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Design and Access statement

Scope of works –
The refurbishment of an existing equipped playground in the open space in Westbrook Way, Southwick, West Sussex

1. Introduction

The small area of open space located within Westbrook Way contains an equipped playground owned and maintained by Worthing Homes for the benefit of the local community.

Some of the existing equipment and safety surfacing has deteriorated and requires replacement to ensure the continued safety of its users. The proposals are in keeping with the existing age provision at this play area and will not fundamentally change the appearance of the site.

2. Amount & Scale

The unsafe multi-play unit with a tiled rubber safer surfacing will be replaced with a similar sized multi-play unit and a continuous layer of safer surfacing (wetpour/ rubber crumb).*(Please note that the unit will be installed without the roofs, in keeping with the existing equipment.)*

The existing toddler swings will be repainted in existing colours and the tiled safer surfacing replaced with a continuous layer of safer surfacing (wetpour/ rubber crumb).

The existing springer will be replaced with a Polka unit (See attached picture) and the existing tiled safer surfacing replaced with a continuous layer of safer surfacing (wetpour/ rubber crumb).

The existing painted hoop- topped metal fencing and gate is corroding and where possible will be repaired. However to cover the possibility that it needs replacing please consider in this application the replacement of this fence 'like for like'.

Signage will be provided to replace vandalised signs, identifying the site and who to contact if anything is damaged.

3. Layout

The layout is as identified in the attached plans.

4. Landscaping

   Due to the compact nature of this site and minimal changes to the appearance of the playground it is proposed that the existing landscaping containing grass and a solitary tree will remain.

5. Appearance

   The appearance of the playground will be enhanced by repainting and the replacement of scruffy corroded equipment.

6. Use

   This is an existing equipped play area providing children within the local community, (0-6yrs old), a safe place to play. *(NB The provision of this playground was probably part of the section 52/ 106 agreement when the estate was built)*

7. Access

   The access to this site is will remain as existing, via the gate off Westbrook Way.