Welcome to our public exhibition on the plans for an improved play area and skate park as part of the wider New Century Park project.

You may already be aware that London Luton Airport Ltd (LLAL) has previously announced it is to submit a planning application for New Century Park – an exciting commercial development including a new access road – which will deliver new jobs as part of the SEMLEP’s Government-backed London Luton Airport Enterprise Zone.

As part of the work undertaken on the New Century Park scheme, the project team working on behalf of LLAL carried out a programme of engagement earlier this year to give local stakeholders and the wider community an opportunity to input into the pre-planning process.

The purpose of this event is to discuss the significant investment in improved facilities in the northern area of the existing Wigmore Valley Park.

Supporting the Luton Investment Framework

The New Century Park project is the latest in a series of developments being delivered by LLAL in the continuing delivery of the Luton Investment Framework, which is a transformation programme that will help attract much-needed new jobs and improve life opportunities for local people.

The programme will deliver £1.5bn investment into the borough over 20 years to create 18,500 quality jobs for local people and LLAL is a key delivery partner for making this happen.

NEW CENTURY PARK

The proposed masterplan for the New Century Park project will unlock this key employment site and deliver significant benefits to the community including to:

- Create thousands of local employment opportunities on the site of varying skills, levels and positions
- Create additional employment linked to the business park through local contracts such as cleaning, gardening etc.
- Create additional temporary employment during the construction of the site
- Deliver modern and flexible business space and attract inward investment which will support economic growth in Luton and across the sub-region
- Improve park facilities in the northern section of Wigmore Valley Park including delivering new children’s play equipment
- Provide a new café and community use in Wigmore Pavilion
- Provide a new dual carriageway connecting to the A1081, which should alleviate pressure on the existing road network
- Investment in Luton's public services and infrastructure


Illustrative plan of proposed new layout for northern part of Wigmore Valley Park

*Public Right of Way
New Century Park
Play Space

LLAL has partnered with KOMPAN Ltd for the design and build of the play facility which will provide a unique playground experience for local residents to Wigmore Valley Park and create a play space with an association with the airport.

The initial thoughts for the play space have been provided over the following boards but it is envisaged that the final design will be reached through consideration of the feedback provided during this consultation.

Where the journey begins
Please find below our storyline, which tracks the journey of our family from their home to their holiday destination.

Home
The journey begins at home with the packing of holiday essentials into suitcases. The family could either be local to Luton or be travelling from far away.

Transportation to and from the airport
Load your luggage and then, depending on how you are travelling, the next stage of the journey is to leave the family home and to go to/from the airport via:
- Car, using the M1 or via local roads
- Bus
- Train

Luton is a gateway to London as many people will come from and go to the capital so we wanted to include strong links by red buses and the rail link to St. Pancras station.

For those travelling by car, they join Airport Way and see “Welcome to Luton” signs before passing over the River Lea. Continuing further along Airport Way, the cars enter a small tunnel which passes under the airport complex.

As you approach the airport you see the terminal building, the control tower and perhaps even the runway with planes taking off and landing.

It’s a busy place with lots of people coming and going, either about to leave or having just arrived.

At the airport
On arrival at the airport, there is lots to see and do in the terminal building:
- Departure and arrival boards
- Check-in
- Security and immigration
- Moving walkways
- Air bridges to the aeroplanes
- Boarding the aircraft

In the clouds
Once above the clouds, the sky is bright blue, with only the odd cloud and perhaps a glimpse of a nearby plane below you, perhaps circling and waiting for a turn to land.

As you approach your holiday destination, wonder at the sight of spectacular mountain ranges below you.

Touch-down
We have chosen a city break for the destination, a faraway town or city where there is a castle on a hill surrounded by water with mountains in the background.

Take-off
For some the most exciting while for others perhaps a little nervy but the sensation of take-off is something to behold as you feel the power of the aircraft along the runway and finally that sensation of flight.
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Play Space

Tiny tots - Terminal 1
New Century Park
Play Space

Junior - Teen Terminal 2 - view east
New Century Park
Play Space

Junior - Teen Terminal 2 - view west
For the new skate facilities proposed as part of the New Century Park plans, LLAL has partnered with Maverick Industries to design a skate park to provide the local riding community with a unique state-of-the-art, wheeled sports park that is fully compliant with safety guidelines.

The proposed skate park is bespoke to Wigmore Valley Park and is a comprehensive design working within the existing levels across the site, the surrounding treeline and the access points to the site. The proposed design aims to appeal to learners who are just starting out and those who are riding at an advanced level. The variety of features has also been designed to serve the needs of skateboarders, BMX and scooter riders. A concrete facility of this nature will almost certainly attract a wide age group.

**Design for Skate Park**

The design for the skate park integrates subtly segregated spaces with different zones enabling larger numbers of people to use the space at the same time, safely. This spacious, open design gives riders the luxury of being able to roll through the park without the worry of collisions. Maverick have subtly injected different colours and textures into the design to highlight some of the street features.

The facility is designed to complement the surrounding area and blend with the green space through bunding and natural planting. The access into the proposed space is off Eaton Green Road.

All the edges and ledges in the park are finished in galvanised steel, to protect the surface and give the park a high quality look and feel. The surface of the skate park will be finished so that it is smooth and fast, yet retains adequate grip for skate, BMX and scooters. The facility should be seen as a public space available to all and a great addition to the community.
New Century Park
Skate Park

WIGMORE VALLEY PARK SKATEPARK

01. Half Pipe/Flatbank 450mm high
02. Round Rail 375mm high
03. Quarter Pipe 1600mm high (R2.5)
04. Quarter Pipe Hip 1400mm high
05. Quarter Pipe Hip 1000mm high
06. Manual Rail/Ledge 300mm high
07. 3x Steps 450mm high
08. Round Rail 400-600mm High
09. Flatbank 400mm high
10. Planter 900mm high
11. Floating Ledge 450mm high
12. Stairs 450mm high
13. Hipped Flatbank 450mm high
14. Ledge/Planter 300mm high
15. Hipped Flatbank 450mm high
16. 6x Steps 450mm high
17. Pergola & Curved Bench
18. Round Rail 450-600mm High
19. Flatbank 400mm high
20. Planter 900mm high
21. Floating Ledge 450mm high
22. Lodge 500-700mm high
23. Euro Gap 900mm high
24. 6x Stair Set 900mm high
25. Lodge 500-700mm high
26. Quarter Pipe 1400mm high (R2.1)
27. Quarter Pipe Hip 1400mm high
28. Manual Rail/Ledge 300mm high
29. Quarter Pipe Hip 1000mm high (R1.8)
30. Hollow Rail 600mm high
31. Curved Bench 450mm high
32. Taco 1200mm high (R2.3)
33. Taco 1200mm high (R2.3)
34. Taco 1200mm high (R2.3)
35. Hollow Rail 600mm high
36. Curved Bench 450mm high
37. Bowl 1200mm Deep (R2.1)
38. Bowl Hip (R2.1)
39. Waterfall 700mm high with Hips
40. Bowl Deep End 1800mm high (R2.5)
41. Access Path 1.8m wide

PARK DIMS
58.9m x 25.1m
New Century Park

Next steps

Thank you for taking the time to attend this public exhibition and for taking a look at the proposals for the play space and skate park facilities.

If you have any questions about the plans relating to these aspects, please do speak to a member of the project team before you leave today or feel free to contact us using the details provided.

If you would like to provide any feedback on the proposals, you can complete a feedback form and return it before you leave. Alternatively you can complete the form and return it after the event using one of our complimentary Freepost envelopes or by contacting us by phone or by email.

All of the feedback received will be considered by the project team as part of the development process for the New Century Park planning application.

Please make sure that you submit any feedback by 28th October 2017, so that we can review all responses prior to preparing the final plans for submission to the Council.

Contact us

Please feel free to contact a member of the project team via one of the following options:

- Call us: 0344 225 0003
- Email us: newcenturypark@glhearn.com
- Complete a feedback form and hand it in to a member of the team
- Post it using the Freepost envelopes
- Write to us: Freepost RTHZ-AKZT-SABG, GL Hearn Limited, 280 High Holborn, London WC1V 7EE

For anyone unable to attend the public exhibition or if you would like to take another look at the proposals, these exhibition boards will also be on display on the dedicated project website from 14th October.

To view the exhibition boards please visit the below address where you will be able to download a PDF copy of the boards and you will also be able to complete a feedback form which can be submitted directly to the project team.

www.llal.org.uk/LLAL-NCP.html