

Item 10 – Playing Field / Play Area Play Equipment Quotes Report

Appendix B

The play equipment was installed in the playing field over 25 years ago and whilst repairs have been carried out previously the equipment is now in need of replacing because of a H&S risk. Several of the post that support the equipment are starting to split. Play equipment safety standards have changed in the past 25 years; the chain links supporting the swings are large enough for small children to get their fingers trapped in them. The slide and fireman's pole are too close together and cannot be used at the same time by children. The gaps in the rope netting are large enough for a child to get stuck in the hole.

Three quotes have been obtained for new equipment. The quotes are as follows:-

Company A - £24,360 excluding VAT.

Offers a 15-year guarantee, quote includes the following:-

Removal and disposal of existing equipment.

Supply and fit the following:-

Activity Tower

2 Swing Set (1 cradle, 1 flat seat)

Basket Swing

See Saw

Supply and fit grass mats

Company B - £30,350 excluding VAT

Offers a 20-year guarantee, quote includes the following:-

Activity Tower

2 Swings

Basket Swing

Grass Matting

This quote does not include a See Saw & removal of old equipment

Company C - £19,233 excluding VAT

Offers up to 20-year guarantee (different components have different guarantees), quote includes the following:-

Activity Tower

2 swings & basket swing

See Saw

Spring Horse

This quote does not include removal of old items or installation.

My recommendation is to use Company A as in addition to the 15-year guarantee the material being used is sustainable timber. All metal fittings are guaranteed for 15 years. Tockenham has several young families that have recently moved to the village. The existing play equipment is not fit for purpose so replacing it with option A would allow children to have fun and improve development through play.

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