



Invitation to Tender (ITT)

Provision and Installation of a New Playground at High Moor, Killamarsh

Issued by: Killamarsh Parish Council

1. Introduction

Killamarsh Parish Council invites suitably experienced and qualified contractors to submit tenders for the design, supply, and installation of a new playground within Killamarsh Parish. The Council is committed to providing high-quality, safe, and inclusive play facilities that will benefit children of all ages and abilities, and enhance the local community's recreational offering.

The findings of a survey carried out by the Parish Council in the summer of 2025 are included as Appendix A. The winning designs from a playground design competition held with local schools are included as Appendix B. Both of these should inform and inspire the new playground design.

2. Project Scope

The works will include, but are not limited to:

- **Design:** Creation of an inclusive and imaginative playground layout, incorporating equipment suitable for a range of age groups (2 – 12 years).
 - **Supply & Installation:** Delivery and professional installation of playground equipment, surfacing, and associated works.
 - **Safety Surfacing:** Provision of impact-absorbing safety surfacing in compliance with BS EN 1176 and BS EN 1177 standards.
 - **Accessibility:** Incorporation of inclusive play equipment to ensure accessibility for children with disabilities.
 - **Ancillary Works:** Fencing, gates, seating and signage where appropriate.
 - **Inspection & Certification:** Post-installation independent safety inspection and certification.
 - **Maintenance Guidance:** Provision of maintenance manuals and training for Parish Council staff.
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3. Budget

The total project budget is approximately **£80,000 to £100,000** and a clear cost breakdown for all elements of the project, including optional extras where appropriate, should be provided.

4. Timeline

- Tender issued: 23rd September 2025
- Tender submission deadline: By 4pm on Friday 7th November 2025
- Evaluation & appointment of contractor: TBC
- Project commencement: 2026
- Completion deadline: 2026

Tenderers must confirm their ability to meet the required timescales.

5. Submission Requirements

Tenderers must provide:

1. A covering letter and company profile.
 2. Detailed design proposals (including concept drawings and equipment specifications).
 3. Evidence of relevant experience (case studies, references).
 4. Cost breakdown (design, equipment, installation, surfacing, ancillary works, inspection, warranties).
 5. Health & safety policy and risk assessment procedures.
 6. Details of warranties and aftercare provision.
 7. Evidence of appropriate insurances (minimum £10m Public Liability).
 8. Confirmation of adherence to relevant British Standards and legislation.
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6. Evaluation Criteria

Tenders will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Quality and creativity of design proposal
 - Value for money and clarity of pricing
 - Durability, safety, and inclusivity of equipment
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- Relevant experience and contractor capability
 - Warranty, aftercare, and maintenance support
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7. Instructions for Submission

Completed tenders must be submitted electronically to deputy.parishclerk@killamarsh-pc.org.uk or in a sealed envelope clearly marked “Tender – High Moor Playground Project” and addressed to:

The Deputy Clerk, Killamarsh Parish Council
Killamarsh Parish Office & Community Hub, Stanley Street, Killamarsh, S21 1EL

Deadline: By 4pm on Friday 7th November 2025. Late submissions will not be considered.

8. Contact Details

For queries or site visits, please contact:
Deputy Parish Clerk, Killamarsh Parish Council
Email: deputy.parishclerk@killamarsh-pc.gov.uk
Tel: 0114 247 2260

Site Specification & Requirements Schedule

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9. Site Dimensions

- Maximum available footprint: 16m (width) x 40m (length).
 - Final layout design to ensure safe use of space, with adequate safety zones around each piece of equipment in compliance with BS EN 1176.
 - Tenderers are to provide scaled layout drawings indicating the positioning of all equipment and surfacing.
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10. Play Equipment Requirements

The Council seeks an imaginative, inclusive and durable playground suitable for toddlers and juniors (2 –12 years).

Proposals may include, but not be limited to, the following categories of equipment:



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- Toddler Play: low-level climbing frames, swings, slides, springers, play panels.
 - Junior Play: swings, multi-play units, climbing structures, slides, spinners.
 - Inclusive Play: at least 2 items of equipment specifically designed for children with disabilities (e.g., wheelchair-accessible roundabout, sensory play panels).
 - Seating: minimum of 2 benches, including 1 accessible picnic bench.
 - Ancillary items: entrance signage (with safety guidance), fencing with self-closing pedestrian gate.
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11. Safety Surfacing

- Surfacing must comply with BS EN 1177 for critical fall height requirements.
 - Acceptable surfacing options may include:
 - Wet pour rubber
 - Rubber mulch
 - Artificial grass with shockpad
 - Play-grade bark or loose-fill in appropriate containment systems
 - Contractors may propose a variety of surfacing options with costed alternatives.
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12. Fencing & Access

- The play area must be enclosed with bow-top fencing (minimum height: 1.2m).
 - At least one double-gated maintenance access point and one self-closing pedestrian gate must be included.
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13. Safety & Standards

- All equipment and surfacing must comply with:
 - BS EN 1176: Playground Equipment and Surfacing
 - BS EN 1177: Impact Attenuating Playground Surfacing
 - Post-installation independent inspection by a RoSPA or equivalent registered inspector required before handover.
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14. Warranties & Aftercare

- Minimum 10-year structural warranty on equipment.
 - Minimum 5-year warranty on surfacing.
 - Tenderers must provide a maintenance schedule and recommended inspection regime.
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15. Additional Considerations

- Designs should make best use of the site dimensions while avoiding overcrowding.
 - Natural elements (boulders, logs, planting) are welcomed as part of the design.
 - Eco-friendly materials and sustainable construction methods will be viewed favourably.
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Deliverables from Tenderers:

- Scaled layout drawing (16m x 40m maximum site).
- Detailed specifications of proposed equipment and surfacing.
- Cost breakdown (with optional surfacing alternatives).
- Timescale for delivery and installation.



Appendix A – High Moor Playground Community Survey Results (2025)

Killamarsh Parish Council undertook a public survey to understand residents' views on the development of a new playground at High Moor. A total of **85 responses** were received.

1. Use of a New Playground

- Yes: 73 respondents (86%)
- Maybe: 7 respondents (8%)
- No: 5 respondents (6%)

Insight: The overwhelming majority of families are supportive and intend to use the new facility.

2. Preferred Age Range

- 2–12 years: 43 respondents
- 5–12 years: 18 respondents
- 0–5 years: 12 respondents
- Other ranges (all ages, 0–14, etc.): 12 respondents

Insight: The playground should primarily cater for children aged 2–12, with provision for both toddlers and older children.

3. Equipment Preferences

Most frequently mentioned equipment:

- Swings (most requested)
- Climbing frames/structures
- Slides
- Roundabout
- Natural play features (logs, rocks, nature-based equipment)

Insight: The community values a mix of traditional favourites (swings, slides, climbing frames) alongside adventurous and natural play features.

4. Values & Aspirations – “Three Words to Describe the Ideal Playground”

Most common words used:



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- Fun (41 mentions)
- Safe (17 mentions)
- Exciting (9 mentions)
- Inclusive (9 mentions)
- Accessible (9 mentions)
- Clean (7 mentions)
- Friendly (6 mentions)

Insight: Safety, inclusivity, and accessibility are as important to residents as fun and excitement.

5. General Comments

- Requests for **robust, vandal-proof equipment** to ensure longevity.
 - Desire for facilities that rival or exceed nearby playgrounds.
 - Calls for **seating, bins, and secure fencing** to make the playground family-friendly.
 - It is important that any new playground is designed to be **fully inclusive and engaging**.
 - **Accessibility** should be a key consideration, including features such as an inclusive swing that accommodates children who use wheelchairs or have limited mobility.
 - Incorporating **musical play equipment** would be a valuable addition.
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Overall Conclusion:

The survey shows strong community support for a new playground at High Moor, with clear priorities:

- Equipment suitable for **ages 2–12**.
 - A balance of **traditional and adventurous play features**.
 - **Safety, inclusivity, and accessibility** as core principles.
 - Provision of **seating, bins, and secure boundaries**.
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Appendix B – High Moor Playground Design inspiration from local school children (2025) (Attached)