

PLAYSPACE ROLLING PROGRAMME 2001/02

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report informs Members of the progress of the current Playspace Rolling Programme for 2000/01 delayed due to the inclement weather, and seeks approval for the next phase of the programme for 2001/02.
- 1.2 Appendix A shows the original Priority listing of all the playspaces and of the progress of the programme to date.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The 2000/01 Playspace Rolling programme was approved at Community Services on 10 October 2000 following a lengthy period of Public Consultation on the programme.
- 2.2 The 2001/02 programme will continue to work through the original priority list of playspaces as originally agreed by Members, but it is now considered appropriate to include skateboarding facilities in Canewdon following the public consultation.

3 2000/01 Programme

- 3.1 The 2000/01 Rolling programme consisted of the refurbishment of Elsenham Court , Rayleigh, and refurbishment of Rowan Way, Canewdon.
- 3.2 The programmes for these schemes were combined with those at Glebe Close and Morrins Close, Great Wakering to seek better value for money in the tender process.
- 3.3 As a result of the inclement weather during the latter half of 2000/01 the actual works to these playspaces were held until March 2001 when ground conditions at Glebe Close and Morrins Way had improved sufficiently to allow the ground works to commence. The works will be completed by the end of June 2001.

4 2001/02 Programme

- 4.1 As part of the consultation exercise carried out jointly with Canewdon Parish Council it became evident that Rowan Way should be refurbished only as a minor infant playspace due to its location, but that additionally there was a major need for Skateboarding facilities in Canewdon.

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- 4.2 Further consultation has been undertaken jointly with Canewdon Parish Council to identify the level of need and the location for a new facility, and whether it was supported by residents in Canewdon. The result of this consultation has been positive in support of skateboarding facilities and that a new skateboarding facility would be appropriate on the Althorne Way Recreation ground. Appendix B summarises the results of the consultation.
- 4.3 The consultation also included the provision of a "Teen Shelter", the result of which is much closer, 52% in support, and 48% against. It is not clear therefore whether this can be recommended.
- 4.4 A further consultation with the Parish Council will need to be carried out to ensure that the optimum location on Althorne Way recreation ground is established.
- 4.5 Fyfield Path in Rayleigh has been removed from the programme in previous years due to a number of ongoing Crime and Disorder issues affecting the area that have been difficult to resolve. However there have been no reports of problems at this site over the last year, and it is understood that a number of parents have made serious efforts to reclaim this playspace for the children for which it is intended. The playspace is in need of refurbishment and can now be considered as a suitable case for inclusion in the programme. Fyfield Path was priority 2 on the original list.

5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The provision of playspaces and play equipment contributes to the reduction of youth nuisance.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Refurbished playspaces will generally improve the environment of the area in which they are located.

7 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 An allocation of £50k is included in the 2001/02 Capital Programme for these works.

8 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 All playscheme proposals will be carried out in Consultation with the Parish / Town Council affected.

9 RECOMMENDATION

9.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

- (1) To agree the installation of a skateboarding facility at Canewdon following agreement with Canewdon Parish Council of the actual location within Althorne Way Recreation Ground.
- (2) To agree the refurbishment of Fyfield Path playspace

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Appendix A

Site No.	Site Name	Priority Listing for Upgrade Jan.1999	Current Status
RDC001	Ashingdon Road	19	
RDC002	Barling	12	New fencing 2001/02
RDC003	Bedford Close	5	New equipment and fencing has been installed though maintenance funding
RDC004	Betts Wood, Hockley	6	Unable to install extra equipment due to lack of space
RDC005	Althorne Way	18	
RDC006	Causton Way, Rayleigh	8	Additional equipment required
RDC007	Clements Hall	11	New fencing 1999/00
RDC008	Conway Avenue	10	New equipment 1999/00
RDC009	Doggetts	8	Completed 1999/00
RDC010	Elsenham Court	1	Completed 2000/01
RDC011	Fairview	17	New fencing 2001/02

RDC012	Fyfield Path	2	Proposed for 2001/02
RDC013	Grove Road	14	
RDC014	Hartford Close	9	New fencing safety surfaces, equipment and Aerial Runway 1999/2000
RDC015	Hawkwell Common	16	
RDC016	High Street, Gt. Wakering	15	
RDC017	Hockley Woods	17	
RDC018	King George's Rayleigh	18	Town Council
RDC019	Plumberow Mount		Parish Council
RDC020	Pooles Lane	7	Skateboard facilities installed 1999/00 5-a-side facilities proposed for 2001/02
RDC021	Rawreth lane	11	
RDC022	Rowan Way	4	Complete 2001
RDC023	St.John Fisher	11	
RDC024	Boston Avenue	11	
RDC026	Sweyne Park	20	
RDC027	Tylney Avenue		Closed
RDC028	Warwick Drive	13	
RDC029	Elizabeth Close		Parish Council
RDC030	Church End		Parish Council
RDC031	Magnolia Road		Parish Council
	Glebe Close, Gt. Wakering		Complete 2001
	Morrins Way Gt. Wakering		Complete 2001

APPENDIX B

Rochford District Council & Canewdon Parish Council Joint Consultation for Skate Park and Teen Shelter

<u>Skate Park</u>	<u>Skate Park</u>	<u>Teen Shelter</u>	<u>Teen Shelter</u>
Yes	No	Yes	No
89	43	69	63
67%	33%	52%	48%

Comments raised by the public about the Skate Park and the Teen Shelter.

<u>For The Skate Park & Teen Shelter</u>	<u>Against The Skate Park & Teen shelter</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It will keep the skateboarders off the street. ➤ There will be somewhere for the kids to go and hangout. ➤ The park should be then shared between the skateboarders and the Cricketers, Footballers, and Basketballers. ➤ It would be a good idea to have lighting so that no accidents occur. ➤ The Council will be maintaining the park so the kids will be safe from Needles, etc. ➤ There will be seating for all age groups. ➤ Keep the Skateboarders with the basketballers and not near the residential area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It won't be supervised. ➤ There will be too much noise. ➤ It won't get used. ➤ It will be vandalised as soon as it is put in. ➤ There will be damage to the resident's property. ➤ There will be too much ware and tare on the area. ➤ There will then be somewhere for all the underage drinkers, smokers, and drug addicts. ➤ There isn't enough room with the Cricket and the football there.