

Cherry Hinton Hall Play Area Redevelopment

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Background

- £150k was allocated from South Area 106 Funds via the funding rounds in 2019 and approved at Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee 25/06/2019
- £90k is specifically for play spend, 60k is specifically for associated landscape spend.
- The money is specific to these spending pots and cannot be spent on other items
- The allocation was made by the Executive Councillor for Streets and Open Spaces with Cherry Hinton Hall seen as a key strategic open space in the south of the city.

Process

- February 2020 Officers develop Business Case for the play area redevelopment, including EQIA and Climate Change Impact Report subsequently approved to proceed
- Design and build tenders invited June 2020 and returns evaluated by officers
- Preferred bidder (Kompan Ltd) notified of success August 2020
- Cherry Hinton Ward members notified in September 2020 of award and of forthcoming consultation
- Public Consultation September 28th -23rd October 2020 (further comments permitted during week after to allow Friends wider membership additional time)
- Public consultation used standard format with online availability and 400 leaflets printed and delivered in area immediately surrounding the Hall grounds

Play Area Design



Consultation Analysis

- Results upon formal closure 23/10/20: In favour – 185 (79%) Against 41 (17%) Don't know – 11(4%)
- Results with extension comments included - For – 185 (83%), Against 29 (12%), Don't know – 11 (5%)
- 3 were because we should be using the money elsewhere (not permitted under the terms of the S106 agreement),
- 4 were that CHH was not suitable for a play area and should deal only with wildlife (although a play area already exists),
- 8 were regarding the possibility of ASB (cameras will be installed),
- 2 were about there being too many trees, 1 saying there were not enough trees (no trees are being added or removed),
- 1 was that the cycle racks flood and 1 was that refuse vehicles hit trees in the street where they live.

Consultation analysis (continued)

- Positive comments received included:
 - Imaginative play with re-occurring comments on the Pirate Ship play piece
 - Popularity of the park
 - In keeping with surrounding area
- Concerns received included:
 - Area to be used and encroachment
 - Height of the pirate play piece
 - Potential of enhancing ASB

Responding to concerns

- Area – Map shows existing and proposed, additional land used is minimal and is to accommodate Zip slide
- Height of play piece – planning parameter advises max 4 metre height to immediate surround ground levels
- ASB – Officers have agreed to installation of a camera within the grounds to monitor this

Timetable

- Current review of consultation results with Kompan
- Work timetabled for January 2021
- Open for spring 2021

Questions