

REPORT: 23.064 (1)
LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH COUNCIL
SUBJECT: Installation of 3 X Mini Swings at McCleod Green,
Hannah Way and Middleton Green, Longhedge Estate
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1. Report Summary

A report to councillors regarding the proposed installation of Mini Swings at McCleod Green, Hannah Way and Middleton Green, Longhedge.

2. Background

The Longhedge play areas were installed by Proludic UK Ltd as part of the design build on behalf of the developer, Vistry Group. Unfortunately none of the play areas on the Longhedge estate include mini swings, suitable for younger children. Local residents have raised questions as to why there are no mini swings and have requested L&FPC to install such swings.

3. Summary

The three play areas identified are suitable for installation of mini swings. Quotations were requested from Proludic UK Ltd, Wicksteed and Redlynch Leisure. Proludic advised that they were not able to supply mini swings as it was not an item they used. Formal quotations were received from Wicksteed and Redlynch as requested.

Redlynch quoted a price of £9590 + Vat for the installation of 3 x mini swings (Fig 2) and grass matting safety surface. Due to the design of the swing proposed, the Redlynch quote required the removal of the climbing mound at Hannah Way and the spinner seat at McCleod Green.

Wicksteed quoted a price of £9,915.14 + Vat for the installation of 3 x mini swings (Fig 1) and grass matting safety surface. Due to the design of the swing proposed, the Wicksteed quote retains the climbing mound at Hannah Way and the spinner seat at McCleod Green.

It is recommended that the quote from Wicksteed is accepted on the basis that the retention of the two items of play equipment/value outweighs the potential savings of £325.14. The footprint and play value of the three play areas will be maximised and will provide the only 'toddler' swings on the Longhedge estate.

4. Conclusions

The proposal from Wicksteed, although costing £325.14 more than the Redlynch quote, will enable existing items of play equipment/value to be retained within the footprint of those play areas, adding play value. Additional Youth and Adult funding from the permission for 65 additional homes at Longhedge will cover the cost.

5. Recommendations

That the council resolves to appoint Wicksteed Leisure to install 3 x mini swings at Longhedge for a total cost of £9,915.14 + VAT.

Fig 1 Wicksteed Mini Swing



Fig 2 Redlynch Mini Swing

