

# EPPING TOWN COUNCIL

## PARKLANDS, COOPERSALE, PLAYGROUND REFURBISHMENT PROJECT 2017-18

### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF WORKS**

#### **1) The site**

Parklands Playground is located in a fairly densely populated residential area, not far from Coopersale & Theydon Garnon Primary School in Coopersale. It is surrounded by an almost semicircle of family homes, within an estate of similar housing and backs onto the forest. The playground is owned by Epping Forest District Council, but management was taken over on a long lease by Epping Town Council in 1986. The playground should follow the existing footprint within the fencing, which is in good condition and dates from approximately 2010. The equipment must respect the setting and neighbours, due to their close proximity.

#### **2) Preparing the site**

The site should be fully cordoned off with any appropriate barriers and the necessary signage placed to ensure the public are aware of works, hazards and emergency contact details. If a works base is necessary, this must be agreed in advance with the Town Clerk and Recreation & Amenities Manager.

#### **3) Existing playground**

Some of the existing playground has not been refurbished since the 1980s/1990s and some of the equipment/surfacing would not be EN compliant. The equipment receives weekly maintenance inspections by our grounds staff and is subject to an external annual inspection report.

##### **Old metal equipment (A)**

Part of the playground equipment dates back to the 1980s/1990s and is metal (multiplay unit and swings). This needs to be replaced.

##### **New log equipment (B)**

Part of the new log equipment should remain.

Wooden log rope walk

Wooden log A-frame ladder

##### **Equipment to be removed:**

Wooden wobble board and bench

Wooden activity trail

(Both poor use of space and limited play value)

Metal spinner

**Existing equipment:**

Junior multiplay unit with slide

Cradle swings x 2 (1 unit)

Metal spinner

Wooden wobble board, bench and activity trail

Wooden log rope walk

Wooden log A-frame ladder

**4) Works to be undertaken****Section A) Existing equipment and existing surfacing**

Remove existing metal equipment and some log equipment

Adjust wetpour/surfacing to fit in with new equipment

Remove two existing benches

**Section B) New equipment and surfacing**

- Follow existing footprint, although adjustments in surfacing may be required to accommodate new equipment aesthetically
- Metal items would be preferable for the main equipment, although happy to consider small wooden pieces if complementary
- New surfacing should be hardstanding/wetpour if necessary for safety reasons. But ecomulch, or equipment which can be placed on matting for grass would be very acceptable, if applicable.
- Council would be happy to consider other recommended surfaces that meet the required safety specifications.
- Playground needs to include something for a variety of age groups (3-11) and at least one DDA piece

**Possible equipment to include:**

- Multi-play unit with integral slide and possible a fireman's pole
- Swing unit – to include one cradle and one basket (to meet safety regulations)
- Roundabout (DDA/wheelchair friendly) – new piece on grassed area (removal of tree stump needed)
- Smaller add-on interest items eg bouncer, seesaw, abacus, rocker/rocking horse or clock
- Toy station or similar activity panel
- Two new benches

**Possibly:**

- Exercise bike (grass and matting) – Just one piece on grassed area outside playground, subject to land ownership permission and consultation responses

- PLEASE NOTE PRICE TO INCLUDE ALL NECESSARY SURFACING
- PLEASE NOTE SOME ADJUSTMENTS MAY BE MADE TO THE TENDER DOCUMENTATION, POST PUBLIC CONSULTATION, BUT THESE WILL BE MINOR

### **Section C) Further considerations**

#### **(i) Underground services:**

None known

#### **(ii) Constraints & site access:**

- Run off drain on site (should cause no issues)
- Tree stump to be removed for possible roundabout
- Access vehicles need to manoeuvre through residential streets with parked cars
- Dense residential area. Large vehicle movement will need preplanning

#### **(iii) Finance**

This project will be funded from Council's reserves and will be subject to securing additional funding. PLEASE NOTE IF FUNDING IS NOT SECURED, A REVISED TENDER DOCUMENT WILL BE ISSUED.

**FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PARKLANDS, COOPERSALE:  
APPROXIMATELY £30,000**

#### **(iv) Formalities:**

This contract, when the details have been finalised, will be advertised on the Government's Contracts Finder website, in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015

#### **v) Other matters**

##### **a) Safety and the storage of hazardous materials**

The site must be kept secure and all potentially dangerous materials stored correctly. The contractor will be responsible for this.

The quote must include the cost of all securing fencing and signage during works. The contractor will be required at the time of tender submission to include a statement detailing their responsibility for the site during works and until the site has been 'signed off' by the relevant Officers (Town Clerk and Recreation & Amenities Manager) as fit for public use and returned to the care of Epping Town Council.

## **5) Reinstatement of site**

The site must be left in a clean and tidy condition. All surrounding areas and surfaces must be reinstated to the satisfaction of Council.

## **6) Tender submissions**

Tenders should be submitted in a sealed envelope to:

Beverley Rumsey, Town Clerk, Epping Hall, St John's Road, Epping, Essex. CM16 5JU

These should be clearly marked: **P/C. CONFIDENTIAL. FOR RECIPIENT ONLY.**

Closing date: **6<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

## **7) Appendices:**

- 1) Existing site photographs x 2