

Description

Elmfields Gate is Winslow's flagship recreation park situated on Elmfields Gate off of the main A413 road through Winslow and includes various different elements including a fenced playground.

The recreation ground is also home to Winslow Sports Club (current pavilion/clubhouse) which comprises affiliation of Winslow United Football Club (1896), Winslow Town Cricket Club (1891) and Winslow Town Croquet Club. The existing playground was refurbished in 2012 and is now old and tired.

The new playground forms part of a larger recreation ground upgrade project

- New playground – this tender
- New car park - to be provided under main contract
- New Sports Club building – to be provided under main project

The new playground is to be built partly on, but mostly adjacent to the existing playground and will be the initial work undertaken on the site.

The new playground work will consist of:

- Detailed designs for the playground, including drawings and specifications;
- Obtaining all necessary permissions, licences and approvals to undertake the work (excluding planning consent which will be obtained by the Council);
- All necessary groundworks;
- Supply and installation of the new play equipment and surfacing;
- Supply and installation of ancillary equipment (e.g. benches and bins);
- Associated landscaping;
- Supply and installation of fencing as required.

Design requirements (ages 0 – 12 years old)

Play equipment must include:

- Multiplay element with height providing cognitive and physical challenge like ropes, slide and tower
- It should have a WOW factor.
- Multiple swings
- Multi seesaw
- Monkey bars and climbing balancing zones
- Equipment encouraging multi use and imagination rather than exclusively single play offerings, e.g. climber stack or web
- Hide-aways to encourage imaginative play
- Toddler equipment – main piece with multiplay plus springers, swings, slides
- Accessible pieces of equipment to ensure inclusivity across all age ranges and capabilities
- Mounds with tunnels and natural play
- Sensory pieces of equipment (non-physical)
- Wheelchair accessible carousel

Play equipment must:

- Be reflective of a destination playground with a sense of design and story, capturing local market town status;
- Be predominantly steel and be bright and colourful in appearance (i.e. avoiding the use of wood where possible);
- Be durable (including at least a 25 year warranty on steel and 15 year warranty on all other materials) with parts easily maintained and replaced. Particular attention should be given to the structure and mechanism of any swings;
- Be challenging for the target age ranges (up to 12 years old);
- Be zoned with natural crossover for the age ranges
- Be as accessible and inclusive as possible enabling children of all abilities to play alongside each other and incorporating sensory elements. Give consideration to the playground's immediate neighbours to ensure that noise from users is not excessive;
- Take into account trees and tree roots around the site, so as to not endanger the health of existing trees, as well as take into account the needs of any new tree planting;
- Include somewhere to place children's pushchairs, scooters/cycles
- Maximise use of the site for maximum play values
- Include items for social interaction/play

Construction requirements

- A site survey should be undertaken prior to work commencing to ensure the suitability of the ground and identify any services;
- The current planting on the site, including trees, must not be disturbed by any work, without the prior permission of the Council;
- A maximum equipment height of 10m
- All surplus materials must be removed from site;
- Materials should be locally sourced where practicable;
- Exact details, materials, quantities and measurements will be agreed with the appointed contractor following production of detailed designs.

Submissions should be sent by email to clerk@winslowtowncouncil.gov.uk by 10th January 2024.