

Tender for new play equipment at Park Gardens, Stroud

Background

Park Gardens is a popular and well-used park on Slad Road in Stroud. It is managed by the Green Spaces Team at Stroud Town Council. The site was gifted to the town in 1920 by Sidney Park, a local businessman, in memory of his 23-year-old son, Herbert, who was killed during the First World War.

The site is home to the town's war memorial and is relatively formal, but it does include a small children's play area. The equipment in this area is coming to the end of its lifespan.

Aims

The aims of this project are to:

- replace and upgrade the existing play structures as pictured:



- meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995

Design Brief

- The current structure is extremely popular and the proposed replacement should aim to at least replace, or develop further the existing design elements.
- Surfacing should be new wet pour
- Where practicable, the materials should feel “natural”
- Where practicable, materials and processes of installation should be environmentally sustainable. We would expect details of how a provider will achieve this in their tender.
- All equipment must be certified to meet the British and European Standard for playground equipment and surfacing is BS EN 1176.



The replacement structure will provide play opportunity for the same age range as the current structure; 3-10 years. Key elements of the design will include provision for:

- A good variety of distinct physical play activities to support children's development and enjoyment.
- Opportunities for social interaction through cooperative play, social engagement, and imaginative play.
- Sensory play opportunities, including tactile, auditory, visual experiences; and interaction with natural elements.

Health and Safety

Please note that the successful bidder will be required to submit a detailed risk assessment and method statement covering all of the works (including any subcontracted work) and waste disposal at least one week before work commences.

Location and access

Address: Park Gardens, Slad Road, Stroud, Glos. GL5 1QU

Access: Access is not straightforward for the site which is at the top of a sloped park. The site can be accessed by vehicles, but vehicle movements on the site should be kept to a minimum. A public footpath runs close to the site, and should be protected during the works.

Vehicles can be parked at the nearby Council offices.

It is recommended that bidders visit the site to assess the access prior to putting forward a tender.

We regret to advise that we are not able to accommodate site meetings.

Foundation Living Wage

Stroud Town Council is a Foundation Living Wage Employer and require that all personnel employed in connection with this project, including by any subcontractors, will be paid no less than the current Foundation Living Wage. www.livingwage.org.uk

Budget

Total project costs should not exceed £20,000 ex VAT. This includes all works required.

Tender timeline

Issue tender	20 September 2024
Last date for questions about the tender	4 October 2024
Closing date for submission of tender	5pm on 18 October 2024
Shortlisting	21 October 2024
Contract awarded	6 November 2024
Contract commences	13 November 2024
Install complete by	31 March 2025 unless otherwise agreed



Documents to be submitted

- Form of tender
- Detailed quotation including
 - the total project cost of removal and disposal of existing equipment,
 - design (including illustration for assessment of play value),
 - installation,
 - resurfacing,
 - commissioning,
 - independent post-installation safety inspection.
- An explanation of how materials and processes of installation will be environmentally sustainable.
- An outline of expected timeline including a commitment to a completion date.
- A summary of two similar projects that you have delivered successfully elsewhere with contact details for at least two referees.
- Details for any subcontractors to be employed on the contract.
- Confirmation that insurance for Public Liability is in place for all contractors working on the Contract with a minimum sum insured of £5,000,000.
- Details of any warranties or guarantees provided.
- Confirmation of compliance with BS EN 1176.
- Copies of any test certificates that apply to the equipment.

Any questions relating to the tender should be submitted by email to council@stroudtown.gov.uk by 4 October 2024. Any additional information given will be shared with all other tender applicants through the Contracts Finder portal. Bidders are recommended to check the portal for any responses before submitting their tender.

Tender Assessment Criteria and Weighting

Tenders will be assessed by Stroud Town Council and Friends of Daisy Bank (FODB). Play value will be assessed by a public consultation exercise carried out by FODB to engage existing users of the park.

Criteria and weighting

30% Play Value (assessed by public consultation)

30% Value for money

20% Sustainability

10% Relevant experience

10% Ability to delivery in timeline

As per local council procurement policy **All tenders should be submitted by email titled PARK GARDENS TENDER by 5pm on 18 October 2024 to:** clerk@stroudtown.gov.uk