

APPENDIX II

Play Area Improvement Plan 2021-2025

This document details the improvements to the SBC play areas in most need that have been made already in 2021-22 and those scheduled for 22-23 onwards. It includes both refurbishment and replacement/additional equipment.

Play Area Refurbishment Plan

During 2021-22 a refurbishment programme was introduced to renovate and update the existing play area equipment in the red and amber rated play areas.

The refurbishment programme work included rubbing down (removing all corrosion and repair any areas of damaged or weak framework) prime and topcoat (using paints specifically designed for use on play equipment), replace any worn/wearing consumable items, replace/repair any worn/wearing fixing points and repair any damage to safer play surface (where applicable). We may undertake this work on sites that are planned for future replacement, but this ensures they are safe for children to use and stops us needing to remove equipment a long time prior to replacement.

The initial funding was to refurbish 12 play areas identified in the RAG assessment as in most need of attention with a budget of £28,000 set aside to complete the activity.

Some additional works were completed alongside the refurbishment (e.g. replacement of swing seats, basketball backboards etc) but these were completed using existing maintenance budgets funds.

Below is a table of the 12 refurbished sites together with completion dates and expenditure.

Play Area	Completion Date	Cost of Refurbishment	Additional Maintenance Costs (from existing maintenance budgets)
King George V Play Area Sittingbourne	07/08/2021	£2,340.00	£0.00
Chilton Avenue Play Area Sittingbourne	09/08/2021	£2,685.00	£0.00

Second Avenue Play Area Queenborough	08/09/2021	£2,762.50	£595.00
Chilham Close Play Area Sheerness	10/09/2021	£2,685.00	£395.00
Vincent Gardens Play Area Sheerness	13/09/2021	£695.00	£345.00
Anne Boleyn Play Area Eastchurch	15/09/2021	£1,725.00	£395.00
Grove Park Play Area Sittingbourne	21/09/2021	£2,790.00	£395.00
Rose Walk Play Area Eden Park	23/09/2021	£2,765.00	£595.00
King George V Play Area Faversham	27/09/2021	£2,268.00	£0.00
Lower Road Play Area Faversham	29/09/2021	£1,995.00	£0.00
Sumpter Way Play Area Faversham	04/10/2021	£2,687.50	£175.00
Colonels Lane Play Area Boughton Under Blean	05/10/2021	£2,376.00	£395.00
Total Cost		£27,774.00	£3,290.00

Following the positive feedback received an additional 2 sites were identified within the RAG assessment and work was completed on both.

The work at New Village Hall Play Area Warden Bay was part funded with the Parish Council agreeing to match fund SBC's contribution.

As well the refurbishment, Johnson Road Play Area also benefitted from the installation of a DDA compliant pathway to give access to all as well as allowing to meet the requirements of both national guidelines and our Insurance Inspectors.

Below is a table of the additional refurbished sites together with completion dates and expenditure.

Play Area	Completion Date	Cost of Refurbishment	Additional Maintenance Costs (from existing maintenance budgets)
New Village Hall Play Area Warden Bay	22/09/2021	£1,920.00	£0.00
Johnson Road Play Area	29/10/2021	£11,939.00	£400.00
Total Cost		£13,859.00	£400.00

Using the revised (for 2022) RAG assessment, the next 11 sites have been identified together with an indicative budget – the sites are and will be completed in 22-23:

Play Area	Estimated Cost of Refurbishment (from SPF)	Estimated Additional Maintenance Costs (from existing maintenance budgets)
Bysingwood Road Play Area Faversham	£2,000.00	£300.00
Nursery Close Play Area Sheerness	£3,000.00	£300.00
Festival Field Play Area Sheerness	£3,000.00	£300.00
Homefield Drive Play Area Rainham	£2,600.00	£300.00
Kemsley Recreation Ground Play Area Sittingbourne	£3,000.00	£300.00
Milton Recreation Ground Play Area Sittingbourne	£3,500.00	£300.00
New Road Play Area Minster	£2,200.00	£300.00
Noreen Avenue Play Area Minster	£2,200.00	£300.00
Rectory Playing Fields Play Area Sittingbourne	£3,500.00	£300.00
West Faversham Community Centre Play Area Faversham	£2,500.00	£300.00
WIndermere Play Area Faversham	£1,500.00	£300.00
Total Cost	£29,000.00	£3,300.00

It is planned to continue the refurbishment programme, using the annually revised RAG assessment, to help maintain the play areas to a high standard, meet nationally accepted guidelines and to minimise long term damage, accident and incident.

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Using the information provided from the RAG assessment as well as that provided by independent annual inspections combined with the requirements of the public, it is important to have a flexible play area improvement plan.

The improvement plan identified a number of sites in need of investment which has been prioritised over 4 financial years. We have only included guaranteed section 106 contributions at the moment. A review is currently being conducted and further sites with section 106 funding will be added to the future programme in due course.

2021-22

Site	Detail	Budget	Funding Comments
Millfield, Faversham	Complete playground replacement and provision of new outdoor gym equipment	£155,000	£59,000 COMF £96,000 Section 106 (Completion early 2022/23)
Manor Grove, Sittingbourne	Replacement playground and outdoor gym equipment	£65,000	COMF (Completion early 2022/23)
Festival Fields, Sheerness	New piece of play equipment	£10,000	COMF
Kemsley Rec	Replacement equipment and gates	£19,000	COMF
Diligent Drive	Replacement equipment	£13,500	Section 106
Grove Park	Outdoor gym equipment	£9,500	Section 106
TOTAL		£272,000	Section 106 £119,000 COMF £153,000

2022-2023

Site	Detail	Budget	Funding Comments
Beachfields, Sheerness	Provision of new outdoor gym equipment to support the Levelling Up fund bid	£40,000.00	Special Project Fund - £40,000.00
Faversham Swimming Pools Play Area Faversham	Replace play area equipment destroyed by arson attack	£30,000.00	Special Project Fund - £30,000.00
Festival Fields Sheerness	Provision of new outdoor gym station/equipment.	£18,000.00	Special Project Fund - £18,000.00
Colonels Lane Play Area Boughton Under Blean	Provision of new play area	£30,000.00	Special Project Fund - £30,000.00
Vincent Gardens Play Area Sheerness	Provision of additional new play equipment	£32,000.00	Special Project Fund - £32,000.00

New Road Play Area, Minster	Provision of additional new play equipment	£20,000.00	Sheppey Area Committee - £20,000.00
TOTAL		£170,000.00	Special Project Fund - £150,000.00

2023-2024

Site	Detail	Budget	Comments
Sumpter Way Play Area Faversham	Provision of new play area.	£120,000.00	S106 - £120,000.00
Lower Road Play Area Faversham	Provision of new play area	£120,000.00	S106 - £120,000.00
Barton's Point Play Area Sheerness	Provision of additional new play equipment	£12,000.00	S106 - £12,000.00
TOTAL		£252,000.00	S106 - £252,000.00

2024-2025

Site	Detail	Budget	Comments
King George V Play Area Faversham	Provision of new play area.	£81,000.00	S106 - £56,000.00 Funding required - £25,000.00
Dickson's Field Play Area Eastchurch	Provision of new play area	£60,000.00	Funding Required - £40,000.00
Chilton Avenue Play Area Sittingbourne	Provision of additional new play equipment	£45,000.00	Funding Required - £45,000.00
King George V Play Area Queenborough	Provision of new play area.	£80,000.00	Funding Required - £80,000.00 (expecting section 106)
TOTAL		£266,000.00	S106 - £56,000.00 Funding Required - £210,000.00

*Section 106 review will provide some of the funding required.

Additional sites with funding identified to be programme 2025—2026 onwards include:

Site	Detail	Budget	Comments
King George V Play Area Sittingbourne	New equipment	£30,000.00	Funding required
Anne Boleyn Play Area Eastchurch	Replacement play area	£80,000.00	Funding required
TOTAL		£110,000	