

Section A.1 makes reference that the Parish Council is looking to install replacement play equipment in metal rather than wood. However, B.2 states all multiplay items must have steel feet and any wood to be constructed from engineered Nordic pine, plus all engineered pine wood must be a minimum of 20 years old. Can you confirm your material requirement.

While we have specified metal components we accept that in some cases for particular items or parts of equipment wood could be a more suitable construction material and in these cases they would need to meet the criteria stated in the document. A principal project objective is that the longevity of equipment is extended – our experience has shown that, in this respect, metal or predominantly metal construction has a significant advantage over wood. We would see any use of wood as being exceptional and unavoidable.

Section B.2 states all panels on multiplay equipment must be HPL, will you consider HDPE panels.

No, we prefer high-pressure laminates to be used for panels. In our opinion and for our purposes, they possess superior composition and fire resistance qualities.

Section A.6.1 The Council requires electronic and hard copies no later than midday on 31.01.25. Firstly, is there any extension available on this deadline? And secondly can the hard copies arrive after the deadline as we need to consider posting these out much earlier to ensure they arrive on-time.

The deadline date for electronic copies is fixed at 31/01/2025. Hard copies can be received and accepted after 31/01/2025, provided the electronic versions have been received on time.

Section B.2 Junior Area states the large modular play/climbing unit makes use of the current mound. We can see from the images provided the current multiplay units have extended ramps that run up the mound to the tower unit. Are you looking for a similar style for the new equipment.

We regard the mound as a special feature which we wish tenderers to exploit in their designs, and rather than being prescriptive, in them we are looking for ingenuity and creative ideas to make its height as exciting and attractive as possible.

Section B.2 Toddler Area states the accessible roundabout is ideally above ground. Can you confirm if there are any ground conditions we need to be aware of i.e. poor drainage/flooding. With our wheelchair accessible roundabouts, we would normally excavate a ground pit at ground level and install drainage.

The play area is on ground with predominantly clay sub-soil and water is slow to drain away. Our preference is not to have play equipment that requires a pit and drainage, but would not exclude bidders carrying out their own ground and soil inspections and evaluations.

Section B.2 Toddler Area also states that the accessible items ideally need options for detachable harnesses. Is there a specification you are working with for these items and if so, is it available. Would we score lower marks if we supplied accessible equipment where harnesses are not available?

We can confirm that if accessible equipment can be supplied that does not require a harness it would be acceptable, provided it offers the same level of safety as equipment that does. Tenderers should include that guarantee as part of their response to avoid a lower assessment of compatibility to requirements.