

## Clarifications from face to face conversations

### Victoria Park

- Existing swing sets should be removed and replaced with new swings as not likely to have 10 years life
- Metal tables can be refurbished and reused (one seat needs welding, other than that just remove paint and repaint)
- Expect separate MUA for the two different age ranges required
- Large boulders and stumps should be accommodated where possible
- Fence between the play area and nature garden could be removed and not replaced if needed for budget reasons
- Accessible roundabout/dish roundabout would be great if possible as one of the two accessible items
- Small loose boulders should be moved to base of wall
- Consistent surface across area i.e. all wet pour (possibly with fleck if affordable) or all bound rubber chips if supplier prefers. Wet pour likely the best to reuse and skim the existing bases if suitable
- Play vehicle must depict sustainable transport e.g. bus or train
- Vehicle gate can go
- Possible to approach Stowford Mill building site opposite for material storage (at suppliers own risk)
- Fencing should be chosen for sympathetic look and longevity – no fixed view on materials
- Area could be increased
- School doesn't routinely use play area
- Consideration needed of erosion under benches
- Refurbishing of wet pour environmentally good, plus may save costs
- Note gate just outside perimeter in stone wall to north
- Duck springer could go if not able to bring up to good standard – poor installation and short life
- Link from tarmac to gate should be considered
- 'Crater' elsewhere in wider park could be used for spoil
- Consider tree officer may have issues with new footprint – not insurmountable but a consideration

### MacAndrews Field

- Remove any old play equipment wooded stumps but concrete bases can remain buried
- Zip wire can be a single one as reason for two was for two age related sized wire runs
- Zip wire location a reasonable distance from houses, but not directly in front of interpretation board
- Zip wire to take into account pedestrians accessing park for dog walking etc
- Zip wire orientation to make best use of space but keep to the west third of the field but maximise length of run
- Net pyramid can be any height (planning is required anyway) but considerate of neighbours and surfacing (grass mat preferred)
- Dead/dying willows removed, others reinvigorated – trimmed or coppiced
- Mounds to be tidied up and kept for imaginative/adventure play

- Steel feet preferred to help grass cutting contractors, but other protection could be suggested

#### **General**

- Budget is a guide – total budget is fixed, but the split across sites is flexible
- Neurodiversity of users should be considered e.g. with regard to sensory items
- Independent inspection should be carried out as per the tender, but ITC will carry out own Allianz inspection and any A, B or C defects must be addressed within the price.
- A planning application will be required for both sites. Therefore, height can be increased if felt appropriate.
- Spoil to be reused on site where possible
- Submissions must be in the by post by the deadline (A3 sized drawings as a minimum) but we will accept an email of the submission too.
- Annual Maintenance Packages should be quoted as an add on
- Include tree works in budget but we may be able to commission our local contractor

#### **Specific clarifications received during the Clarification Period:**

1. Multi-Activity Unit for toddlers/<5s - Would the Council be open to the theming for the >5s MAU being based on sustainable transport rather than a treehouse? We feel the transport theme is appropriate given the scale/height of the toddler MAU, also it offers a great opportunity to integrate the play vehicle.

**Answer: Preference would be to maintain the Tree House theme**

2. Three metal perching benches - Is the Council open to these being made from Robinia rather than metal?

**Answer: Yes, that would be acceptable subject to meeting a 10 year+ lifespan**

3. Allianz inspection A, B or C defects - The Allianz report supplied highlights a couple of items that are either out of scope or not practicable to address. These are likely to be highlighted again when the newly installed equipment is inspected. Specifically:

C

Consideration be given to the fitting of suitable swing barriers around the swing set.

B

Various trip hazards in play area from raised tree roots and partially buried stones.

Is it the Council's expectation that these will be included/addressed as part of this tender?

**Answer: No, these existing items can be ignored by the installer as long as any changes/installations made by the installer do not exacerbate the listed items.**