**King George V Play Park Redevelopment Brief**

Overview:

Wokingham Town Council’s (WTC) vision is to design a play park that will be a fun, inclusive, engaging experience, meeting children’s developmental needs and providing a space to learn through play. Encouraging children to explore, investigate and discover new experiences with a mixture of collaborative and solo play areas.

This project is being proposed and supported by WTC’s Amenities Committee who have provided the following basic principles for the design:

* Age range: 0 - 14 years
* Equipment material: metal frame
* Inclusivity: equipment should be as inclusive as possible
* Theme: to allow the play park designers to propose their own theme

The new design is required to maximise the number of children playing safely in the space and should improve the play value of the space. To aid the comparison of submissions, please include your breakdown calculation of the current play value and that of the new play value of your design.

The new play park design should provide various developmental levels of dynamic and challenging play for ages from zero through to 14-years-old. Therefore, there should be consideration for very young toddlers, providing sensory and tactile education through engagement with the space around them.

Inclusive play should provide access for wheelchair users and those with limited mobility. It should also be able to engage those users that require more sensory equipment, including visual and textural.

Ideally the design should also help shy, nervous children build confidence as well as catering to the ones that are more adventurous.

It should be recognised that this is a family play park, utilized extensively by children attending the four local schools and catering to families in the vicinity. The immediate facilities, parking etc. do not provide enough scope to make this a destination play park.

Furthermore, WTC is keen to ensure variety within its play parks, differing from others in the town, ensuring that each play park provides a distinct experience.

It is expected that all the current play park equipment and surfacing is to be removed and a new play park and surfacing installed. The new design can make full use of the available space within the current footprint / fencing boundaries.

Please see the document “KGV Supplier Requirements\_Considerations” for additional specific requirements of suppliers.

Design:

Following a public engagement process, data received for the “Top 5” and “Bottom 2” pieces of equipment that children would play on was analysed.

The most popular items were:

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| **Rank** | **Play Equipment** | **Nett percentage in favour:** |
| 1 | Swings – lots of, for multiple ages, including solo and group swings | 21.12% |
| 2 | Climbing – frame, net, wall, dome, ropes, hanging, swinging | 20.04% |
| 3 | Slides – multiple heights and widths | 15.30% |
| 4 | Zip wire\* | 11.21% |
| 5 | Trampoline – ground level, accessible | 10.78% |
| 6 | Roundabout – inclusive, also hanging and/or pivoting styles | 10.13% |
|  | **Total**  | **88.58%** |

\*It is considered that the layout of the play park, and the proximity to residential properties, mean that it is **not** suitable for a zipwire. However, an alternative piece of equipment that provides a similar thrilling, exciting, challenging and potentially collaborative play would be a fantastic addition.

The least popular items were:

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| **Rank** | **Play Equipment** | **Nett percentage in favour:** |
| 24 | Bouncer / Springers / Rocking seat | -3.45% |
| 23 | Seesaw | -2.37% |
| 22 | Musical / Noise | -0.22% |
| 21 | Monkey bars / hanging / swinging | 0.00% |

The design must exclude:

* Musical items / any equipment that creates artificial noise
* Water play
* Sand play
* Plastic / fibreglass slides
* MUGA style designs, incorporating basketball hoops and/or football goals etc.

There is a possibility to provide additional seating / picnic tables outside the main footprint of the play park, provided this can be within the given budget.

Consideration:

There are properties whose boundaries are adjacent to the play park. Therefore, special attention must be taken to maximise these resident’s privacy and to minimise any potential issues for them, such as with anti-social behaviour.

Maintenance requirements should be minimal. With a good provision for spares and parts, should maintenance and any replacements be required. Therefore, “end of line” equipment should not be included unless spares can be guaranteed.

Anything additional that you think would benefit this play area within the budget.

For the duration:

Please note that there are no utilities or amenities available on site, the contractor will be responsible for providing all such requirements for the duration.

Any equipment required, and left, on site must be adequately secured and/or lockable.

Upon completion, the Contractor is to ensure that:

* Any disturbed areas are made good.
* The entire site and all areas affected by the works are left clean and tidy.
* All debris and any redundant plant and materials are removed from the site.
* O&M manuals and any necessary maintenance equipment are provided.

Award Process:

It is expected that there will be:

* Scoring of submissions
* Further public engagement, considering the ongoing Covid-19 situation this will most likely be held virtually, with your information presented on the WTC website
* A public vote on the most popular design scheme
* A final decision made at the Amenities Committee meeting on 20th July 2021

Documentation:

With regards to documentation for the public engagement, please ensure you submit:

* 1 x Fixed quotation
* 1 x A2 CAD plan
* 1 x 3D Visual
* Any other supporting documents you wish to provide

Also, please provide electronic copies of the above documents.

If possible, please provide documents without any visible company information, as all designs must be presented to residents and Councillors fully redacted.

However, please note that, these must be received **after** the deadline for submissions, to maintain the Council’s requirement for anonymity of tenderers.

Therefore, it is suggested that these are emailed on the day following the deadline.