

Ditchling Parish Council Playground Tender May 2024 to 23rd July 2024

Clarification Questions and Responses

Q) The scoring matrix states the Financial Evaluation Factor represents 35% of the marks. Can the Council provide additional information re: how scores will be calculated in relation to bidders' respective bids? (e.g., cheapest scores full marks, 2nd cheapest scores..., 3rd cheapest scores...)

A) This is more about the "Value for Money" aspect rather than the cheapest being given the best score so full marks could be given to more than one supplier.

Q) Can the Council confirm all play items are to be removed / none are to be retained?

A) All play equipment to be removed. Benches and bin to be retained.

Q) Can the Council confirm its preferences in terms of desirable and non-desirable materials? (soft timber, hard timber, galvanised steel, HPL, HDPE...)

A) Durability & Safety is more important here but steel with elements of hard timber / Robinia where appropriate.

Q) Will the Council have a preference between stainless steel or plastic slides?

A) Once again, durability and safety is primary so whichever is suitable.

Q) Does the Council require a replacement flush in-ground roundabout?

A) This will be dictated by the design but accessibility and inclusivity should be factored into the final design?

Q) Does the Council have a preference between rubber mulch and wetpour?

A) Once again durability and safety are key. Perhaps a combination if considered appropriate. grass to remain where possible outside of the equipment safety surface zones.

Just to clarify that a path is required between the gates (one relocated) as the parish council may consider extension of the path outside of the play area as a separate project in the future.