

## **PART TWO**

### **SPECIFICATION**

#### **DESIGN, SUPPLY AND INSTALL NEW CHILDREN'S PLAY EQUIPMENT AT THORPE MALSOR PLAY AREA, KETTERING**

##### **Background & vision**

1. Thorpe Malsor play area is a small traditional village LEAP that is presently focussed on a timber trim trail, 2 swing sets and a small multi-unit with a slide. The play space lacks excitement and challenge. Moreover, all the trim trail units have become almost unusable as they are just too slippery to safely use. Many are also showing signs of rot due to age. Successive cleaning does not seem to bring sustainable results.
2. Budget availability is between £20,000 to £27,000.
3. Consideration will be given to:
  - (i) Kettering Borough Council are working with the Thorpe Malsor Parish Council to deliver a new play area based on retaining some equipment but replacing more.
  - (ii) The project will see the full removal of the existing swing sets, monkey bars, tyre crossing, incline, chain crossing, balance beam, stepping posts & clatter crossing.
  - (iii) This will be replaced with more suitable play units in all steel.
  - (iv) Play items could include:
    - a. Rotator - dish/net type
    - b. Multi unit for juniors
    - c. Swing unit to include 2x cradle seats and a larger junior netted 'basket' swing – as this will be accessible play item
    - d. Small vertical rotator/spinner – for juniors
  - (v) Consideration should be given to height due to close proximity of neighbouring properties.

## **Surfacing**

Surfacing should be used only where necessary. The requirements for surfacing are driven by RoSPA standards and surfacing should only be used where fall heights of 1.5m or above are exist. It should be noted that the present site has far too much surfacing where wetpour has been used for item that have no appreciable fall height.

The council seeks to use the limited budget for equipment, which adds the greatest play value and not unnecessary use of surfacing, which adds no play value.

All new surfacing should be a single colour with a more natural hue. Green or lighter browns would be considered.

Remove the old timber trim trail and associated IAS.

Supply and install new equipment with a bonded rubber surface as required.

Make good with topsoil and seeding as required.