



Project Appraisal and Area Committee Recommendation

Project Name: Chestnut Grove Play Area
To: Area Chair, Vice Chair and Opposition Spokes
Area committee: NORTH AREA COMMITTEE
Report by: Alistair Wilson Streets & Open Space –
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Wards affected: West Chesterton

Recommendation/s

Financial recommendations –

- The North Area Committee Chair is asked to approve the commencement of this scheme, which is included in the Council's Capital & Revenue Project Plan – scheme reference number PR031d
- The total cost of the project is £50,000 funded from developer contributions, £35,000 allocated to play, £15,000 allocated to informal open space.
- Revenue costs of the project would be met out of existing play area maintenance budgets.

Procurement recommendations:

- The North Area Committee Chair is asked to note that Officers' have carried out and completed the procurement for improvements to the Chestnut Grove flats play area.
- The quotations do not exceed the project contract costs; and
- Permission from the North Area Committee Chair will be sought before proceeding, if the value exceeds the estimated contract by more than 15%.

- Play Equipment Option shown Appendix A will be installed.

1 Summary

1.1 The project

Installation of toddler play provision, Chestnut Grove Play Area, Cambridge.

Target Dates:

Start of procurement	February 2015
Award of Contract	May 2015
Start of project delivery	June 2015
Completion of project	July 2015
Date that project output is expected to become operational (if not same as above)	As above

1.2 Anticipated Cost

Total Project Cost	£50,000
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Cost Funded from:

Funding:	Amount:	Details:
Reserves	£0	n/a
Repairs & Renewals	£0	n/a
Developer Contributions	£50,000	£35,000 Play and £15 Informal Open Space
Climate Change Fund	£0	n/a
Other	£0	n/a

1.3 Procurement process

The procurement the play equipment was achieved through the use of a Request for Quotes exercise (RFQ).

2 Project Appraisal & Procurement Report

2.1 Project Background

2.1.1 In January 2013, the Executive Councillor agreed to supplement the limited S106 play provision funding devolved to the North Area with contributions from the same category in the strategic/city-wide fund. This enabled the North Area Committee, at its August 2013 meeting, to prioritise £50k improvements to Chestnut Grove play area.

2.1.2 An Request for Quotation (RFQ) was sent out in February 2015 with a closing date for submission of quotes on Monday 23rd March 2015. Three companies submitted designs.

2.2 Aims & objectives

To re-design and innovate play at Chestnut Grove play area for the age range 0-11 years.

2.3 Consultation undertaken

2.3.1 The City Council planning services has stated that the project falls within part 12 of the General Permitted Development Order 1995 (as amended) and constitute permitted development, however it was advised that consultation be taken with the local community. This has now been completed.

2.3.2 A web survey based on the design chosen was used to allow local resident feedback and this conducted on the March 27th until the 17 April 2015 based on to preferred submission following officer evaluation (see appendix A)

2.3.3 The web survey also complimented by a mail drop to residents in the immediate vicinity of the site.

2.3.4 By return, 39 comments were received.

In response to the question, ‘Do you like the proposed design?’ 72% said ‘Yes’, 13% said ‘No’ and 15% said ‘Not Sure’.

2.3.5 Main comments **for** the overall scheme:

- The design is truly beautiful and will be well enjoyed by the residents of the local area;
- Design makes good use of natural materials and play and looks fun;
- Good to see seating provision for adults to compliment the play;
- Really like the natural maze and birds nest play features

2.3.6 Main comments **against** the overall scheme:

- Sand pit not a good idea as cats will foul it making it unsafe for children – *Officer comment - the council has several sand features across the city which have proved to be a popular play addition. The site will be inspected and maintained on a regular basis*
- The area has poor lighting if any and is more urgently needed – *Officer comment - the 106 funding allocated is for play provision and lighting is therefore outside the scope of this project.*
- Not much provision for younger children – *The designated age range for this design is 0-11 years, some features are aimed towards the below 5 age group, for example the sand play, swing and maze.*
- Design does not allow space for football on the space; *Officer comment – noted, the play footprint will be carefully considered when installing to ensure space outside the play is optimised.*

2.3.7 Many respondents were in principle happy to see the play installed but suggested possible adaptations to the design;

- Money should be spent on more equipment rather than the entrance feature;

- Please can extra bins be provided;
- Please consider ordinary swings, particularly for toddlers;
- Please retain the fencing – dogs exercised on this space
- Is there a possibility of a Zipwire?

2.3.8 With specific reference to the fencing the importance of enclosing the play area is recognised and this adaption will be made with the play company as required to prevent dogs from accessing.

2.5 Summaries key risks associated with the project

2.5.1 In scoping this project, Officers' have liaised with other colleagues to make sure that it is consistent with other uses of the park and the improvement to the entrances, which will be taking place alongside this project.

2.5.2 The installation of the play equipment has a project target deadline of July 2015 is seen to be achievable.

2.6 Financial implications

The Developer Contributions Monitoring team has confirmed that there are sufficient devolved developer contributions available and that there are no particular expiry date issues here.

2.7 Net revenue implications (costs or savings)

Revenue	£	Comments
Maintenance	Cost neutral	There is existing revenue budget
R&R Contribution		
Developer Contributions		
Energy savings		
Income / Savings		
Net Revenue effect	0	Cost

2.8 VAT implications

None identified.

2.9 Energy and Fuel Savings

None identified.

2.10 Climate Change Impact

Positive Impact			No effect	Negative Impact		
+H	+M	+L	Nil	-L	-M	-H

2.11 Other implications

2.11.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has been carried out for this project with no negative impact identified.

2.12 Staff required to deliver the project

Service	Skills	Total Hours
Streets & OS Development Unit	<i>Project Management</i>	10

2.13 Dependency on other work or projects

2.13.1 None

2.14 Background Papers

i) Agenda and minutes North Area Committee

ii) Summary of consultation results..

2.15 Inspection of papers

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Appendix A

Appendix A: Consultation document outlining proposal:



Chestnut Grove Playground Consultation

Cambridge City Council is proposing the addition of new playground equipment to Chestnut Grove play area. We would appreciate your feedback on the proposal and so would like to give local residents the opportunity to make suggestions in response to the indicative design.

See overleaf for further details and visuals of the design

1. Do you like the proposed design?

Yes No Not Sure

2. Please use the space below to explain your answers and make any suggestions.

Please reply via email at Parks@cambridge.gov.uk or send to

Alternatively complete the consultation online at:-

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8ZSYCBX>

This consultation closes on Friday 17th of April 2015

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