

INVITATION TO TENDER

For Play Equipment, Final Phase, at Park Street Lane Recreation Ground, St
Albans.

Closing date and time for submission of tenders

5pm, 30th June

06/06/2023

Invitation to Tender Ref: 263

Scope of Procurement: Play Equipment, Final Phase, Park Street Recreation Ground, St Albans AL2 2NE

St Stephen Parish Council (SSPC) is pleased to invite you to tender to undertake the Final Phase of Park Street Recreation Ground play area refurbishment.

This Invitation to Tender sets out the information which is required in order to assess the suitability of applicants in terms of their ability to carry out the contract, previous experience, pricing, service levels and delivery timeline to meet the requirements of St Stephen Parish Council for this assessment.

The successful applicant will be required to deliver services in accordance with all attached documents and the contract to be placed with the successful applicant. Elements of the contract can be subcontracted out but this must be made clear in the applicant's tender and details of the proposed company undertaking the work shared with St Stephen Parish Council.

Any questions concerning this document or the tendering process or requests for site visits should be sent via email no later than **23rd June 2023**. The deadline for submission is **Friday 30th June 2023**. If it is necessary to amend the Invitation to Tender documents prior to the submission of tender proposals, or to extend the tender period, all applicants will be notified by email.

St Stephen Parish Council may either waive or insist on strict compliance with any requirement set out within this Invitation to Tender. St Stephen Parish Council reserves the right not to contract or contract only in part with any applicant.

The information supplied within this Invitation to Tender and accompanying documents reflects St Stephen Parish Council's current view of the services required. Whilst the information in this Invitation to Tender has been prepared in good faith, it does not purport to be comprehensive or to have been independently verified. This Invitation to Tender is issued on the basis that:

- St Stephen Parish Council does not accept any liability, responsibility or duty of care to any tenderer for the adequacy, accuracy or completeness of this Invitation to Tender or for anything said or done in relation to the procurement to which this Invitation to Tender relates.
- St Stephen Parish Council does not make any (express or implied) representation or warranty either about the information contained in this Invitation to Tender or on which it is based, or about any written or oral information that may be made available to any applicant.
- Nothing contained in this Invitation to Tender constitutes an inducement or incentive in any way to persuade an interested person to pursue its interest, submit a tender proposal or enter into any contract.
- Neither this Invitation to Tender nor any information supplied by St Stephen Parish Council should be relied on as a promise or representation as to its future requirements.
- This Invitation to Tender is neither an offer capable of acceptance nor is it intended to create a binding contract nor is it capable of creating such a contract by any subsequent actions.

Applicants should complete the Contract Form, **Appendix A** and Tenderer Declaration Form, **Appendix B**, and return with the completed proposal, as per the instructions set out in this Invitation to Tender.

Yours faithfully

Sue Hake

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Parish Clerk

Tender Contact:

Sue Hake
St Stephen Parish Council
Station Road,
Bricket Wood,
St. Albans AL2 3PJ

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Scope of Procurement: Specification for Final Phase Park Street Recreation Ground Play Area Refurbishment

Summary

Phase 1 of the new playground equipment installation has been completed and Phase 2 is in progress.

This brief is for the removal of the existing play equipment in the final phase area, carrying out of necessary groundworks, design implementation, supply and installation of play equipment and wet pour play surface for the Final Phase refurbishment of Park Street Recreation Ground play area. The site is situated in Park Street Village, please see location plan **Appendix C**.

The budget is £100,000.

Outline of Requirements /Specifications:

Removal of existing play area equipment and play surface:

Seesaw

Springer

Multi-play unit

Please see **Appendix F** for photographs of equipment to be removed

Installation of new play area equipment, groundworks and play surface (wet pour).

- Toddler area-to include play house with slide, Jumbo aeroplane, bus multi play unit with slide, 3 way seesaw and tick-tock panel, spinner bowl in yellow, cloud climber, toddler spica
- Young Children area- to include Pirate shipwreck with slide and 1 dolphin springer and 1 shark springer and multi-springer.
- Groundworks to prepare for new surface to comprise:
 - Excavate 150mm of existing grass surfacing 16sqm.
 - Preparation for installing new Wetpour including disposal of old surfacing
 - Supply & Lay Type 1 Mot Stone 100mm 16sqm.

Surfacing-Wetpour

Supply and install green rubber mulch with coloured Wetpour Wear Pads 203sqm.

- Site Preliminaries
 - Heras fencing, 117m storage, offloading and freight
- Landscaping
 - Making good
 - Supply and lay turf
- Inspection Post Installation
 - Arrange to have new installed play area to be inspected and assessed by qualified independent play area inspector (from Register of Play Inspectors International).

Contract requirements

- The brief for the contract is for work to be completed according to the design specification and plan. Any interested Contractor should satisfy themselves of both the site and surrounding area for accuracy and suitability prior to submitting a tender. Arrangements for visiting site must be made through the council. Initial work to start in September 2023 and work to be completed preferably within 8 weeks of the start.
- To provide a price for all the required work.
- Tender prices must remain open for acceptance for 12 months from submission date. Please advise if this is not possible.
- Tenderers shall clearly identify the construction material for each element and provide a guarantee of the life expectancy of the facility, which should accompany the designs.

- Any work that is tendered for should be accompanied by photographs or illustrations of the equipment or materials to be used e.g. play equipment and surfaces.
Please see **Appendix D and E** for renderings and plan.

Background

Park Street Recreation Ground, Park Street Lane, St. Albans, AL2 2NE is a leisure amenity site managed and maintained by St Stephen Parish Council for the benefit of the residents of the parish. It includes a play area, cricket square, cricket pavilion, car park and parkland.

Over the past 3 years we have been refurbishing the play area and equipment to enhance the play provision for children in the community.

The Final Phase will complete the planned refurbishment of the play area and establish age-appropriate play for 3-12 year olds.

The project stages are detailed below. The timeline set out above is intended as a guide only. The Council reserves the right to terminate, amend, or vary the procurement process at any time.

Timeline

PRE-CONTRACT STAGE	DATE
Issue Invitation to Tender	9 th June 2023
Closing date for questions and or site visit	23 rd June 2023
Tender Return Deadline	30 th June 2023
Tender Evaluation	30 th June to 5 th July 2023
Contract Awarded / Approval at Full Council	6 th July

REMOVAL and INSTALLATION STAGE	DATE
Date of Commencement	September 2023 TBC
Date for Completion	To be agreed but to be completed preferably within 8 weeks of the start date. Please specify the build time in your tender submission

Award Criteria:

The Contract will be awarded on the basis of the following weighted award criteria:

	Award Criteria	Weighting
AC1	Conforming to Specification Submissions which do not, in the opinion of St Stephen Parish Council, adequately meet the Performance Specification will not be marked for the Technical Merit and Price Criteria outlined below and will not be taken forward to any subsequent stages of the Tender evaluation.	PASS/FAIL
AC2	Price	50%
AC3	Quality	50%
	TOTAL	100%

The **Quality** criteria are made up of the following sub-criteria:

AC3.1	Suitably trained and qualified staff for the range of requirements	50%
AC3.2	Previous experience in similar areas of work	50%

	TOTAL	100%
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Tender Instructions

Please provide a response to this Invitation to Tender by completing the Contractors Form and Tenderer Declaration Form (**Appendices A and B**) below and providing any additional or supporting information, which you consider appropriate. In completing the Invitation to Tender, please adhere to the structure contained in this document and include Not applicable where appropriate. Tenderers are advised that it is **compulsory** to complete and return of the Contractors Form and Tenderer Declaration Form. Failure to do so will mean that your tender is not considered.

Questions

If you have any specific questions concerning this document or the process for submission of your proposal, then please email The Clerk, Sue Hake at: clerk@ststephen-pc.gov.uk no later than the **23rd June 2023**. Only questions submitted to this email will be answered.

All responses received and any communication from tenderers will be treated in strict confidence.

Applicants can sub-contract elements of the specification, provided details of subcontracting company are provided. If you can only supply part of the specification, please quote for that/those element/s and make clear in the pricing schedule that certain elements are not being included.

The closing date and time for the receipt of submissions and all requested documentation relating to this stage is **5pm on Friday 30th June 2023**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Submissions will only be accepted if they are returned:

Via email to: clerk@ststephen-pc.gov.uk.

Subject Heading: CONFIDENTIAL TENDER DOCUMENTS REF 263

Or via post to:

The Parish Centre, Station Road, Bricket Wood, St Albans AL2 3PJ

Marked CONFIDENTIAL TENDER DOCUMENTS REF 263, for the attention of: Sue Hake, Parish Clerk.

Confidentiality and Disclaimer

This Invitation to Tender is not an offer capable of acceptance but represents a definition of specific legal service requirements and an invitation to submit a response addressing such requirements.

Neither the issue of the Invitation to Tender to you, your preparation and submission of a tender, or the subsequent receipt and evaluation of your tender by St Stephen Parish Council commits St Stephen Parish Council to award a contract to you or any other bidder, even if all requirements stated in the Invitation to Tender. St Stephen Parish Council is not responsible directly or indirectly for any costs incurred by your firm in responding to this Invitation to Tender and participating in St Stephen Parish Council's procurement process.

All firms shall keep strictly confidential any and all information contained in this Invitation to Tender, and other information or documents made available to it by or on behalf of St Stephen Parish Council in connection with this Invitation to Tender. The applicants shall not disclose, nor allow any such information to be disclosed. Submission of a formal response to this Invitation to Tender will confirm your agreement to observe these confidentiality requirements.

Contact by the firms with St Stephen Parish Council during the bidding process should only be with the individual named in the covering letter above sent from St Stephen Parish Council dated **6 June 2023** as the St Stephen Parish Council tender contacts. Respondents shall not offer or give any consideration of any kind to any employee or representative of St Stephen Parish Council as an inducement or reward for doing, or refraining from doing, any act in relation to the obtaining or

execution of this or any other contract with St Stephen Parish Council.

Material Misrepresentation

St Stephen Parish Council shall rely on the information provided by the bidder in relation to its offer. In providing the services as specified in the Invitation to Tender documents the successful bidder/tenderer shall comply with the contents of its offer as failure in this respect may constitute a material breach of contract.

Collusive Bidding

Collusive bidding is unacceptable by St Stephen Parish Council. Any tenderer who is caught by St Stephen Parish Council to be circumventing rules or the law during this tender process will automatically be disqualified from the tender process.

This applies to any bidder who:

- a)** Fixes or adjusts the amount of his bid by or in accordance with any agreement or arrangement with any other person, or
- b)** Communicates to any person other than St Stephen Parish Council the amount or approximate amount of his proposal (except where such disclosure is made in confidence in order to obtain quotations necessary for the preparation of the tender for instance), or
- c)** Enters into any agreement or arrangement with any other person that he shall refrain from bidding or as to the amount of any bid to be submitted, or
- d)** Offers or agrees to pay or give, or does pay or gives any sum of money, inducement or valuable consideration directly or indirectly to any person for doing or having done, or causing or having caused to be done in relation to any Offer or proposed Offer for the Works/Services or any act or omission will be disqualified (without prejudice to any other civil remedies available to St Stephen Parish Council and without prejudice to any criminal liability which such conduct by a bidder may attract).

Bribery

Bribery means any offence under the Bribery Act 2010 or related Laws creating offences in relation to offering, promising or giving a bribe or requesting, agreeing to receive or receiving a bribe.

The Contractor agrees with the Client that this Contract will operate on the basis of zero tolerance being shown towards any Fraud and/or Bribery. The Contractor shall take all reasonable steps, in accordance with Good Industry Practice, to prevent Fraud and Bribery by Staff and the Contractor (including its shareholders, members, directors) in connection with the receipt of monies from the Client and with the operation of this Contract.

Relationship with Members of the Council

If a candidate for any tender is to his knowledge related to any Member of the Council or the holder of any office under the Council, he and the person to whom he is related shall disclose the relationship in writing to the Clerk. A candidate who fails to do so shall be disqualified for consideration.

Canvassing of Members of the Council or any committee, directly or indirectly, for any tender under the Council shall disqualify the candidate.

A Member of the Council or of any committee, shall not solicit for any person any appointment under the Council or recommend any person for such appointment but any such Member may give written testimonial of a candidate's ability, experience or character for submission to the Council with an application for appointment.

Appendices

- A- Contractor Form
- B- Tenderer Declaration Form
- C- Site maps showing Park Street Recreation Ground
- D- Play Area rendering
- E- Play Area Plan
- F-Photographs of play equipment to be removed
- G- This will be a Short Form Contract for the supply of goods and/or services based on the Government model

Appendix A- Contractor Form

1. Company Details

Name of Company		
Registered address		
Authorised Signatory		
Name in block letters		
Job Title		
Telephone Number		
E-mail address		
Please indicate how many years this company has traded		
Staffing level	Permanent	Casual
Date		

2. Legal Information and Professional conduct

What is the legal status of your organisation? (e.g. sole trader, private limited company, partnership etc)	
VAT Registration Number	
If this is a partnership, please supply the full names of all partners on a separate sheet if necessary	
Has your organisation been convicted (or has any outstanding actions) of a criminal nature relating to the conduct of its business or profession? If yes, please provide details on a separate sheet	Yes/No
Has your organisation failed to fulfil its obligations relating to the payment of contributions or taxes under the law of any part of the United Kingdom? If yes, please provide details on a separate sheet	Yes/No
Has your organisation had a contract cancelled or not renewed, for failure to perform to the terms of that	Yes/No

contract? If yes, please provide details on a separate sheet	
By law, RIDDOR, you must report certain injuries, diseases and dangerous occurrences to the Health and Safety Executive. Has your organisation had to make any such reports under RIDDOR in the past five years? If yes, please provide details on a separate sheet	Yes/No
In the past five years have you or your organisation, or any of your employees been served with a prohibition or improvement notice or been convicted of any offence in law enforced by the Health and Safety Executive, Police or the Department of Transport? If yes, please provide details on a separate sheet	Yes/No

3. Financial Details

Please indicate the annual turnover of your organisation over the last three years

£	Year:
£	Year:
£	Year:

St Stephen Parish Council may carry out a financial assessment on all applicants. Sets of accounts are not required at this stage but may be requested prior to awarding the contract.

4. Health and safety

All applicants undertaking works under this tender must satisfy St Stephen Parish Council of their competency regarding Health and Safety. Please provide the name of the person responsible for the management of health and safety in your organisation.

The preferred bidder will have to provide a copy of your current Health and Safety Policy and any relevant certificates pertinent to this tender.

Health and Safety responsible person:	Name:
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5. Insurance

Please provide details of your organisation's insurance protection in relation to employer's liability and public liability.

Policy	Insurer	Value £
Employer's Liability		

Policy	Insurer	Value £
Public Liability		

Please enclose a copy of the current insurance certificates.

6. References

Please provide two references for work carried out in the past three years; one of the references must be either a current contract or one that has been completed within the last twelve months (no earlier than June 2022). The referees should not be related to any member of your company. Please provide a relevant email address for each reference and please inform your referees that we may contact them to facilitate a speedier a response.

Referee 1 Contact name	
Contact phone and email	
Address	
Brief description of works, their value and the date the work was carried out.	
Please confirm this referee consents to be contacted and that you authorise the Council to contact the referee at the Council's discretion.	Yes/No

Referee 2 Contact name	
Contact phone and email	
Address	
Brief description of works, their value and the date the work was carried out.	
Please confirm this referee consents to be contacted and that you authorise the Council to contact the referee at the Council's discretion.	Yes/No

Appendix B-Tenderer Declaration Form

Declaration by Tenderer

Invitation to Tender Title: ST STEPHEN PARISH COUNCIL REF: 263

1. I, _____, certify that I am the person duly authorised to sign tenders for and on behalf of

_____, the tenderer, and having read the documents, offer to supply the goods, services or works:

- as set out in the letter of invitation to tender, the specification and accompanying tender documents, samples and/or drawings.
- under the terms and conditions indicated
- at the NET price (or prices) specified below:

£ _____ + VAT

2. It is agreed that any or other terms and conditions of contract or any caveats, assumptions, reservations or exclusions that may be printed on correspondence emanating from the tender, or any Contract resulting from this tender, shall not be applicable to this tender or agreement.
3. I certify that this is a bona fide tender and that I have not fixed or adjusted the amount of the tender by, or under, or in accordance with any agreement with any other person. I have not done, and undertake that I will not do at any time before the hour and date specified for the return of the tender, any of the following acts:
- Communicate to a person other than St Stephen Parish Council, the amount or approximate amount of the proposed tender, except where the disclosure, in confidence, of the approximate amount of the tender was necessary to obtain insurance premium quotations required for the preparation of the tender
 - Enter into an agreement or arrangement with any other person that he/she will refrain from tendering or to the amount of any tender to be submitted
 - Offer, or pay, or give, or agree to pay any sum of money or valuable consideration, directly or indirectly to any person for doing, or having done, or causing to be done in relation to any tender or proposed tender, for the said work, any act or thing of the sort described above.
4. I further certify that the principles described in paragraph 3 have been, or will be, brought to the attention of all subcontractors, suppliers and associated companies providing services or materials connected with the tender and any contract entered into with the subcontractors, suppliers or associated companies will be made on the basis of the compliance with the above principles by all parties.

5. I understand that St Stephen Parish Council reserves the right, unless the tenderer stipulates to the contrary in the tender, to accept such portion thereof as St Stephen Parish Council may decide. St Stephen Parish Council is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.
6. I have obeyed the rules regarding confidentiality of tenders and will continue to do so as long as they apply.
7. I can confirm that I accept that any breach of any of the conditions could lead to any tender being rejected or to the rescission of the Contract by St Stephen Parish Council.

Signature.....Date.....

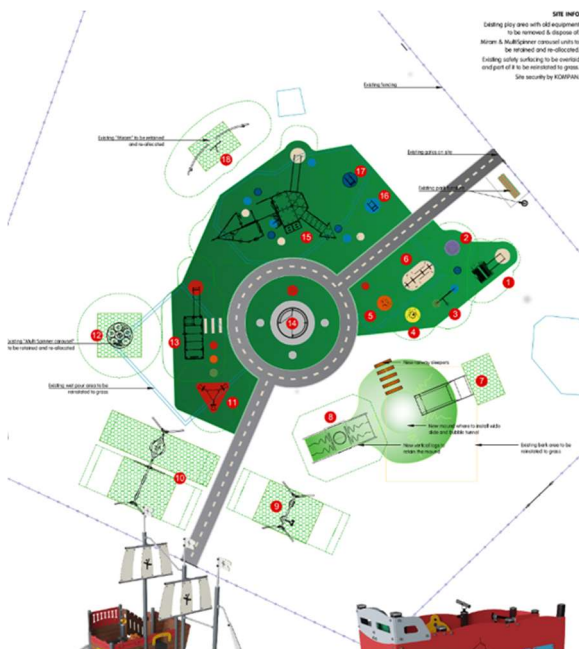
Appendix C- Site map showing Park Street Recreation Ground



Appendix D- Play Area Rendering



Appendix -E Play Area Plan



Appendix-F Play Equipment to be Removed



APPENDIX G

This will be a Short Form Contract for the supply of goods and/or services based on the Government model.