

1. What is included in the £170k?

All play equipment, fencing, surfacing and installation. Excludes soil and grass infill which will be done after the install if you prefer it that way.

2. How important is 'eco'?

Ideally any materials used are preferred to be recycled, sustainably sourced, and low carbon.

3. What slides do you prefer?

Plastic is preferred as this is less expensive and hardwearing. And it should not be installed south facing.

4. What style and materials are you looking for?

The closest playground is Seaton. That is robinia wood.

We want something different to that, that will be a destination playground, and we want it to last 30 years. Ideally play equipment for younger kids would be farming themed, eg. tractor (John Deere, not Massey!). And for older children (9+), they need to walk into this play park and be wowed. They've been waiting their lifetimes for this to happen!

5. You say you want a Gazebo?

We need a shaded area and seating. But equally this element needs to be built to last and I know softwood is less than ideal. So a shaded area with seating is equally acceptable.

6. Do you want steel feet on wood frames?

If wood is used, it should be hardwood that matches our guarantee requirements, and should have steel feet rather than be in the ground directly, as this will improve lifespan.

7. Would added value by way of support for an opening event be favourable?

I'm sure that would be a good added benefit of a tender, but would not be the deciding factor. We are looking for maximum playability, with equipment suitable for all ages and abilities, that will last in terms of quality, and is within the budget.

8. Inclusive equipment could be a nest swing or level roundabout, and a trampoline.

We do not want a trampoline.

9. What impact surfacing do you prefer?

After our somewhat soggy autumn/winter/spring, we prefer EPDM wet pour surfacing properly installed, rather than grass mat (which will get buried), bark (which is high maintenance), or bonded mulch (which stains clothes).

There also needs to be a central pathway between equipment, not necessarily everything but specifically the all inclusive play elements, and as a central thoroughfare of maximum foot traffic.

10. Do we need to remove 'spoil'?

There is a natural bund on the south edge of the park area. Any spoil can be used to build up the bund a little, and this will become a nature wall soon after.

11. Is there a space for plant and machinery that we can use whilst installing?

We need to verify permission for this with the land owner and will advise asap.

12. Please include total capacity of users in your park design on your tender.

13. What is the planning status for equipment higher than 4 metres?

We have planning permission for a play park. However we do need to submit a change of layout plan to the Environment Service following tender selection. They have advised that anything higher than 4 metres should be at least 30m away from any residences. The plan below clarifies that limitation.



Red arrows show 30m limit zones from residences.

Trees along the Cornish hedge boundary are 7-9 metres high, and highest opposite Morview Road entrance.

The green oval is ok for any items greater than 4 metres tall.

The pink circle would be perfect positioning for the centrepiece tower.

14. Has anyone asked you for an extension of the deadline, as typically we need 4-6 weeks to create the design and bid, and then 8-12 weeks for manufacture?

Nobody has yet requested an extension. A condition of our primary grant funding is that this project must be completed by end December 2024 at the latest.

15. Will it be of benefit in this tender process if we come in under the budget?

We are looking for maximum playability for the budget advised, so prefer the budget is used for the project.

16. Is a maintenance contract of interest in terms of adding value?

Again this would not be a deciding factor, but yes I am sure a maintenance proposal as a part of the bid would be beneficial.