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Invitation to tender

Northiam Parish Council wishes to upgrade and improve its playground for children up to age 14.

The playground currently contains items of various vintages from many different companies, as you will see from the plan and pictures that follow this introduction.

It is our intention to contract a single company to do the improvements and we are looking for a proposal that enhances the playground, makes it a more exciting environment and gives a more coherent and colourful feel. We are open to any suggestions and ideas.

We have a fund set aside for this project and will require advice and support from the winning bidder to enable us to attract additional funding if required.

If you wish to inspect the playground, we will be happy to arrange a visit.

Due to our ground conditions (heavy clay) we will be looking for these works to take place in the Autumn of 2025 as access to the playground is over the grass of the playing field.

Northiam Playground Overview

A = Mound approx 2m high

B-O Indicates existing equipment

Yellow dots indicate available space



Key to Overview

A = Grass mound approx. 2m high

B = Junior swings approx. 6 years old - Playdale

C = Rotaswing approx. 6 years old - Playdale

D = Climbing dome approx. 15 years old – Possibly Playworld

E = Slide approx. 2 years old - Kompan

F = Toddler swings approx. 15 years old - Playworld

G = Rocker car approx. 6 years old - Kompan

H = Rocker bike approx. 6 years old - Ledon

J = Toddler slide approx. 15 years old – Unknown make

K = Sound generator approx. 15 years old (to be removed)

L = Sound tube (connects to J) approx. 15 years old

M = Pendulum swing approx. 15 years old – Hally Gally / Hucks

N = Basket swing approx. 15 years old - Kompan

O = Spring bench approx. 15 years old (can be removed) – Playdale

V = Area ~ 15m x 5m

W = Area ~ 20m x 7m

X = Area ~ 6m x 6m

Y = Area ~ 5m x 5m

Z = Roundabout (removed)



View to show area (approx. 20m x 7m) that could be used for a reasonably large low-level climbing apparatus (W on plan)

The waste bin can be re-sited, and the bench removed as it is at end of life.

The zip-wire is outside the playground perimeter as it is used by children older than 14.



The toddler area requires a new roundabout and some additional colourful toddler-friendly items.

The sound generator is at end of life and can be removed. The tables are not fixed down and can be relocated.

An additional access gate will be required in the fence to the right onto the tarmac.

The marked area beyond the tarmac is area Y (see plan)



This shows area V (approx. 15m x 5m) which could be suitable for an adventure trail.

The sprung bench could either be incorporated into this or removed.

The grass mound is approximately 2m high and cries out for something to make it more of a feature.



Another view showing part of area V that could be used for an adventure trail (mound to your left).

Beyond the swings is an area approx. 6m x 6m (X on plan) that could be used for an additional piece of equipment.

The Brief

1. Low level climbing apparatus, with suitable ground surface in area W.
2. Adventure trail or similar, with suitable ground surface in area V.
3. Suggestion of additional equipment, with suitable ground surface for area X.
4. Suggestion of additional equipment, with suitable ground surface for area Y.
5. Replacement roundabout for area Z.
6. Remove sound generator and make good surface.
7. Suggestions of additional items for toddler area.
8. Replace existing gate with self-closing gate (mechanism above ground).
9. Install additional self-closing gate (mechanism above ground).
10. Suggestions for better use of the grass mound.

Specifics

Pricing should be on the assumption that installation will take place in Autumn 2025. Should installation be delayed, then an indication of likely increases in cost should be included. It will be presumed that costs include waste removal and making good any incidental damage caused by the works.

A breakdown as to how and when stage payments will be required should be included.

Please indicate whether you will be doing the work yourselves or whether it will be done by suitably qualified sub-contractors. Pricing should include a safety inspection and sign off on completion of the works.

An indication of how long the equipment will be guaranteed for will be required.