



BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Serving the communities of Braunstone Town and Thorpe Astley
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TENDERS INVITED FOR THE PROVISION OF NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT AND REFURBISHMENT OF EXISTING PLAY EQUIPMENT AT IMPEY CLOSE, THORPE ASTLEY *Impey Close, Thorpe Astley, Leicester, LE3 3SW*

TENDERS ARE INVITED from suitably experienced Contractors for the provision of new play equipment and refurbishment of existing play equipment at Impey Close Playground, Impey Close, Thorpe Astley. More than one option can be submitted provided they are clearly costed.

The work involves:

1. Keeping the current Slide/Climbing Frame
2. Refurbish Swings or install new swings
3. Addition of new swing suitable for younger/disabled children
4. Consider installation of additional new play equipment suitable for toddlers and primary school age children
5. Installation of new Vehicular Access Gate
6. Replacement of existing Wet Pour Safety Surfaces and replace with Rubber Bonded Mulch
7. Retain existing benches and bin
8. Retain existing bow top fencing around the play equipment
9. Proposals to install play equipment for older children around the fenced off play area to cater for all age groups.

The Contractor must provide within the quoted price:

1. All costs associated with preparing the quote, including site visits;
2. Meeting Health & Safety requirements;
3. Site Set-up and returning the site to use, including removing all debris from site;
4. Carriage and Off-Loading;
5. All processing and administration costs;
6. All labour and third-party costs; and
7. Details of all taxes, including VAT.

Please include details with the quote of the equipment specification, including expected lifespan. The work is expected to be carried out within six to twelve months with no variation in the quoted price. Payment on satisfactory completion of the work.

For further questions and a site visit, please contact the Office of the Chief Executive & Town Clerk (contact details above). Tenders must be submitted to the Chief Executive & Town Clerk, Braunstone Town Council, Braunstone Civic Centre, Kingsway, Braunstone Town, Leicester LE3 2PP, no later than 3pm on Monday 13th May 2024 in a sealed envelope marked "Impey Close Playground"

Note: Canvassing of Members or of any committee, directly or indirectly, for any Contract with the Council shall disqualify the Contractor for such appointment. If an applicant for any appointment or Contract with the Council is to his/her knowledge related to any Member of, or the holder of any office under the Council, he/she and the person to whom he/she is related shall disclose the relationship in writing to the Executive Officer & Town Clerk. A Contractor who fails to do so shall be disqualified for such Contract, and, if appointed, may be dismissed without notice.

Signed:

Darren Tilley, Chief Executive & Town Clerk

Dated: 18th April 2024

Location

Braunstone is the largest civil parish within the district of Blaby in Leicestershire and one of the largest parishes in England (494 hectares). The population recorded in the 2011 Census is 16,850 (8,371 Males and 8,479 Females). In 2019, the electorate was 12,555. In 2020, there are 7,112 households.

Braunstone Town is suburban and to the north shares a common boundary with the City of Leicester and immediately inside the city boundary is the Braunstone Park estate. To the west of the parish lies the M1 motorway with junction 21 at the south western tip. To the south lies Fosse Shopping Park and Grove Triangle retail parks.

The western part of the parish adjacent to the M1 and west of the Leicester outer ring road contains the Meridian Business and Leisure Parks and a modern housing development, Thorpe Astley.

The Council

Braunstone Town Council comprises of 21 Councillors who are elected every four years. Each year the Council elects from amongst its number the Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor, Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader of the Council.

The Town Council provides a wide range of services to the citizens of Braunstone Town together with social and recreational facilities. The Council also promotes the interests of the town in its representation to other bodies. It works in partnership with the larger District Council and County Council to provide and supplement local government services within the town area. The focus of our work is summed up in our Mission Statement:

We exist to ensure that local services and the environment reach the highest possible standards, within the resources available, for citizens, visitors and those who work in Braunstone Town:

- *to provide a focus for civic pride;*
- *to listen, identify and respond to agreed local needs; and*
- *to help develop a strong, secure, self-reliant, self-confident community, free from unlawful discrimination.*

"Spectemur. Agendo" translates "Let us be Judged by Our Actions"

The Council was granted Quality Status in February 2004, re-accredited in January 2009 and was awarded Foundation status under the Local Council Awards Scheme in January 2014.

Our Open Spaces & Parks

The Town Council is responsible for maintaining the Town's open spaces and parks, the objectives of the Town Council in this respect is:

- to provide and maintain parks and open spaces to a high standard;
- to provide quality sports facilities to meet identified needs;
- to provide and maintain play equipment to a high and safe standard; and
- to help fight pollution by planting trees on our parks.

We are responsible for nearly 32 hectares of land, which includes sports pitches, playgrounds, nature areas, woodland, an orchard and meadow.

Impey Close Playground



Located in the heart of Thorpe Astley estate, Impey Close playground is the biggest playground in Thorpe Astley and is well used despite very little play equipment being available. Currently there is only a small climbing wall/slide and a double swing, a seat and litter bin.

The safety surface in place is wet pour that needs replacement and refurbishment.

It is proposed that the existing slide/climbing frame is retained but refurbished and the existing swings either be replaced or refurbished. Installation of a swing suitable for young children and/children with a disability also be included.

Further new play equipment is also required within the fenced off area of the playground to cater for children up to 10 years old.

The existing bin and bench will be retained.

The existing safety surfaces within the fenced off play area is wet pour that requires replacement with rubber mulch surface in suitable locations of the play equipment.

The existing green bow top fencing will be retained but a new vehicular access is required within the existing fencing to allow access for park equipment.



Beyond the existing green top fencing there is plenty of open space that can be utilised to provide play equipment for older children 11 years and up. This could consist of balance beams, zip line, climbing features etc. suitable for older children.

To arrange a mutually convenient site visit please contact Customer Services on enquiries@braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk or 0116 280045.