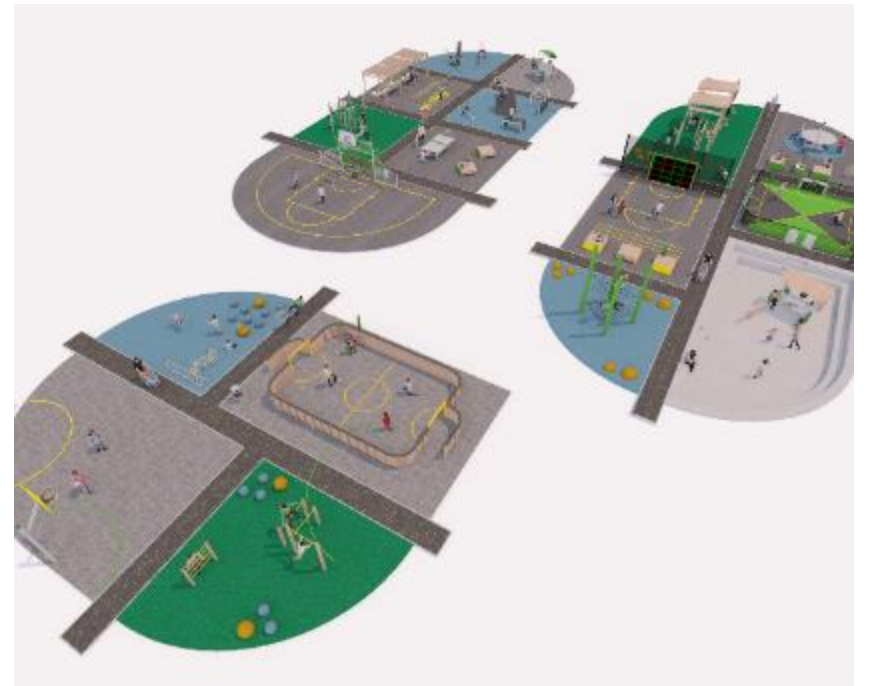
To make sports and leisure equipment accessible to all.



# Customise your Space!



# Adaptable Colours and Design





# A Concept Made for Girls











# THE BENEFITS OF KORE

- A tool to design your KORE both physical and web based, giving the community ownership of the space.
- The use of our Interactive range to show the true ROI of the investment.
- The range of equipment available through our Global Partners offers a true diverse range to cater to any community needs.
- KORE can be ever evolving and added to due to its' layout.
- Games can be changed on a regular basis to future proof the investment.



# KEY LEARNING POINTS

- You don't need to understand how a girl thinks, you need to ask them what they like doing and show them what is possible!
- Designing with girls in mind will produce designs that benefit the whole community.
- We need to rethink what it means to be active, moving away from a sport focus to an activity focus.
- We believe KORE can deliver an inclusive, active space, fit for the whole community.



INTERACTIVE



EQUIPPED



INCLUSIVE



ACTIVATED



DATA-DRIVEN

“Most parks have more facilities for dog waste than for teenage girls”

Parkwatch Report 2023



# Come and work with us!

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discussion going  
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