



Frodham Town Council Ship Street Play Area (Green Gates)

Summary

This report seeks approval to develop the Ship Street play area (Green Gates) land as a multi-generational recreation area funded by Frodsham Town Council (FTC) and in partnership with the Green Gates Community Project.

‘A successful multi-generational recreation area considers the needs of everyone in the community. By incorporating best practice design strategies in the areas of nature, inclusion and fitness, our community can bring adults and children together, creating a recreational area that is a neighbourhood centrepiece helping families reconnect with the outdoors and with one another.’¹

‘Parks and green spaces are proven to help people stay physically and mentally well: places where we can all move, breathe, run and play. They are an important tool to drive social cohesion, combat loneliness and build community spirit.’²

Fields in Trust provides practical ‘Guidance for Outdoor Sport and Play’ for local planning authorities, developers, planners and urban designers, landscape architects and parish and town councils in the planning and design of outdoor sport, play and informal open space.

Reference to the current guidance will help FTC to ensure that the provision of outdoor sport, play and informal open space is of a sufficient size to enable effective use and of a quality to maintain longevity and to encourage its continued use.

Recommendations

FTC is recommended to approve:

1. The engagement of an independent, professional project manager to ensure the project is completed in a quality manner, using budget and on time, subject to:
 - a. Approved plans
 - b. Agreement of Cheshire West and Chester Council to amend the covenant
 - c. The full element of the proposal (public open space) to be begun within 12 months
2. The Authority is delegated to the Amenities Committee to award the contract(s) for relevant services, equipment and installation to the bidder(s) submitting the most economically advantageous tender(s) in terms of technical and commercial ability.

¹ www.playgroundprofessionals.com/playground/inclusion/multigenerational-play

² www.fieldsintrust.org/protect