



Children's Playground Replacement

Invitation to Tender



North Yorkshire Council, in conjunction with Green Hammerton Recreational Charity (GHRC) intends to remove the existing children's playground and replace it with new equipment.

The council has set a maximum budget of £120,600 for the refit, this will exclude VAT but will be inclusive of all installation, decommissioning and removal costs.



The existing playground was largely installed around the year 1999 and most of the equipment is now showing signs of significant deterioration. The current facility caters for both infants and school age children. It is intended that the new equipment continues to be suitable for a full range of ages, also providing some suitability those who are less physically able in order to promote inclusivity.

The playground is approximately 38 metres x 22 metres in size and is surrounded by fencing, whose maintenance or improvement is not part of this tender. There is a metal picnic table and bench seat, which are in the region of 8 years old, plus a single council provided dustbin unit. It is considered that these may be repositioned, repainted and reused, but these are the only 3 items to be potentially kept. Any replacements of these will be considered, as long as their inclusion does not mean exceeding the maximum budget outlined.



The council and GHRC are seeking new playground equipment that not only will be attractive to children to use, but will also be long lasting, with a warranty of a minimum of 15 years, preferably incorporating recycled or sustainable materials. Colours and styling that are in keeping with a country village, would also be favoured.

A survey has been conducted in Green Hammerton village school, involving all primary age children who attend. The following items of equipment have been requested by the children in order of preference:

- Zip wire
- Large climbing frame
- Basket swing
- Swings
- Monkey bars
- Roundabout
- See saw
- Slide (of at least the same height as the current one)

It is hoped therefore that these items can be incorporated in the design.

Tenders received should be clear as to whether there are any annual costs for maintenance of the new play equipment (in particular the zip wire in the event of malfunction).

Currently the playground has a path which runs through the centre from one entrance gate towards the other. For the benefit of pushchairs, it seems logical to keep a similar pathway through but continue it from gate to gate. However, the current path is quite uneven with loose gravel, so would benefit from resurfacing with wet pour for safety. It is nonetheless, hoped that some grass areas will remain but in a manner that makes cutting easy for contractors.

Tenders are expected to offer good value for money, with an exciting design that caters for children of all ages and abilities and remains in keeping with the village. It is imperative that the total cost of the entire playground does not exceed the outlined budget.