

Design and access statement

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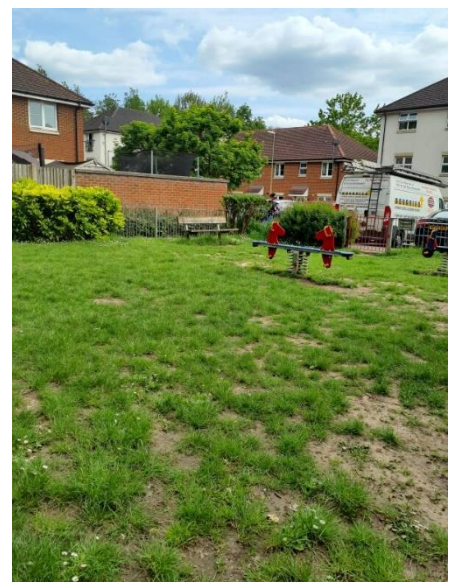
Location

Play Park, Camborne Close, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh,
Hampshire S050 6GH.



Background

This design and access statement supports the planning application for the refurbishment of a children's play area within Camborne Close. Including new equipment, and resurfacing of the current landscape, as detailed on the drawings submitted with the planning application. The current state of the park is unusable and has been for many years, Vivid recently carried out a survey within the neighborhood as to whether a new park was necessary, and the vote was a unanimous yes. The current lack of equipment, and weathered surfacing due to inadequate drainage to the site, means the park has been deemed impractical for the public and children of the nearby school.



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Proposals

The proposal submitted with this application is to resurface the existing landscape with a new safety surfacing, ensuring playpark use year-round. Due to the current issue with drainage on site, we propose to install a 100mm drainage system across essentially the whole footprint of the play area. The surface specified is "Tiger Mulch Safety Surfacing". This material is porous, which will also add to the feature of drainage whilst also providing an impact absorbing surface for the play equipment. There will be upmost care taken to preserve some of the already planted hedges and shrubs existing in the play area. Tiger Mulch is a Brown/Beige blend that blends with natural scenery and is in keeping with the current grounds.

The land is owned by Vivid and thus propose a newly designed play area consisting of a multifunctional tower, basket swing, interactive board and x2 spring loaded rockers. The plan will also benefit with additional seating area resulting in 3 new benches. All equipment elevations, dimensions and proposed site plan are attached with the application.



(3D Render of proposed design)



Impact of proposal

From the designs we have provided, you will see that we have set out the play equipment tailored to respecting the privacy of local homeowners. The Spell Hill Tower has been angled specifically to avoid overlooking into the surrounding gardens and through windows. The Basket Swing Frame that will be installed on this project is identical to the design, however the frame will be slightly lower. This will ensure that children using the equipment cannot look over into the local gardens; The Basket Swing is an inclusive and timeless piece of equipment that can be enjoyed by all, including less abled children. All elevation of the proposed equipment, including dimensions, are provided within the planning application pack.

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