



**FAR COTTON AND DELAPRE
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Play Area Tender
Far Cotton Rec Play Area**

Opening Date: 16 October 2023

End Date: 22 December 2023

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Project Summary

Far Cotton and Delapre Community Council (FCDCC) are inviting tenders for improvements to the Play Area at Far Cotton Recreation Ground (The Rec), Towcester Road, Northampton. NN4 8AG.

The maximum budget for the project is £60,000.

Background

The Rec is important to people in Far Cotton and Delapre. People appreciate having a green space and play area close to their homes. But they also feel the play equipment is outdated and needs improving.

The site is owned by West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) the unitary authority for the area. However, as the local parish council for the area FCDCC have budgeted for the improvements with the approval of WNC.

Improving the play area is the priority but the council is creating a master plan for the recreation ground as a whole. Further staged improvements such as the installation of an outdoor gym are planned and will take place as project plans are finalised and funding is available.

Evidence Base

To ensure that alterations meet local needs FCDCC has established an evidence base. This includes:

- Workshops with local primary school children (Delapre Primary School and Queen Eleanor Primary Academy, Feedback from Staff at Gloucester Nursery) – March 2023
- Community questionnaire - April - May 2023
- Working party meetings and site visits – Various Dates
- Findings from the contextual safeguarding review – January 2023
- Social media posts and comments – February 2023
- FCDCC residents forum and informal feedback from residents -June 2023
- WNC Draft wellbeing strategy – ambition three “Opportunities to be fit and well” -August 2023

A summary of the evidence base is shown in appendix 1.

Site Details

A site visit is required to fully scope the area and condition of the existing site. Approximates size of site is 800 (m2)

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No key is required for access to the site

The site is not owned by FCDCC, and all works will be agreed with WNC who own the site.

The current play area has a bow topped green fence surrounding with 1 gate, also in green. The current rubber surfacing has numerous areas of damage and dips, and this has been patched where possible. There are parts where the soft surfacing has sunk and cracked.

An optional price to resurface the whole area can be included in your tender,

but there is no guarantee that this work will be commissioned.



Existing Equipment

- Large slide
- Double swing set (junior)
- Small slide
- Double swing set (toddler)
- Rocker
- Accessible slide
- Up and over climbing ladder
- Small climber
- Traditional seesaw

We expect that several items will be retained within the new design.
Photographs of the existing equipment can be seen in appendix 2

Specification of Work

1. The complete works for this play area must not exceed £60,000 ex VAT
2. All bow topped green fencing is to remain in situ.
3. Contractors should price to fully remove and dispose of existing play equipment. (Please note that after the award of the contract WNC may request for steel items to be retained by them. This would be discussed with the selected contractor).
4. The design should be for an inclusive play area with imaginative and sensory aspects for all children.
5. The tender requires the production of an overall design for the play area which should be in both hard copy and electronic format.
6. The following pieces of equipment should be included.
 - Basket Swing
 - Climbing Equipment – either climbing frame or climbing wall which is more challenging than the existing equipment.
 - Natural Equipment – climbing rocks / Tunnel /Stepping Stones

7. Seating and bins should be considered within the overall design. The two benches (without backs) could be replaced.
8. All structural steel must be hot dip galvanised. We require a 25 year plus warranty on all structural steel.
9. No audio equipment to be included (e.g., drums, piano/rainmakers) due to the proximity or residential properties
10. Play equipment is to be as durable and long-lasting as possible with minimal maintenance required and NOT made from wood.
11. Whilst designing the play space the designer shall consider the noise and visual effects the equipment may impose on the surrounding residential properties whilst providing a safe, attractive play environment.
12. Contractors should ensure that any toddler play equipment is specifically designed and ergonomic for that age and provide specific product evidence to support this.
13. All other nonmetal excavated, and waste material shall be removed and disposed of by the Contractor.
14. The Contractor shall work within appropriate day light hours between 8am - 5pm, Monday to Saturday.
15. The Contractor will supply a schedule of works with allocated timings to enable Far Cotton and Delapre Community Council to monitor the phased delivery of the project.
16. The site must be made secure during the works at the contractors' expense.
17. All proposed play equipment shall conform to EN1176. New playground equipment and sundry items are to be installed to the manufacturer's instructions and to EN1176/77 (BS7188 equivalent) including free space around equipment and zoning as appropriate.
18. All works shall be completed to the satisfaction of a representative of Far Cotton and Delapre Community Council and a post installation inspection will be required.
19. Following the completion of all installation works the Far Cotton and Delapre Community Council play area site shall be reinstated as necessary with any

damage to adjacent areas either owned by Far Cotton and Delapre Community Council or any third party made good.

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The Contractor can identify restrictions or considerations in the box below.

Site notes	
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Contactor Name:		
Company Name:		
Company Address:		
Contact Name:		
Contact Number:		
Contact E-mail		
Website:		
Public Liability Insurance limit:	£	
Reference 1	Contact/Organisation	
Reference Contact	Phone	E-mail
Reference 1	Contact/Organisation	
Reference Contact	Phone	E-mail
Other Relevant Information (staff size, machinery availability, specific contract manager, local authority experience)		

Declaration

I/We agree to complete the work in accordance with the Invitation to Tender, Standard Contract Terms, Specification of Works, Schedule of Works and location plans.

I/We agree to submitting insurance liability, applicable risk assessments and CoSHH, if required.

I/We understand that Far Cotton and Delapre Community Council is not bound to accept the lowest or any Tender or part thereof and that the Council will not be responsible for any expense incurred in preparing this Tender.

I/We certify that the amount of the Tender has not been calculated by agreement or arrangement with any other person, firm or company and that the amount of the Tender has not been communicated to any person and will not be communicated to any person until after the closing date for the submission of Tenders.

I/We agree to not discuss the Tender cost with council officers or councillors.

By signing and submitting this tender form you agree that you fully understand the commitments and requirements contained and, if successful are willing to be bound to the contract as expressed.

Signed Date.....

Print Name

Position

Tenders should be sent to:
Kate Houlihan
Far Cotton and Delapre Community Council
Delapre Abbey
London Road
Northampton
NN4 8AW
07835 171870

Envelopes should be clearly marked "Far Cotton Rec Tender" as all tenders will be opened together after the closing date.

Tender must be received by 5pm on 22/12/2023

Queries can be emailed to clerk@farcottonanddelapre-cc.gov.uk