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Brief to Playground Suppliers

Glynneath Welfare Park Transformation Project Phase 1

The redevelopment of Glynneath Welfare Park has been identified as the top priority for investment following numerous community-focused consultation exercises.

The Park falls under the custodianship of Glynneath Town Council (GTC) who would be the client in this instance. The project is being driven forward by the Council with support from County Cllr Simon Knoyle (Town and County Councillor), NPTCBC Officer, Eloise Stanton (Project Development and Funding Officer, NPTCBC), and PLO Ceri Willcox (Town Clerk, GTC), who will be the main points of contact for the project as a whole.

There is currently one existing play area with fixed equipment adjacent to the tennis courts; this is to remain an area for fixed play apparatus and will cater for children and young people aged 11+.

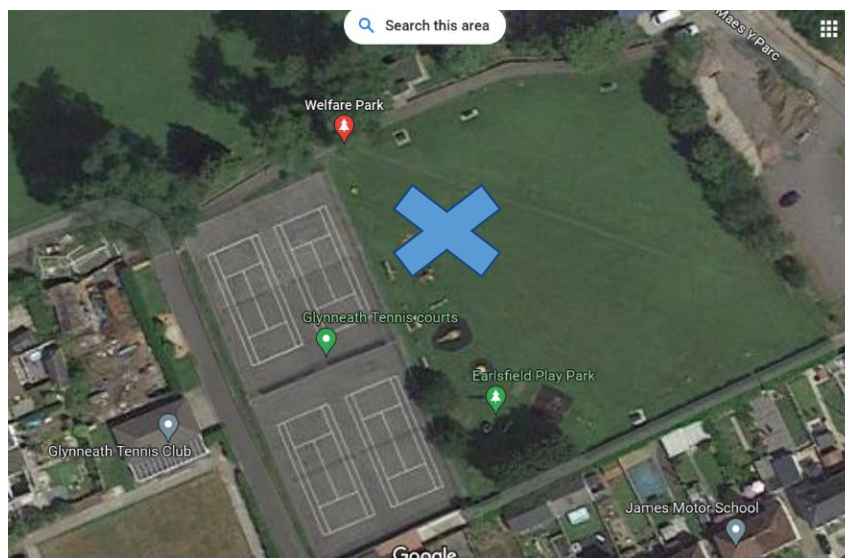
Presently, there are four tennis courts. The Town Council would like to refurbish three of the courts for tennis, with the fourth being converted to a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) for football, netball and basketball.

The area currently occupied by a disused bowling green will be repurposed into a play area, with the focus being on providing a play space for children from early years to primary school age (up to 11 years of age).

This specification has been informed by consultations with the two local Primary Schools, Youth Clubs, Parent and Toddler Group, and local dog walkers.

Work to be undertaken by the playground contractor

Play Area for Junior's and Teens (area marked 'X' on the Google Earth view below)



- Removal of all existing fixed play equipment – 'Sputnik' roundabout, toddler multi-play unit, see-saw, helicopter climber, roundabout, 'Rocket' style rocker, junior multi-play unit, 6 bay swing unit and basket swing.
- Removal of x2 no. existing children's metal picnic tables with seats – one green and one yellow.
- Removal of 1 bench and 1 damaged black bin – locations marked 'x' on the 'Google Map' view below.



- Make good (over-sow with grass seed, etc.) areas disturbed by removals.
- All other benches, picnic tables and bins in this area are to remain in situ.
- Supply and installation of new, dynamic and challenging fixed play equipment catering to children and young people aged 11+.

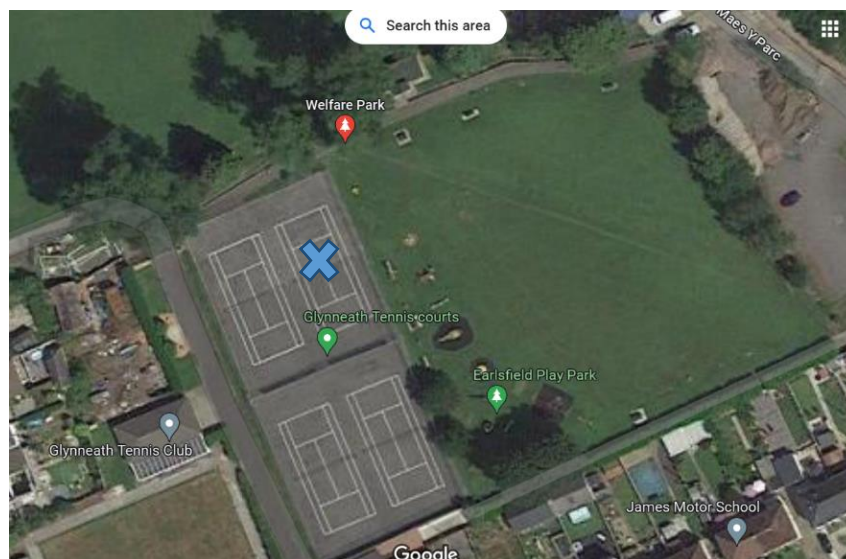
- Following a consultation exercise, the children and young people have identified the inclusion of the following equipment as being most important to them;
 - Cableways/ Zip-wires
 - Ground trampolines
 - Agility nets
 - Climbing frames
 - Climbing walls
 - Trim trails
 - Swings
 - A shelter for teens – this is to be located outside the curtilage of the fixed play area, towards the Eastern periphery of the Park, surfacing underneath to be tarmacadam.
- Rotators, see-saws and roundabouts were deemed to be of low priority.
- Play area to be enclosed in dog-proof bow top fencing with self-closing gates.
- Wet-pour safety surfacing throughout with a connecting pathway between the play area and the main park thoroughfare.
- Park furniture including benches and litter bins within the confines of the bow top fencing (taking into consideration the location of those existing).
- Install a new tarmacadam pathway on the desire line running alongside the tennis courts (as shown in yellow on the illustration below).



- Consider the layout so that the area is not compromised, leave usable space alongside the compound that is created for play so as to leave open space for sport and recreation– currently poorly arranged. Alter the rather linear, spread out layout to be rectangular or circular, but definitely create a ‘nest’ of equipment or a ‘Play Zone’ rather than disparate placement of equipment.

Sports Areas

- New 30mm tarmac overlay to existing area marked for four Tennis Courts, complete with tack coat emulsion and regulation of existing tarmacadam where necessary to enable positive drainage (review and retain the option for needle punching and clean stone if puddling).
- X3 no. Tennis Courts to remain as such. Flush fitting sockets can be re-used where possible.
- Line markings for x3 no. Tennis Courts.
- Supply x3 no. tennis posts and nets with headband. (The Town Council would like to be able to remove and store the nets and posts when not in use).
- Convert remaining tennis court (marked 'X' on the Google Earth image overleaf) into a Multi-Use Games Area complete with flush fitting play end walls (no recess), basketball hoops, and line markings for 5v5 football, basketball and netball.



- Replacement of perimeter chain link fencing (with Duex or similar), also chain link fencing to transect this area, and between the MUGA and adjacent tennis court. 4



no. gate openings as illustrated below (marked 'x').

- Add rebound fencing to 1.2m.
- New gate openings to enable wheelchair access.
- Existing shuttering and kerb edging detail around the perimeter of the area to be corrected – see photographs overleaf.



Play area for Pre School – 11-year-olds



- Conversion of existing bowling green into a play area with fixed equipment for children up to the age of 11.
- In doing the work, the level of the bowling green should be raised (with type 1 stone, etc), so it is flush with the surrounding patio slab surface. Consider in – fill of the ditch and bank and disabled access.
- Remove existing benches.
- Remove other items to make the area tidy and safe, including a wooden shed.
- Following a consultation exercise, the children have identified the inclusion of the following equipment as being most important to them;
 - Ground Trampolines
 - Slides
 - Cableways/ Zip-Wires
 - Swings
 - Climbing Frames
 - Roundabouts
 - Monkey Bars
- Springers, Agility Nets and Play Panels were deemed to be of low priority to this age group, although it is worth looking at the raw consultation data (available as a separate document), as preferences differ according to the ages of the consultees.
- New play area to utilise the entire footprint of the existing bowling green.
- Carefully segregate areas according to the age range of equipment.
- Play area to be relatively maintenance-free – no water or sand tables.
- Design should give a 'nod' to this location's former life as a bowling green. This could mean incorporating a decorative scoreboard or memorial bench.

- Play area to be enclosed in dog-proof bow top fencing with self-closing gates.
- Park furniture including benches and litter bins within the confines of the bow-top fencing.

General

- Quotations should include bilingual signage for each area (x3 no. in total) – content to be agreed with the Town Council.
- Inclusive play equipment has been recognised as being of utmost importance to consultees and should form part of any design.
- Play equipment to be predominantly of steel and not wood.
- Eco-friendly materials to be used where possible. However, this should not compromise longevity or robustness.
- All play equipment to be under 4 metres, thus negating the need to apply for Planning Permission.
- The Town Council are able to provide welfare facilities (toileting, etc), within the existing pavilion.
- Companies quoting for the work to provide scale Drawings, Plans and illustrations of their interpretation. Quotes need to remain valid until 31st October 2024 to allow time for grant applications to be made in order to fund the project.

The Design submitted by each Play Company will be evaluated by an Assessment Panel and other parties as specified in the Evaluation Methodology document. Assessment will be based on quality, how best the submission aligns with the Design Brief, deliverability, and price with an 80% weighting for quality elements and 20% for price. A full evaluation matrix is available in further documentation.

Tenders should be returned to clerk@glynneathtowncouncil.gov.uk

And: Glynneath Town Council

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By no later than 12 noon on the 31st of May, 2024

Maximum budget £800,000.