

**People and Communities Select Committee**  
**18 March 2022**

**Item 5; Public Questions**

**Question from Stewert Trotter:**

Since the game of chess has had a massive rise in popularity over the past couple of years due to lockdowns and "The Queen's Gambit" on Netflix, I would ask if it's possible to have an outdoor chess park based somewhere like The Walks in the summer time.

I think this would be great for the local community, young people, and people who wish to socialise and enjoy the game of chess!

Since lockdown in 2020 chess has become a big part of my life, and I think would be beneficial for the community, and for your mental health and improving cognition.

**Response from the Chairman**

Public parks and open spaces usually fall under the remit of district council's recreation and leisure functions. The Walks in King's Lynn is maintained by the Borough Council which, in conjunction with the volunteer organisation the Friends of the Walks, has recently invested in the restoration of the park. Norfolk County Council recommends contacting these organisations to discuss additional facilities in the Walks, and other local parks.