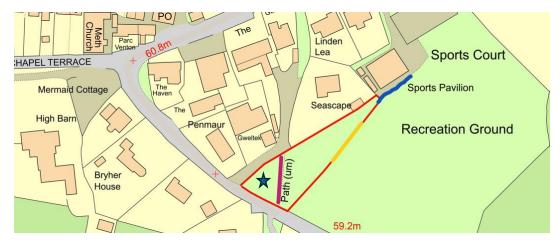
Addendum to Invitation to Tender – Ruan Minor Play Area 21 February 2025

Following on from site visits and questions raised by email from play providers, set out below are points of clarification, to be considered alongside the Invitation To Tender.



Perimeter fencing – amendment

Fencing is only needed in two places – one stretch of fencing shown as a pink line (to the left of the public footpath) in the map above, to demarcate the triangular area (marked with a star) as the under 5s play area. Of a height suitable for an under 5s play area.

And the other stretch of fencing, roughly 20 meters, shown in yellow on the map above. Two quotes to be provided please, for 2m high and for 3m high fencing. (this fence shields children in the play area from footballs from the adjacent football pitch).

<u>Under 5s area</u>

Indicated by the star on the map above. Low level play equipment, mindful of nearby properties which overlook the play area, neighbourliness.

<u>Paths</u>

There are three pedestrian entrances to the play area: one at either end of the public footpath (pedestrian only, accessed by steps/stile) and the vehicular/pedestrian entrance to the pavilion which leads through into the field. The only option for an inclusive (wheelchair/pushchair friendly) path is to roughly follow the route shown by a blue line, above. Path to be resin bonded, or similar.

Tender submissions, with /without fencing and access path

Tender submissions should be itemised. Tenders received for the play equipment and safety surfacing only will still be considered for the play equipment elements of the contract. When considering the price comparisons, any missing elements such as fencing/paths will be accounted for, and so there will be no advantage or disadvantage in including or not including the fencing/access path element.

The paths between items of play equipment are to be provided by the play provider as part of the contract.

Safety surfacing

Safety surfacing in the toddler area to be wet pour resin or similar (play provider to specify what they have quoted for). Installation on the basis of safety surface pads for each item of play equipment, with pathways of the same material joining each, to give an all-weather route between items of play equipment.

Tenders can be submitted using the option for play equipment for older children to have grass matting surfaces. If so, please specify that this is the case. Ideally, options for wet pour and grass matting surfaces to be given in this circumstance.

Existing play equipment

Junior multiplay unit – this is currently passing safety inspections and so can be retained as part of the play area. If providers are able to provide two options: to include; or to replace this item of play equipment, both options will be considered.

Zip wire – this is to be retained.

Swing frames – these are to be removed.

Groundworks and landscaping

Amendment to item 3.4 of the Invitation to Tender.

The site had previously been prone to water pooling (the field is on a downhill slope, the play area is mostly level, and then there is a slight rise in the levels before proceeding downhill across the football field.) Approx. 10 years ago the site was levelled, gravelled and a ground drain installed, which has resolved the water-pooling problem. The site now appears grassed, but has the benefit of the previous drainage work, and the disbenefit of foundations of previous play equipment potentially under the ground (concrete footings, number and sizes unknown).

Please quote on the basis that the parish council will arrange for any fixings of previous items of play equipment to be removed, and for the land drain to remain in place, and so the groundworks/levelling to be included in the tender for these works, would be those you would expect of a clear field, ready for play equipment and safety surfacing to be installed.

There is no need to quote for benches / bins.

A note on tender criteria:

Ref.6.4 Details of 2 similar projects of value and size. Each example should be no more than 2 sides of A4 not including any photographs, but these can only have titles and no text. Links to websites will not be viewed.

Clarification – photos can be included and do not count towards the 2 sides of A4 limit. Photos should have titles only, no text.