

REPORT 23.037 Sycamore Drive Play Area

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BACKGROUND

In early 2022, Laverstock and Ford Parish Council completed the transfer of a number of play areas and areas of Open Space under the service devolution programme from Wiltshire Council. This included a small part of the run down play area at Sycamore Drive. The majority of that play area was sited on land still owned by the estate developer.

SUMMARY

In late 2022, the land owner gave notice to Wiltshire Council to remove all play equipment on his land. Wiltshire Council duly removed all equipment and returned the area to grass.

Laverstock and Ford PC issued an Invitation to Tender on Contract Finder, for a new play area on land immediately adjacent to the old one, which is owned by the Parish Council. The project budget was set at £90,000.00. Tenderers were instructed to make full use of the budget given, but that tenders in excess of this amount would not be considered. Tenders were therefore not scored on price.

Four completed tenders have been received. Illustrations of tenders received are attached as Annex One.

On Thursday 16th March, three councillors completed anonymous scoring of play value, design, specification and inclusivity. Two members of Parish Council staff scored the areas of aftercare and spare parts, environmental impact, work programme, skills and experience and health and safety on the same day.

Tender Three scored significantly higher than the other tenders, ending on 259 points. The other tenders scored between 114 and 185. The panel agreed there was no need to shortlist and are recommending Tender Three for acceptance.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Parish Council appoint Wicksteed Leisure to complete the Sycamore Drive Play Area project for a total cost of £90,000.00.

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TENDER ONE

Your New Play Area...

Labels in the rendering include: TODDLER SWINGS, ROCKING PLAY, SPINNING PLAY, INCLUSIVE NEST SWING, INCLUSIVE PLAY, COMMUNICATION BOARD, SOCIAL PLAY, WIDE SLIDE, FIREMAN'S POLE, MONKEY BARS, NATURE THEMED SURFACING, A BRILLIANT UNIT THAT CHILDREN CAN GROW WITH!, COGNITIVE PLAY PANELS, SLIDING PLAY, and RELOCATED TEEN SHELTER.

AGE RANGE 3 - 14, 40+ USERS

NEW FENCING

DDA COMPLIANT PATH LEADING TO THE PLAY AREA

SYCAMORE DRIVE PLAY AREA

Logos for R-SPA, API, CHAS, RSC, and other accreditation bodies are visible at the bottom left.

TENDER TWO

Sycamore Drive Play Area Proposal 2023

Here's an overview of the proposed play area revamp. We've packed in the fun!

A very adventurous layout with different routes and obstacles and much of it accessible

Features to promote active, social and sensory play.

Suitable for ages 12 and below

Zoning for different ages and relaxation.

A more attractive and natural feel from using lots of 'wonky' wood plus planting around the edges

British Standard 1176 compliant

TENDER THREE



TENDER FOUR

