

Playground Improvement funded by S106 Monies

Location – Shortlanesend Play Area

Budget - £40,762.09

Lying towards the southwestern end of Shortlanesend village the play field is flanked on two sides by residential areas; Roseworthy to the west and Kenwyn Heights to the east, Shortlanesend Playing Field. It is a mainly mown grass open space, approximately 1.5 hectares in area, with two pedestrian access points and a third vehicle access off School Hill, which forms the northern site boundary, into a car park serving the village hall, which sits in the north-east corner of the site. Open farmland runs along the southern boundary and the whole site, which slopes from east to west, is well enclosed by native hedgerow. There are excellent views out to the west from areas of higher ground in the east. A more level central area is used for playing football and there is a hard basketball area and some gym equipment at the southern end of the site, as well as a number of existing pieces of play equipment. Immediately in front of the village hall there is a fenced toddler play area, as well as other existing pieces of play equipment designed for slightly older age groups.

The public consultation process was instrumental in engaging with, and seeking input from, local residents and people who enjoy using the playing field and who have an interest in contributing their ideas to the design process. The concerns raised and the wishes expressed have been borne in mind as far as possible, within the budgetary constraints.

In common with similar surveys carried out at other local playing fields, the main issues raised included a lack of seating as one factor for people not choosing to spend longer enjoying the space as well as a desire to see a greater variety of children's play opportunities, including a wider range of ages, as well as opportunities for adults to engage in exercise, or whole family activities together. The most popular reason cited for visiting the playing field was by families with children coming to enjoy the play equipment and to get some fresh air, followed by playing games or sport. There was little suggestion that it was a place to come to relax, or somewhere to safely ride bicycles.

The design addresses the lack of seating by providing new benches, particularly in a location from where the good views to the west can be enjoyed. A shelter has also been incorporated. The slope below this viewpoint has an existing slide, which is popular, and the design ideas include fitting an adjacent ramp or ramps to enliven the activity of returning to the top of the slope again. The public exhibition revealed a number of suggestions for additional play equipment that would enhance children's play experience and which the design incorporates, including a climbing frame, swings and a 'witch's hat' for children aged 6 and upwards, using natural materials where possible. In the designated toddler area, there will be a new 'boat' play feature in colours and materials chosen to compliment the existing play equipment which, although old fashioned, is being retained in order not to be wasteful. This enclosed space is surrounded by a wooden palisade fence and it is suggested that, when it becomes due to be re-painted, colours might more closely match the modern play pieces to reduce the visual clutter.

Involving the public in the design process revealed a longer 'wish-list' of items which might be considered should further funding become available including improved and more challenging bicycle jumps (pump track) for older, more advanced riders as well as a continuous, surfaced cycle path where children can both learn and enjoy cycling safely.



There remains much potential for further enhancement of the whole playing field but, the design elements included here will provide a more stimulating environment for a wider range of age groups and abilities, and more opportunity for people to simply enjoy time in the open air, relaxing with, or without, their families or engaging in the increased number of activities accommodated.

Specifications (as per design, attached)

1	Climbing Net	As per design	To be incorporated into existing mound
2	Rickety Bridge	As per design	
3	Witches Hat climbing net	As per design	
4	Springers	As per design	Large boat springer and surfboard springer
5	Climbing wall	As per design	For access for existing slide
6	Benches and seating	As per design	To include benches and see-through shelter

- Due to financial regulations, please adhere as closely as possible to the attached design plan.
- Due to our Climate Emergency and our Environmental Policy, all equipment is to be made of Timber (where possible) and all improvements should be sustainable and environmentally friendly.
- All equipment be meet current EU / British Standards / ROSPA specifications and standards.
- Equipment to be appropriately robust and able to withstand use by adults. It is recognised that whilst the equipment is intended for use by children, inevitably older children and adults may use the equipment and it should therefore be of appropriate quality, sturdiness and sufficiently robust to withstand use by adults.
- Equipment should be free from entrapments, crush points, sharp edges, and unrestricted pendulums.
- Warranties on steel parts, paint, bearings, plastic parts
- Replacement parts must be available in the UK with short lead time.
- All contractors must hold the following liability insurance:
 - Employers liability: £10,000,000
 - Public liability: £5,000,000
 - Products liability: £5,000,000

Evidence of this cover must be provided at the initial quotation stage.

- Risk Assessments and method statements must be provided by the contractor before any contracts of works are awarded.

Site visits can be arranged, contact details as below.

Please provide the following to tenders@kenwynparishcouncil.gov.uk



- Completed questionnaire.
- Quotation
- Product details
- Warranty details for Structural parts, paintwork, bearings, plastic parts
- Maintenance requirements and lead time for availability of spare parts
- Delivery and installation timetable

If you have any questions, please address them to our Clerk, Mrs Karen Harding on
Clerk@kenwynparishcouncil.gov.uk

Timetable:

1. **12 noon 22nd March 2021**- Full response to be received by sending email to tender@kenwynparishcouncil.gov.uk . Due to our financial regulations, they will remain unopened until after this date when they will be opened in the presence of at least two councillors.
2. **29th March 2021** – Tenders will be presented to the full Council and the successful tender will be recommended to Cornwall Council for the release of S106 Monies
3. Installation to commence in **May 2021**.

Ariel Photograph of the site

