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Report number **F&GP/29/21**

To Hythe Town Council  
Date 15 February 2022  
Status **Non Exempt**  
Responsible officer **Town Clerk**

Subject **HORN STREET EQUIPMENT, ANIMALS AND SKATE  
PARK REPORT F&GP/29/21**

**SUMMARY:** This report provides information on a public consultation on the following projects: Play Equipment at Horn Street Recreation Ground, the Wooden Animal Trail and the Skate Park Shelter.

## **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

The Committee is asked to agree the recommendations set out below because:-

- a) The Council is committed to control and manage its financial affairs in accordance with The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) guidelines.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. To receive and note the report F&GP/29/21
2. To install one the Play Equipment options set out below at Horn Street Recreation Ground.
3. To choose an open space and install four animals for the animal trail.
4. To refurbish the current play equipment at Horn Street in Primary Colours.
5. To install skatepark shelter option C into the Skate Park, Hythe.
6. To vire the cost of the agreed expenditure from CIL Reserves to Budget code 5003 CIL Expenditure.

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Good Practice Guide states that 'All children do not need to access play spaces in the same way, but they are fundamentally entitled to go out to play. Good design of public play spaces is needed to make this possible. Each child is different- not every piece of equipment in a play space needs to be accessible to every child but access to the social experience of play is key.'

# HORN STREET RECREATION GROUND

It is proposed to install new play equipment to enhance Horn Street Recreation Ground. Expanding the playground equipment will ensure that all users are able to enjoy it and all children will have an equal opportunity to access the social experience of play.

Below are the different tenders that were taken to a public consultation held at the Town Hall on Saturday 12 February 2022.



| Company A  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Item   | Cost             |
| Robinia Flower Swing, untreated  |                  |
| Little Duckling Rocker Inground 40cm,                                    |                  |
| Spinner Bowl, Greenline, 90cm inground                                   |                  |
| Birds Nest Swing, 2.5m, 100mm dia. Shell Galvanised steel, inground 90cm |                  |
| Arch Ladder, 1.3 m<br>Black, Inground 36cm expansion bolts               |                  |
| Flower Explorer Play Panel   |                  |
| Sparkling Butterfly Panel  |                  |
| Supply & Install EcoSmart Single Layer Grass Mat                         |                  |
| Site Prelims   |                  |
| Post Installation Inspection   |                  |
| Total  | £21,636.51 + VAT |



| Company B – Option B1   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Item  | Cost                 |
| Supply and install Track and ride   |                      |
| Supply and install Swing frame (double flat)  |                      |
| Supply and install Forest bug seesaw  |                      |
| Supply and install Bee Springer   |                      |
| Shipment and Delivery Cost  |                      |
| All Plant, fencing, waste and materials.  |                      |
| Installation of 26mm safety grass mats with stabilising mesh underneath.<br>Mats to be installed around all equipment according to regulations. |                      |
| Total   | <u>£33,610 + VAT</u> |



| Company B – Option B1   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Item  | Cost                 |
| Supply and install Track and ride   |                      |
| Supply and install Swing frame (double flat)  |                      |
| Supply and install Village tower  |                      |
| Shipment and Delivery Cost  |                      |
| All Plant, fencing, waste and materials.  |                      |
| Installation of 26mm safety grass mats with stabilising mesh underneath.<br>Mats to be installed around all equipment according to regulations. |                      |
| Total   | <u>£38,712 + VAT</u> |



| Company B – Option B3   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Item  | Cost             |
| Supply and install Track and ride   |                  |
| Supply and install Swing frame (double flat)  |                  |
| Supply and install Village tower  |                  |
| Supply and install Forest bug seesaw  |                  |
| Supply and install Bee Springer   |                  |
| Shipment and Delivery Cost  |                  |
| All Plant, fencing, waste and materials.  |                  |
| Installation of 26mm safety grass mats with stabilising mesh underneath.<br>Mats to be installed around all equipment according to regulations. |                  |
| Total   | £47,442.00 + VAT |



| Company C  |            |
|--|------------|
| Item   | Cost       |
| 2.4m Log Swing with Basket Seat – Install into grass |            |
| Calypso – Extended Legs – Install into grass         |            |
| Foxtail Tower w/Additional Ramp – Install into grass |            |
| 1.8m Log Swing with Cradle Seat – Install into grass |            |
| Re-surfacing – Grassguard Tile (all equipment)       |            |
| Removals   |            |
| Welfare and Security                                 |            |
| Total  | £23.894.48 |

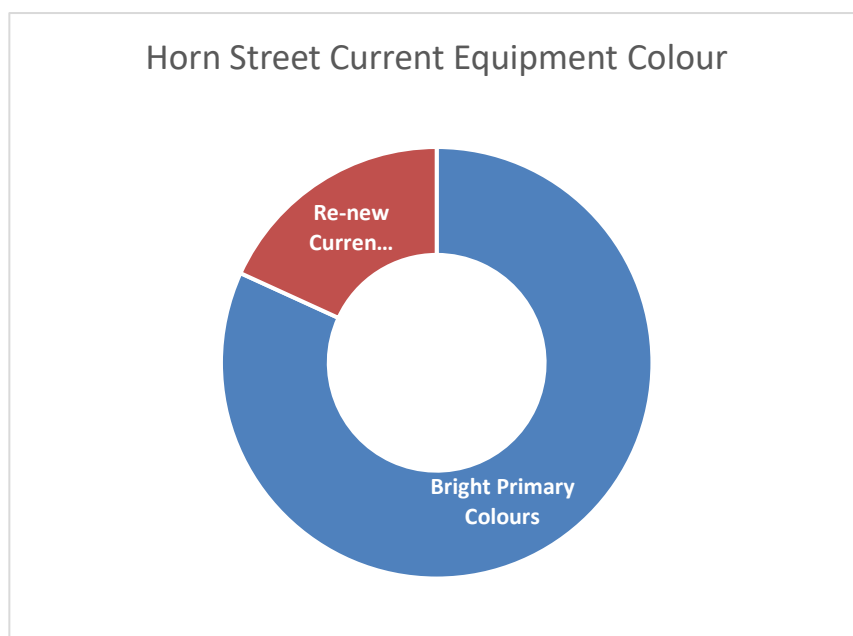
## Consultation Results



Option C was most popular option for new play equipment for Horn Street.

During the consultation, the public were asked if they would like to see the current equipment, re-painted in bright primary colours or the existing colours -re-newed.

The results showed that the public would like to see the current equipment painted in bright primary colours.



## Skate Park Shelter

As part of the Projects Budget for 2021.22 it was agreed to install a shelter in the Skate Park in Hythe. Adding a shelter to the Skate Park will add an area for users to rest, while enjoying the facility.

Below are the different tenders that were taken to the public consultation:

| Skate Park Shelter |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Option A           | £2,80.00 + VAT + Installation                 |
| Option B           | £9,216.00 + VAT + Installation                |
| Option C           | £0.00 + VAT + Installation ( to be confirmed) |



A



B

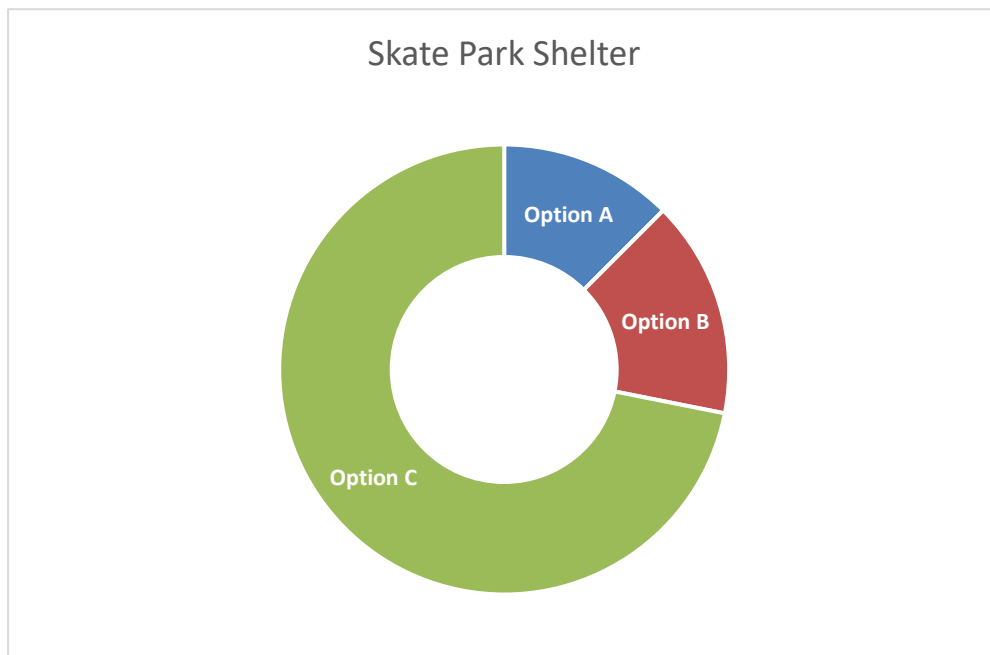


C





## Consultation Results



Option C was most popular shelter for the Skate Park.

## Wooden Animal Trail

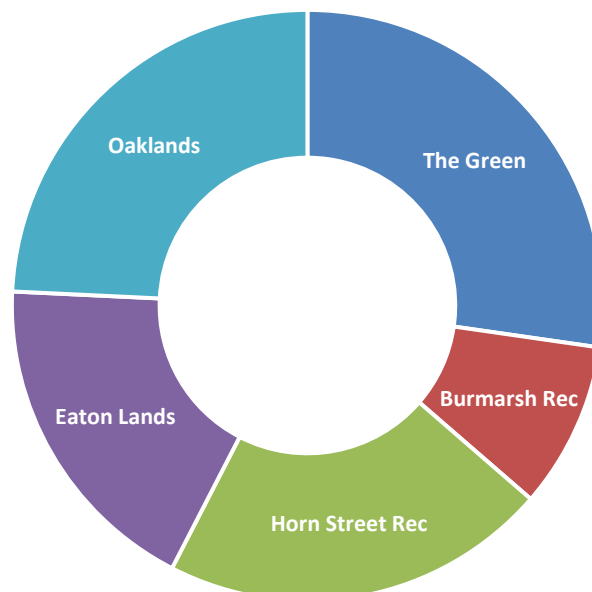
Residents were asked to select their favourite open space for a wooden animal to be placed in. Then asked to choose their four favourite animals to be considered for the open spaces.

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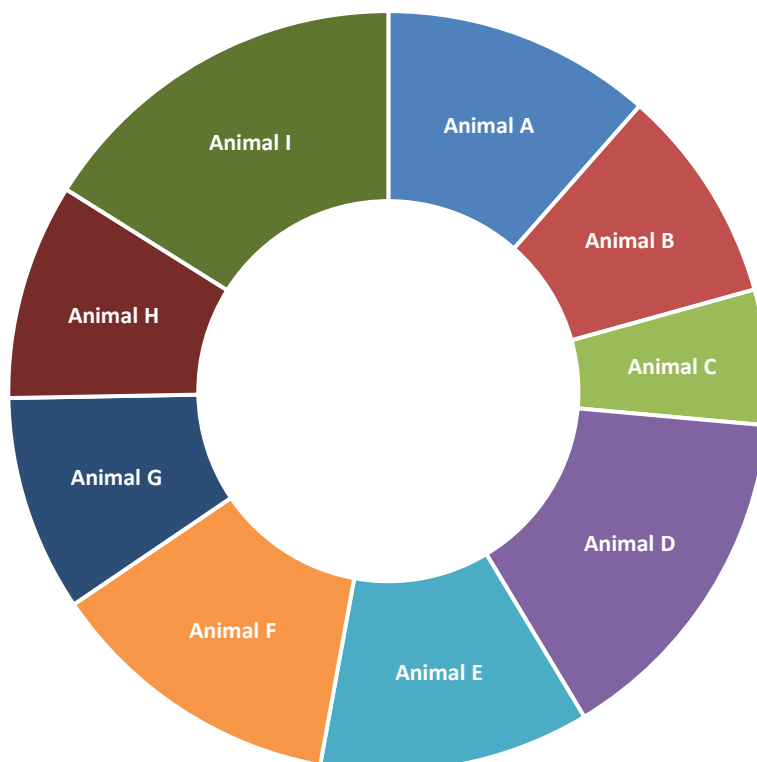




Wooden Animal Trail - Open Space



## Wooden Animal Trail - Animal



### Consultation Results

The results of the consultation showed that the Green was the most popular open Space, followed by Oaklands and Horn Street Recreational Ground. Then Animal **I** (Grasshopper), Animal **D** (Snake) and Animal **F** (Butterfly) were the most popular wooden animals.

Below is a list of the most popular wooden animal for each site:

#### The Green:

1. Snake
2. Grasshopper
3. Dragonfly

#### Burmarsh Recreation Ground

1. Swan
2. Grasshopper
3. Snake

## **Horn Street Recreation Ground**

1. Grasshopper
2. Dragonfly
3. Sheep

## **Eaton Lands**

1. Pig
2. Snail
3. Sheep

## **Oaklands Park**

1. Butterfly
2. Swan
3. Pig

## **SUMMARY**

The overall result from the consultation shows that the public would like to see the Play Equipment Option **C** installed into Horn Street and would like the current equipment re-painted with bright primary colours. The re-painting of the current equipment, would be an additional cost to the project and quotes will be sought.

The Green was the most popular open space, WITH Animal **I** (Grasshopper), Animal **D** (Snake) and Animal **F** (Butterfly) being the most popular wooden animals.

The overall result from the consultations showed that the public would like Option **C** installed into the Skate Park as the new shelter.

The committee are asked to consider the results of the consultation and which budget should be set for two of the projects, new equipment at Horn Street and the Wooden Animal Trail.

The shelter in the Skate Park, has already been budgeted for from the Projects budget which has a total of £8,200 put aside for projects in 2021-22.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

A summary of the perceived risk follows;

### **Perceived Risk**

Council do not refurbish the current Horn Street Play Equipment and it falls into disrepair.

Council do not install new play equipment for a younger age group and only children of a certain age can enjoy the area therefore not providing equipment for all age groups.

Council do not install a skate park shelter and users do not have protection from the weather should they wish to rest.

**Risk** Low

**Likelihood** Low

**Preventative Action** The equipment is refurbished and new equipment is installed to enhance the areas.

## **CONTACT OFFICER**

If you have any queries about this report, please contact The Town Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer of the Council

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