



Ridings Road Informal Play Area Design Brief

Location: Ridings Road, Coalpit Heath BS36 2RX

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Ridings Road Play Area – Background

Frampton Cotterell Parish Council (FCPC), the client, wishes to refurbish the play area at Ridings Road (RD) and to install new play equipment where required. Some if not all of the current equipment has been deemed to be beyond its life cycle. RD has low visitor numbers due to the current state of the equipment. FCPC are looking to increase usage of this area promoting a positive outlook, minimising any anti-social behaviour and to promote community health and wellbeing. To the right of the white line indicates the space for new equipment to be sited where the existing equipment is currently

1 Ridings Road Play Area -Scope of Work

A public consultation (survey) was undertaken late 2022 and the findings of which are included within this design brief.

Local people are very engaged with environmental issues, developing RD to have a natural feel, using innovative and sustainable mix of materials, including recycled materials, metal, timber and rope. An environmentally conscious design would further strengthen the work already being undertaken by the Parish Council at other sites and accessibility improvements

The following accessibility requirements are to be included in the returned design:

- a. Access on and off the site to be Equality Act compliant allowing full access for buggies and mobility equipment;
- b. new equipment should be Equality Act compliant and fully accessible
- c. Access to enable maintenance equipment such as ride on grass cutters
- d. Accommodate an age range of between 5 and 12yrs

2 Replacement works aim to:

- a. Remove play equipment beyond its life cycle;
- b. Install new play equipment to meet the requirements of British standards for play equipment, fencing and surfacing
- c. The work is targeted to commence on site in Summer 2023 and conclude by September 2023

3 Design Specification

You are invited to put forward a design specification. Returned designs should emphasise nature-based creativity, fun, holistic play and the importance of allowing for varying levels of interaction with the equipment that meets the Equality Act 2010, to support varying levels of confidence and ability.

The site location and area is included at the beginning of this proposal.

4 The following equipment has been identified in the parish survey and should be considered in any schematic drawing:

- Climbing Structure
- Roundabout
- Slide
- Swings
- Fencing and gate
- Seating Provision

5 The following are suggestions for new equipment and site modifications:

- a. Climbing structure
- b. Roundabout
- c. Slide (possibly to be incorporated within a climbing structure)
- d. Swings (to include a toddler bay as well as a flat seat bay and a bay with circular, multi occupancy seat)
- e. The Council is open to consider fencing to blend in with current surroundings and be of low maintenance
- f. Gate to be soft closing
- g. All surface solutions will be considered but practical maintenance will be considered a deciding factor
- h. Dropped kerb to be installed for access to the play area
- i. Seating provision to blend in with the site and its use
- j. Contractors may wish to consider incorporating natural features within the overall design of the play area.

- 6** The current budget for this project is £50,000 (ex vat) but the Council will consider applying for third party funding if appropriate. Please submit your design before Friday 12th May 2023.

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