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## 1 Introduction

CFP was commissioned by Bromsgrove District Council to carry out a Play Investment Strategy in September 2023. The Strategy considers the expenditure required over the next ten years to maintain the District's outdoor equipped play areas to a high standard and of maintaining and enhancing the accessibility of these play spaces.

The study is based on the earlier play assessment which considered the distribution and accessibility of outdoor equipped play across Bromsgrove District. In order to sustain and enhance the current level of play provision across the District significant investment is required over the next ten years to replace ageing play equipment and associated infrastructure. Existing maintenance budgets are minimal and are used to ensure that play spaces are kept safe and comply with national and European standards. Specialist staff resources to achieve this are limited, shared across Bromsgrove and Redditch, and are applied reactively to prioritise the most urgent issues.

A capital investment programme for the Council's equipped play spaces would ensure the existing provision can be sustained and enhanced over the next ten years, providing greater play value and quality, more inclusive play and greater accessibility across the District. This would contribute directly to the Council Plan priorities around living independent, active and healthy lives and communities which are safe, well-maintained and green.

The study recognises the contribution of outdoor equipped play spaces provided by other organisations such as Parish Councils, private landowners and associated management companies in terms of the supply and accessibility. However, the investment strategy focuses on Bromsgrove District Council assets only.

Council Officers and Members work closely with many of these local organisations providing advice and support about maintenance and procurement. Planning gain is also used, where appropriate, to support investment in Parish Council and community managed play spaces. A capital investment programme would also allow more time for

officers to adopt more strategic approaches to supporting Parish Councils and community based organisations to sustain and enhance their play provision.

## 2 The Benefits of Play

The value of play is well understood in terms of its role in children's development.

"From an early age, play is important to a child's development and learning. It isn't just physical. It can involve cognitive, imaginative, creative, emotional and social aspects. It is the main way most children express their impulse to explore, experiment and understand. Children of all ages play. Some may need support to get the best out of play. While few teenagers would describe what they do as play, they need time, space and freedom associated with play for younger age groups."

DCMS, 2004 Getting Serious About Play, A Review of Children's Play

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) – Article 31 Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

Outdoor equipped play is an important component of play provision and can contribute to:

- Physical Development - encouraging active play, physical activity, and gross motor skill development;
- Cognitive development - Stimulating problem-solving skills through navigating play equipment;
- Promoting imaginative and creative play;
- Social and Emotional Development - facilitating social interaction, cooperation, and communication among children;
- Health and Wellbeing - Contributing to overall physical and mental health by reducing sedentary behaviour which can help address childhood obesity;

- Social Cohesion - as a gathering place for families and the local community which encourages social interaction;
- Environmental Awareness - encouraging exploration and connection with the outdoor environment;
- Inclusive and Accessible Design - integrating and supporting the participation of children with disabilities or special needs.

### 3 Policy Context

#### 3.1 Bromsgrove Council Plan

Good quality outdoor play provision contributes to achieving the Council’s strategic purposes. In particular there are strong links to :

- Living independent, active and healthy lives;
- Communities which are safe, well-maintained and green.



Play provision also contributes to the green thread priorities: Improving health and wellbeing and provision for young people can help provide diversionary activities contributing to reductions in crime and disorder.

### **3.2 Bromsgrove District Plan (2011 - 2030)**

The Bromsgrove District Plan recognises the value of outdoor equipped play as part of wider open space provision:

“Ensuring the District’s communities have good health and well-being is a major priority for Bromsgrove. Key factors. . . . access to healthy housing, open space, an active lifestyle, cultural and community facilities”.

The District Plan also sets out accessibility standards for provision for children (10 mins) & young people (15 minutes) which are used as fundamental principles for the Play Accessibility Audit and Investment Strategy.

### **3.3 Leisure & Culture Strategy (2022 - 2032)**

The Leisure and Culture Strategy highlights the need for a more strategic approach to increasing the quality of parks and play provision (& infrastructure). The Play Accessibility Audit and Investment Strategy have been developed to respond to the recommendations set out in the Leisure and Culture Strategy.

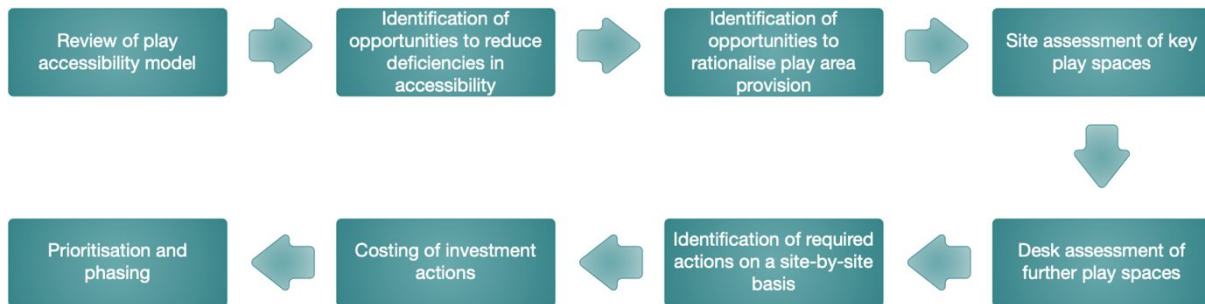
### **3.4 Bromsgrove Community Survey (2023)**

Consultation with residents through the Bromsgrove Community Surveys highlights the importance of the maintenance of the landscape and environment (ranked 3<sup>rd</sup>) and providing well maintained parks and open spaces (ranked 4<sup>th</sup>).



## 4 Approach and Methodology

The Play Investment Strategy is based on the following approach:



### Play Accessibility Model

The Bromsgrove Play Accessibility Model classifies outdoor equipped play spaces as local or neighbourhood level provision, depending on the range of equipment and age ranges catered for. The model is based on:

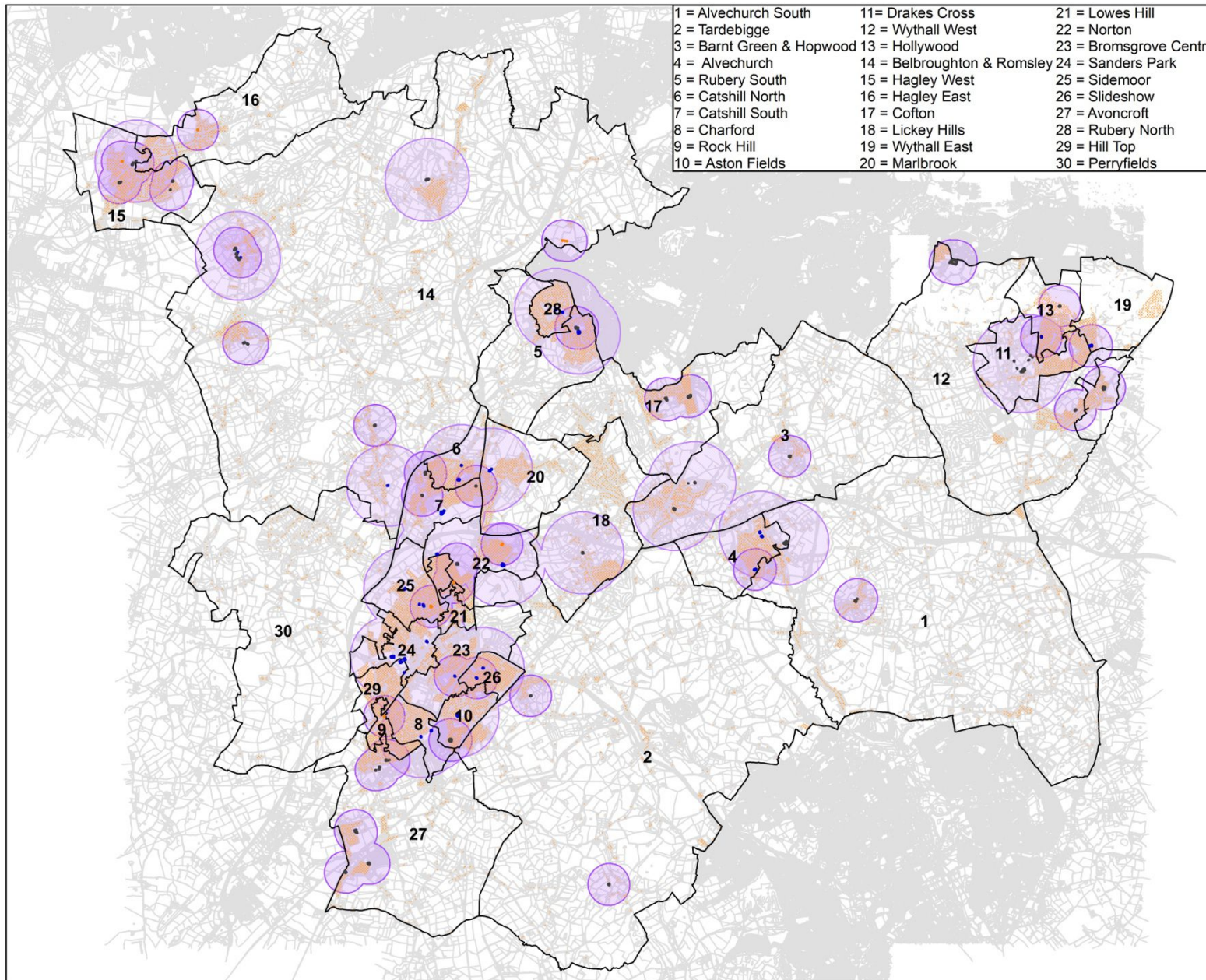
- Local Play Spaces - aimed at children who can go out to play independently, accessible within 400m (5-10 mins walking time);
- Neighbourhood Play Spaces - aimed at older children within 800m (10-15 mins walking time)

The walking time is based on a walking speed of 2.0 – 2.5 mph (using a straight-line buffer with allowance for street pattern). This is broadly consistent with national guidance published by the Fields in Trust (and the Chartered Institution for Highways and Transportation guidance)..

Based on this accessibility model approximately 81.7% of all households in Bromsgrove currently have access to a play space within a walk time of up to 10-15 minutes. This is shown in Figure 2 below.

It should be noted that a significant number of the supply of play areas within the District are not under the direct control of the District council. This reliance on external bodies or organisations to manage certain parks presents a potential vulnerability, as

changes in their management arrangements, priorities, or resources could impact the availability and quality of these spaces.



### Redditch and Bromsgrove Play

Figure 1  
All Play Provision  
Buffered @ 400m /  
800m

#### Legend

- Play Space (BDC)
- Play Space (Not BDC)
- Access to local level play @ 400m
- Access to neighbourhood play @ 800m
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## **Reducing Deficiencies in Access**

Whilst the current level of play provision in Bromsgrove is good, approximately 18.3% of households in the District do not have access to a suitable outdoor play spaces within a walk of up to ten to fifteen minutes. This deficiency in access is not uniform and some wards have lower levels of access to play space than others. The areas of Bromsgrove Town with the highest levels of deficiency, as identified through the Play Accessibility Study, are the south-east of Lowes Hill ward, the south of Norton ward and the south of Rock Hill Ward. Out of the 'large settlements', a significant gap is present in Lickey Hills ward and in Wythall East and Wythall West wards. In addition, there are significant gaps in the 'small settlements' where there are small villages or 'isolated' residential properties, namely Alvechurch South, Perryfields, Tardebigge and Belbroughton & Romsley wards.

The play investment strategy has considered whether it is feasible and practicable to upgrade local level play spaces to neighbourhood level play spaces where this would reduce the deficiencies in accessibility.

## **Rationalising Play Area Provision**

The play investment strategy has also considered where selected play areas that offer poor play value or are in poor condition could be removed without adversely affecting (or with minor impact) on the overall level of accessibility could be removed (when they reach the end of their serviceable lifespan, fail to meet European / National Standards, or risk becoming unsafe).

Annual maintenance costs for play spaces within Bromsgrove are approximately £57,500 (split approx. 65% staff time for inspections & maintenance and 35% equipment & materials). This equates to approximately £1,450 on average per play space per annum to maintain to a safe standard. Capital investment is then required on a 10 to 15 year cycle for replacement of play equipment along with safety surfacing, fencing, signage and furniture.

Rationalising play provision will help ensure that staff time and maintenance budgets can be used more effectively to maintain those play spaces that provide greater play value. Resources can also be directed towards those play spaces that are better used with greater footfall and which experience greater wear and tear, rather than those that are subjected to repeated vandalism and anti-social behaviour.

Open Spaces would continue to be retained as open space offering opportunities for informal play and recreation. It is recommended that local consultation is carried out to explore the options for these open spaces and consideration given to the most suitable facilities and features that could be provided in the future. This could include some form of natural, informal or quipped play and/or landscape improvements.

### **Site Assessment and Desk Assessment of Play Spaces**

Where potential play spaces have been identified as candidates for upgrading from Local provision to Neighbourhood provision, these were visited by the consultants' team and BDC officers. Other play spaces were assessed through a desktop exercise and through online meetings between the consultants' team and BDC officers.

### **Identification of Actions**

The site and desk assessment process identified a series of agree actions on a site-by-site basis. This has been a detailed assessment process looking at individual items of equipment, surfacing, fencing and entrances, signage and site furniture for each play space.

The identified actions have focused on:

- Play spaces that can feasibility be upgraded from Local to Neighbourhood level provision with the provision of additional items of play equipment or replacing outdated equipment with new;
- Play spaces that require investment in the first 12 months (from adoption of this strategy);
- Play spaces that are in reasonable condition but will require some investment in the next three years;



- Play spaces that are in reasonable condition but will require some investment in the next five to six years;
- Play spaces that are currently in reasonable condition but will require some investment in the next 7-10 years.

### **Costing of Actions**

Detailed quotations and cost estimates from a range of play companies for work in Bromsgrove and Redditch over the last three years have been collated, reviewed and analysed to create a database of costs and a set of standard rates. These rates have been applied to the identified and recommended actions for each site to produce play space enhancement specifications and cost sheets.

A contingency allowance of 10% has been applied to each site cost estimate.

An inflationary allowance of 3% per annum has been applied to the site-based costings based on the anticipated year of delivery. The cost summary in spreadsheet form allows different inflationary allowances to be applied and modelled and to accommodate future changes. It is currently anticipated that the inflation rate will remain between 3% and 5.5% during the period covered by the Investment Strategy.

### **Prioritisation and Phasing**

The table below sets out the principles that have been used to determine the priority rating and proposed timescales for investment. The overarching principle is to provide equality of access across the District addressing identified deficiencies, and then continue to invest in play spaces to ensure they are safe, comply with standards and offer good play value. The investment programme will also allow improvements in inclusive play to be delivered as well as introducing new play options and enhancing play value.

Five open spaces that currently have equipped play, particularly those that are small, or where the equipment is poorly located have been identified as needing further review. It is recommended that local consultation is carried out with residents and children and young people is carried out to explore options for these open spaces and consider what

form of play provision is most appropriate. This could include informal; play, natural play or other equipped play alongside landscape improvements.

These play spaces will continue to be monitored to ensure their safety and compliance with standards both now and as they approach 'end of life'. It may be that actions at these play spaces needs to be taken sooner than anticipated should their condition deteriorate faster than expected. One further play space (Boleyn Road) has been identified as a candidate for potential removal when it reaches 'end of life' since the provision is currently limited in scale and play value, it serves very few Bromsgrove residents and there is better alternative provision nearby.

Investment Principles	Priority Rating	Year
Immediate Investment <12 months	1	1
Those play spaces that require urgent action and where the condition rating is less than 1 year	2	2
Address deficiencies by increasing hierarchy : Local -> Neighbourhood and where action is required to maintain safe spaces.	3	3
Investment in 1- 3 year life span (Local & Neighbourhood)	4	4
Review, consult and consider options for the play space	5	5
Invest in 3-5 year life span or where upgrades have been identified	6	6
Retain and maintain (typically good for 5 years + ). Deliver other investment where funding through planning gain	7	7 to 10

Where play spaces are in good condition and investment is proposed for years 7 to 10, consideration should be given to prioritising those wards with the poorest health outcomes. Lowes Hill, Cofton, Alvechurch South, Alvechurch Village, Barnt Green & Hopwood and Lickey Hills Wards were identified in the Play Accessibility Assessment as having the highest levels of childhood obesity (among 10 – 11 years olds).

## 5 Recommendations and Analysis

The play investment strategy is based on the following recommendations:

- Following consultation agreeing the preferred option for Foxgrove Way (2024-25) since the play area is in poor condition and approaching 'end of life';
- Urgent investment in Charford Recreation Ground (Neighbourhood) and Kinver Drive Play Area (Local) and Upland Grove Play Area (Local) (2025-26)
- Urgent removal of one local play spaces (Boleyn Road) that is near 'end of life' (2025-26);
- Upgrading 1 play space in Wythall East ward from Local to Neighbourhood level provision (2026/27) allowing 398 households to have improved access to play;
- Urgent upgrade to one Neighbourhood play space (Swan's Length in 2026/27);
- Upgrading 4 Neighbourhood play spaces and significant repairs and maintenance to one Local play space (2027/28);
- Local consultation to explore the options for 4 existing play spaces that are expected to be 'end of life' (2028/29). Open spaces to be retained but consideration given to the options to for play provision and whether this is informal, natural or equipped play alongside landscape improvements;
- Upgrading a further 3 Neighbourhood play spaces (2029/30);

And provisional costs for:

- Investing in a further 21 play spaces, that are currently in good condition but will need upgrading in the future (2030/31 onwards).

NB : Where play spaces are identified as being near 'end of life' and this is planned for Year 5, there may be instances where actions many need to be taken sooner at specific sites should the condition deteriorate more quickly than expected. This will be determined through the regular play safety inspection process.



The table below summarises the identified costs. The sequencing is based on the investment principles set out on page 12 of this report. This is driven by a combination of 1) upgrading of sites to increase the accessibility of play provision and 2) the current condition of the play facilities and their expected lifespan. There may be scope to bring investment forward for those spaces that are proposed to receive investment in years 7 to 10, subject to finances being available.

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029/30 - 2033/34	Total
No. of play spaces	1	4	2	5	4	3	21	39
Cost	£15,000	£161,400	£150,666	£207,242	£60,000	£134,351	£1,135,000	£1,848,659
Inflation @ 3%	£0	£4,842	£9,176	£19,217	£7,531	£21,399	£260,907	£156,828
<b>Total</b>	<b>£15,000</b>	<b>£166,242</b>	<b>£159,841</b>	<b>£226,459</b>	<b>£67,531</b>	<b>£155,749</b>	<b>£1,395,907</b>	<b>£2,005,487</b>

A more detailed breakdown by site and year is shown below. Detailed costs on a site by site basis are included in Appendix A.

Implementing these investment proposals will ensure that the quality of play is sustained and enhanced, providing better quality play experiences, more inclusive play and better accessibility.

A further 45 play spaces are provided by Parish Councils and developers / management companies. Discussion with Parish Councils in April and May 2023 (all 19 responded) to identify current and future provision indicated that there were no planned changes to the existing levels of provision. BDC will continue to work with Parish Councils, community associations and other providers to support ongoing play provision, subject to available resources.

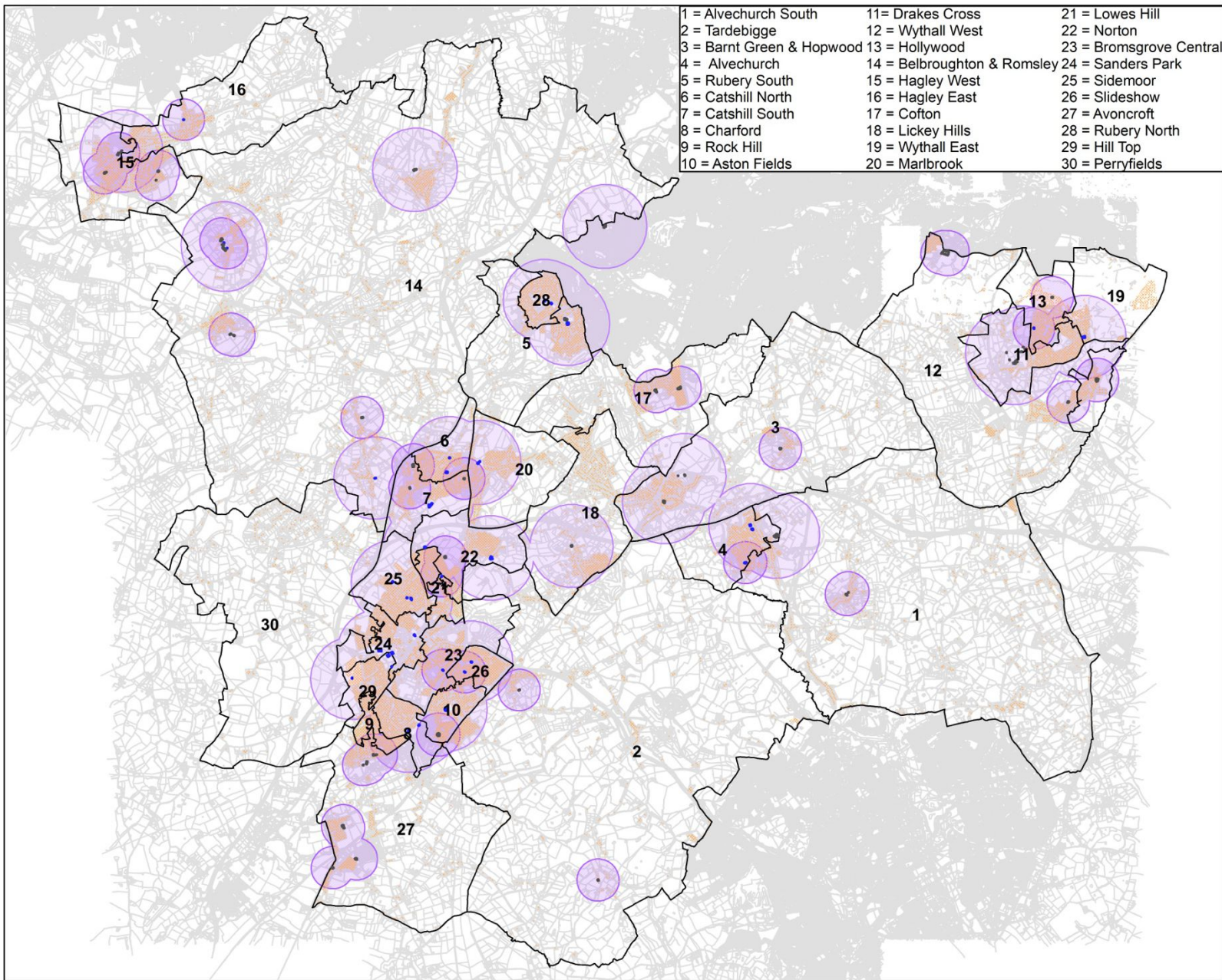
On this basis the accessibility model indicates that 82.5% of households would have access to a play space within a walking time of up to 10-15 minutes. This is increase in the current level where 81.7% of households have access.

Figure 2 below shows the impact of the play investment proposals in terms of overall accessibility.

## Play Investment Costs Based on Current Estimates

URN	Site Name	BDC Condition Rating	Play Hierarchy	Play Investment Action	Play Investment Cost(£)	Play Hierarchy Future	Priority Rating	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030/31 - 2034/35	Total
609	Foxglove Way Play Area	Requires Immediate Action	Local	Agree Preferred Option	£15,000	Local	1	£15,000							£0
55	Charford Recreation Ground Play Area	Good <1 Year	Neighbourhood	Upgrade	£59,884	Neighbourhood	2		£59,884						£59,884
57	Kinver Drive Play Area	Good <1 Year	Local	Upgrade	£29,211	Local	2		£29,211						£29,211
657	Upland Grove Play Area	Good <1 Year	Local	Upgrade	£57,306	Local	2		£57,306						£57,306
650	Boleyn Road	Requires Urgent Action	Local	Remove Equipped Play & Enhance Open Space	£15,000	Local	2		£15,000						£15,000
33	Swans Length Play Area	Good 1-3 Years	Neighbourhood	Urgent Upgrade	£78,254	Neighbourhood	3			£78,254					£78,254
80	Hollywood Lane Play Area	Good 5+ years	Local	Upgrade to Neighbourhood	£72,412	Neighbourhood	3			£72,412					£72,412
30	King George V Playing Field Play & MUGA	Good 1-3 Years	Neighbourhood	Upgrade	£35,695	Neighbourhood	4				£35,695				£35,695
25	St Chads Recreation Ground - MUGA & Skatepark	Good 1-3 Years	Neighbourhood	Upgrade	£34,337	Neighbourhood	4				£34,337				£34,337
71	St Chads Recreation Ground Play Area	Good 1-3 Years	Neighbourhood	Upgrade	£53,759	Neighbourhood	4				£53,759				£53,759
74	Sanders Park MUGAs	Good 1-3 Years	Neighbourhood	Retain & maintain	£60,000	Neighbourhood	4				£60,000				£60,000
50	Fordhouse Road Play Area	Good 1-3 Years	Local	Repairs & Maintenance	£23,452	Local	4				£23,452				£23,452
651	Silverdale Play Area	Requires Urgent Action	Local	Consult & Consider Options	£15,000	Local	5					£15,000			£15,000
31	Upland Grove Basketball Court	Requires Urgent Action	Local	Consult & Consider Options	£15,000	Local	5					£15,000			£15,000
69	Villiers Road Play Area	Requires Urgent Action	Local	Consult & Consider Options	£15,000	Local	5					£15,000			£15,000
58	The Coppice Play Area	Good 3-5 Years	Local	Consult & Consider Options	£15,000	Local	5					£15,000			£15,000
65	Shelley Close	Good 3-5 years	Neighbourhood	Upgrade	£81,606	Neighbourhood	6						£81,606		£81,606
4	Swans Length MUGA	Good 3-5 years	Neighbourhood	Repairs & Maintenance	£22,000	Neighbourhood	6						£22,000		£22,000
77	The Oakalls	Good 3-5 years	Neighbourhood	Upgrade	£30,745	Neighbourhood	6						£30,745		£30,745
78	Arundel Road Play Area	Good 5+ years	Local	Retain & maintain	£30,000	Local	7							£30,000	£30,000
5	Aston Fields Recreation Ground Basketball Court	Good 5+ years	Neighbourhood	Retain & maintain	£15,000	Neighbourhood	7							£15,000	£15,000
37	Aston Fields Recreation Ground Play Area	Good 5+ years	Neighbourhood	Retain & maintain	£80,000	Neighbourhood	7							£80,000	£80,000
652	Barnsley Hall Play Area	Good 5+ years	Neighbourhood	Retain & maintain	£80,000	Neighbourhood	7							£80,000	£80,000
43	Bourneheath Village Hall Recreation Ground Play Area	Good 5+ years	Neighbourhood	Retain & maintain	£80,000	Neighbourhood	7							£80,000	£80,000
21	Braces Lane Recreation Ground Basketball Court	Good 5+ years	Neighbourhood	Retain & maintain	£15,000	Neighbourhood	7							£15,000	£15,000
64	Braces Lane Recreation Ground Play Area	Good 5+ years	Neighbourhood	Retain & maintain	£80,000	Neighbourhood	7							£80,000	£80,000
24	Callowbrook Lane MUGA	Good 5+ years	Neighbourhood	Retain & maintain	£30,000	Neighbourhood	7							£30,000	£30,000
70	Callowbrook Lane Play Area	Good 5+ years	Neighbourhood	Retain & maintain	£80,000	Neighbourhood	7							£80,000	£80,000
13	Charford Recreation Ground MUGA	Good 5+ years	Neighbourhood	Retain & maintain	£30,000	Neighbourhood	7							£30,000	£30,000
661	George Road Playing Field	Good 5+ years	Local	Retain & maintain	£30,000	Local	7							£30,000	£30,000
52	Goodwood Road Play Area (Same as Lingfield Walk)	Good 5+ years	Neighbourhood	Retain & maintain	£80,000	Neighbourhood	7							£80,000	£80,000
653	Laurel Grove/Beech Grove	Good 5+ years	Neighbourhood	Retain & maintain	£80,000	Neighbourhood	7							£80,000	£80,000
113	Lickey End Recreation Ground MUGA	Good 5+ years	Neighbourhood	Retain & maintain	£30,000	Neighbourhood	7							£30,000	£30,000
51	Lingfield Walk	Good 5+ years	Neighbourhood	Retain & maintain	£80,000	Neighbourhood	7							£80,000	£80,000
72	Market Street Recreation Ground Play Area	Good 5+ years	Neighbourhood	Retain & maintain	£80,000	Neighbourhood	7							£80,000	£80,000
62	May Farm Close Play Area	Good 5+ years	Local	Retain & maintain	£30,000	Local	7							£30,000	£30,000
595	Pool Furlong Outdoor Fitness	Good 5+ years	Local	Retain & maintain	£30,000	Local	7							£30,000	£30,000
46	Pool Furlong Playing Field Play Area	Good 5+ years	Neighbourhood	Retain & maintain	£80,000	Neighbourhood	7							£80,000	£80,000
20	Sanders Park Basketball Court 2	Good 5+ years	Neighbourhood	Retain & maintain	£15,000	Neighbourhood	7							£15,000	£15,000
73	Sanders Park Play Area	Good 5+ years	Neighbourhood	Retain & maintain	£80,000	Neighbourhood	7							£80,000	£80,000
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>					<b>£1,863,659</b>			<b>£15,000</b>	<b>£161,400</b>	<b>£150,666</b>	<b>£207,242</b>	<b>£60,000</b>	<b>£134,351</b>	<b>£1,135,000</b>	<b>£1,848,659</b>
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Play Investment Costs based on current estimates. These are subject to fluctuation and will vary depending on the future condition of play spaces



### Redditch and Bromsgrove Play

Figure 2  
Impact of Proposed Investment on Accessibility

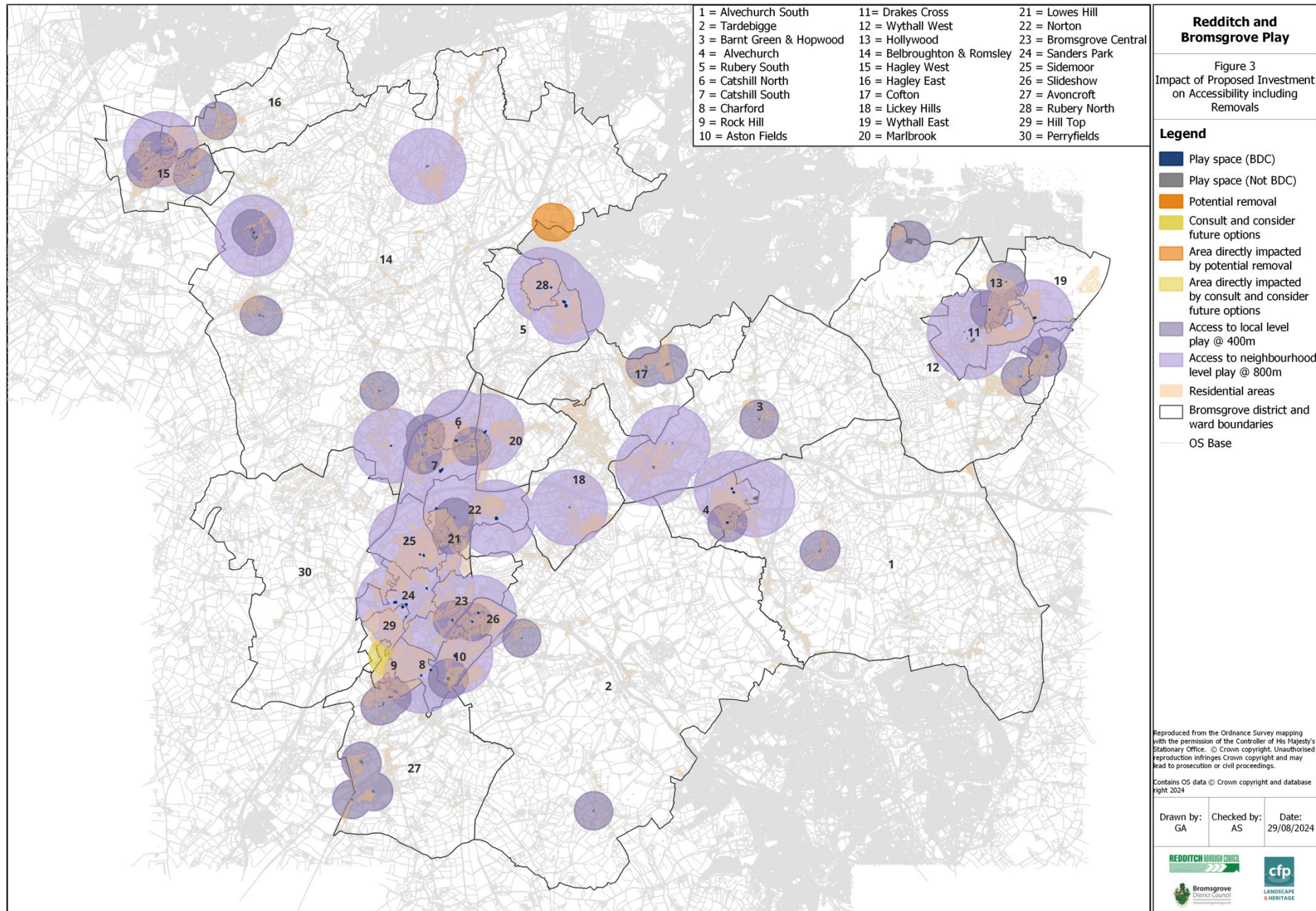
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## Appendix A – Detailed Costs by Site

URN	50
Site Name	Fordhouse Road
Assessment	Upgrade to Nhood – not achievable. Retain as local provision.



Status	Item	No.	Unit	Rates	Cost
<b>Equipment</b>					
Existing	Mixed seat swings	2	Item		
Existing	Climber	1	Item		
Existing	Slide	1	Item		
Existing	Springer	1	Item		
New	Bespoke Tower with Steel Slide and Bannister Bars	1	Item	£7,890.00	£7,890.00
<b>Surfacing</b>					
Existing	Rubber Mulch surfacing - Retain				
Existing	Wet Pour Surfacing - Retain				
Existing	Grass - Retain				
New	Safer surfacing	55	Sqm	£65.00	£3,575.00
New	Tarmac surfacing for new pathways	30	Metres	£70.00	£2,100.00
<b>Fencing / Gates</b>					
Existing	Bow top fencing - Retain				
Existing	Flat top fencing - Retain				
Existing	Maintenance gate - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Self closing gate - Retain one	2	Item		
New	Supply 1m High Prosafe Self Closing Single Gate Powder Coated Yellow	1	Item	£1,250.00	£1,250.00
<b>Furniture</b>					
Existing	Bench - Retain	1			
Existing	Litter Bin - Retain	1			
New	Play area signage (fence mounted)	2	Item	£300.00	£600.00
<b>Groundworks &amp; removals</b>					
New	Excavate & 100mm MOT sub-base for extension	55	Sqm	£33.00	£1,815.00
New	Excavate & 100mm MOT sub-base for new pathways	30	Metres	£33.00	£990.00
New	Removal and disposal of gate	1	Item	£150.00	£150.00
<b>Site Security (Prelims)</b>					
	Prelims	1	Item	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
	RPII Post Installation Inspection	1	Item	£450.00	£450.00
<b>Sub-total</b>					<b>£21,320.00</b>
Contingency	Contingency @ 10%	1	Item		£2,132.00
<b>Total</b>					<b>£23,452.00</b>

URN	80
Site Name	Hollywood Lane
Assessment	Upgrade to Nhood - achievable



Status	Item	No.	Unit	Rates	Cost
<b>Equipment</b>					
Existing	Climbing wall - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Toddler swing - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Junior swing - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Embankment slide - Retain	1	Item		
New	Bespoke Two Tower Unit with Net and Steel Slide	1	Item	£12,039.81	£12,039.81
New	Talk & Tumble, Classic, Inground	1	Item	£1,839.00	£1,839.00
New	Steel swing frame	1	Item	£625.00	£625.00
New	Junior swing seat	1	Item	£125.00	£125.00
New	Repairs to slide	1	Item	£1,900.00	£1,900.00
<b>Surfacing</b>					
Existing	Grass - Retain				
New	Safer surfacing - rubber mulch	300	Sqm	£95.00	£28,500.00
New	Tarmac surfacing for new pathway	50	Sqm	£70.00	£3,500.00
<b>Fencing / Gates</b>					
Existing	Bow top fencing - Retain				
Existing	Gate - Retain	1	Item		
<b>Furniture</b>					
Existing	Bench - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Bin - Retain but move next to bench	1	Item	£500.00	£500.00
New	Play area signage (fence mounted)	1	Item	£300.00	£300.00
<b>Groundworks &amp; removals</b>					
New	Excavate & 100mm MOT sub-base for safer surfacing areas	350	Sqm	£35.00	£12,250.00
New	Dig out and removal of play equipment	1	Item	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
New	Cut back vegetation	1	Item	£300.00	£300.00
<b>Site Security (Prelims)</b>					
	Prelims	1	Item	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
	RPII Post Installation Inspection	1	Item	£450.00	£450.00
<b>Sub-total</b>					<b>£65,828.81</b>
Contingency	Contingency @ 10%	1	Item		£6,582.88
<b>Total</b>					<b>£72,411.69</b>



URN	55
Site Name	Charford Recreation Ground Play Area
Assessment	Limited Life



Status	Item	No.	Unit	Rates	Cost
<b>Equipment</b>					
Existing	Infant multi play unit	1	Item		
Existing	Play panel	2	Item		
Existing	Mixed swing	1	Item		
Existing	See saw	1	Item		
Existing	Cone climber	1	Item		
Existing	Boat rocker	1	Item		
Existing	MUGA	1	Item		
Existing	Skateboard ramps	3	Item		
New	Bespoke Two Tower Unit with Net and Steel Slide	1	Item	£12,039.81	£12,039.81
New	Junior swing seat	2	Item	£125.00	£250.00
New	General repairs to skate equipment	1	Item	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
New	General upkeep for MUGA	1	Item	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
<b>Surfacing</b>					
Existing	Wetpour surfacing - Retain				
Existing	Concrete surfacing - Retain				
Existing	Tarmac surfacing - Retain				
New	Wetpour surfacing for extension	100	Sqm	£65.00	£6,500.00
New	Tarmac pad for teen shelter	10	Sqm	£70.00	£700.00
<b>Fencing / Gates</b>					
Existing	Bow top fencing - Retain				
New	Dog grids	2	Item	£1,500.00	£3,000.00
New	Bow top fencing for extension	50	Lin m	£61.00	£3,050.00
<b>Furniture</b>					
Existing	Bench	1	Item		
Existing	Teen shelter	1	Item		
Existing	Litter bin	1	Item		
Existing	Play area signage (fence mounted)	2	Item	£300.00	£600.00
New	Litter bin	1	Item	£500.00	£500.00
<b>Groundworks &amp; removals</b>					
New	Excavate & 100mm MOT sub-base for safer surfacing areas	100	Sqm	£35.00	£3,500.00
New	Excavate & 100mm MOT sub-base for tarmac pad	10	Sqm	£35.00	£350.00
New	Dig out & reposition of swings	1	Item	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
<b>Site Security (Prelims)</b>					
	Prelims	1	Item	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
	RPII Post Installation Inspection	1	Item	£450.00	£450.00
<b>Additional Works</b>					
New	Additional Equipment	1	Item	£10,000.00	£10,000.00
<b>Sub-total</b>					<b>£54,439.81</b>
Contingency	Contingency @ 10%	1	Item		£5,443.98
<b>Total</b>					<b>£59,883.79</b>



<b>URN</b>	65
<b>Site Name</b>	Shelley Close
<b>Assessment</b>	Good for 3-5 years



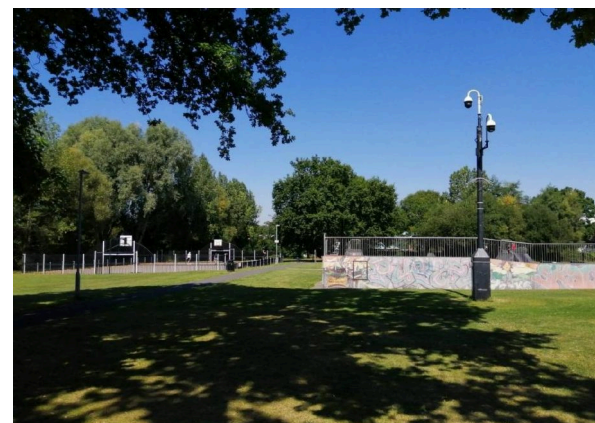
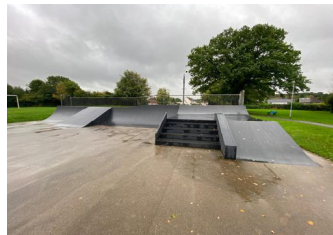
Status	Item	No.	Unit	Rates	Cost
<b>Equipment</b>					
Existing	Zip wire - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Standing Carousel - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	MUGA - Retain	1	Item		
New	Junior Spica in Red	1	Item	£820.00	£820.00
New	Circular net climber	1	Item	£4,254.00	£4,254.00
New	Flymobile	1	Item	£1,613.00	£1,613.00
New	Cables for zipwire	1	Item	£400.00	£400.00
<b>Surfacing</b>					
New	Safer surfacing - Rubber mulch	350	Sqm	£95.00	£33,250.00
<b>Fencing / Gates</b>					
New	Partial rebound fencing	65	Lin m	£250.00	£16,250.00
<b>Furniture</b>					
New	Pine Bench with Backrest, Inground	1	Item	£600.00	£600.00
New	Litter bin	1	Item	£500.00	£500.00
New	Play area signage (fence mounted)	1	Item	£300.00	£300.00
<b>Groundworks &amp; removals</b>					
New	Excavate & 100mm MOT sub-base for safer surfacing areas	350	Sqm	£35.00	£12,250.00
New	Dig out & removal of play equipment	1		£1,000.00	£1,000.00
<b>Site Security (Prelims)</b>					
	Prelims	1	Item	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
	RPII Post Installation Inspection	1	Item	£450.00	£450.00
<b>Sub-total</b>					<b>£74,187.00</b>
<b>Contingency</b>	Contingency @ 10%	1	Item		£7,418.70
<b>Total</b>					<b>£81,605.70</b>

URN	71
Site Name	St Chads Rubery Recreation Ground Play Area
Assessment	Good for 1-3 years



Status	Item	No.	Unit	Rates	Cost
<b>Equipment</b>					
Existing	Mixed swings - Retain	2	Item		
Existing	Toddler swing - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Basket swing - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Carousel - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Junior multi play unit - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Toddler multi play unit - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	See saw - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Springer - Retain	2	Item		
New	Circular net climber	1	Item	£4,254.00	£4,254.00
New	Combination Street Work Out Pro 2 Powder Coated Orange	1	Item	£4,470.29	£4,470.29
New	BLOQX 1 with Coated Corner in Orange/Grey/Night Sky Blue	1	Item	£5,497.14	£5,497.14
<b>Surfacing</b>					
Existing	Wet Pour Surfacing - Retain				
Existing	Grass Matting - Retain				
Existing	Tarmac surfacing - Retain				
New	Rubber mulch to replace grass matting	110	Sqm	£95.00	£10,450.00
New	Safer surfacing - Wetpour skim over existing for 'blue' area.	200	Sqm	£50.00	£10,000.00
New	General repairs and maintenance until end of life	3	years	£3,000.00	£9,000.00
<b>Fencing / Gates</b>					
Existing	Bow top fencing - Retain				
Existing	Maintenance gate - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Self closing gate - Retain one	1	Item		
New	Supply 1m High Prosafe Self Closing Single Gate Powder Coated Yellow	1	Item	£1,250.00	£1,250.00
<b>Furniture</b>					
Existing	Snake bench - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Play area signage (freestanding) - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Frog litter bins - Retain	2	Item		
<b>Groundworks</b>					
New	Removal of equipment	1	Item	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
<b>Site Security (Prelims)</b>					
	Prelims	1	Item	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
	RPII Post Installation Inspection	1	Item	£450.00	£450.00
<b>Sub-total</b>					<b>£48,871.43</b>
Contingency	Contingency @ 10%	1	Item		£4,887.14
<b>Total</b>					<b>£53,758.57</b>

<b>URN</b>	25
<b>Site Name</b>	St Chads Park Rubery Recreation Ground MUGA & Skatepark
<b>Assessment</b>	Good for 1-3 years



Status	Item	No.	Unit	Rate	Cost
<b>Equipment</b>					
Existing	MUGA - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Fun box (roller sports) - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Goal posts - Retain	2	Item		
Existing	Half pipe (roller sports) - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Pyramid ramp (roller sports) - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Quarter pipe bank wall (roller sports) - Retain	1	Item		
New	General repairs and maintenance until end of life - Retain	10	Years	£2,500.00	£25,000.00
<b>Surfacing</b>					
Existing	Tarmac surfacing				
New	MUGA Paint & Sports Markings. Paint the playing area in different colours - with line markings for 5-a-side, Mini Tennis and Basketball	1	Item	£3,215.00	£3,215.00
<b>Fencing / Gates</b>					
N/A					
<b>Furniture</b>					
Existing	Bench - Retain	5	Item		
Existing	Perch seat - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Cycle racks - Retain	2	Item		
Existing	Litter bins - Retain	3	Item		
Existing	Skate bench - Retain	2	Item		
<b>Groundworks</b>					
New	Cut back vegetation - annual basis	10	Years	£300.00	£3,000.00
<b>Site Security (Prelims)</b>					
N/A					
<b>Sub-total</b>					<b>£31,215.00</b>
<b>Contingency</b>	Contingency @ 10%	1	Item		£3,121.50
<b>Total</b>					<b>£34,336.50</b>

URN	77
Site Name	The Oakalls
Assessment	Good for 3-5 years



Status	Item	No.	Unit	Rates	Cost
<b>Equipment</b>					
Existing	Seesaw - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Junior multi-play unit - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Toddler multi play unit - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Jeep - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Toadstool stepping pods - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Mixed seat swings - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Cone climber - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Spinning dish - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Inclusive springie - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Talk tubes - Retain	1	Item		
New	Spring for jeep replacement	1	Item	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
New	General repairs and maintenance until end of life	5	Years	£1,000.00	£5,000.00
<b>Surfacing</b>					
Existing	Wet Pour Surfacing				
New	Safer surfacing - Wetpour skim over existing.	300	Sqm	£50.00	£15,000.00
<b>Fencing / Gates</b>					
Existing	Bow top fencing - Retain				
Existing	Self closing gates - Retain	2	Item		
<b>Furniture</b>					
Existing	Frog litter bin - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Picnic table - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Memorial bench with back rest - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Free standing signage - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Bench - Retain	2	Item		
<b>Groundworks</b>					
N/A					
<b>Site Security (Prelims)</b>					
	Prelims	1	Item	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
	RPII Post Installation Inspection	1	Item	£450.00	£450.00
<b>Sub-total</b>					<b>£27,950.00</b>
<b>Contingency</b>	Contingency @ 10%	1	Item		£2,795.00
<b>Total</b>					<b>£30,745.00</b>

URN	33
Site Name	Swans Length Play Area
Assessment	Already neighbourhood provision. Upgrades required.



Status	Item	No.	Unit	Rates	Cost
<b>Equipment</b>					
Existing	Spinner Bowl	1	Item		
Existing	Springer	1	Item		
Existing	Mixed swings - Replace frame and seat	1	Item		
Existing	Tunnel	1	Item		
Existing	Boulder trail	1	Item		
New	Bespoke Tower with Steel Slide and Bannister Bars	1	Item	£7,890.00	£7,890.00
New	Swing frame	1	Item	£625.00	£625.00
New	Swing seat	1	Item	£125.00	£125.00
New	Embankment slide	1	Item	£10,000.00	£10,000.00
New	Recycled plastic posts for fort	30	Item	£65.00	£1,950.00
New	Timber posts for tunnel	4	Item	£25.00	£100.00
<b>Surfacing</b>					
Existing	Grass				
New	Safer surfacing - rubber mulch	350	Sqm	£95.00	£33,250.00
<b>Fencing / Gates</b>					
Existing	Bow top fencing - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Maintenance gate - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Self closing gates - Retain one	2	Item		
New	Dog grid	1	Item	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
<b>Furniture</b>					
Existing	Bench - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Litter bin - Remove 1	2	Item		
Existing	Play area signage (freestanding)	1	Item		
New	Litter bin	1	Item	£500.00	£500.00
<b>Groundworks</b>					
New	Excavate & 100mm MOT sub-base for safer surfacing areas	350	Sqm	£35.00	£12,250.00
<b>Site Security (Prelims)</b>					
	Prelims	1	Item	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
	RPII Post Installation Inspection	1	Item	£450.00	£450.00
<b>Sub-total</b>					<b>£71,140.00</b>
Contingency	Contingency @ 10%	1	Item		£7,114.00
<b>Total</b>					<b>£78,254.00</b>

<b>URN</b>	4
<b>Site Name</b>	Swans Length MUGA
<b>Assessment</b>	Already neighbourhood provision. Upgrades required.



Status	Item	No.	Unit	Rates	Cost
<b>Equipment</b>					
Existing	MUGA - Retain	1	Item		
<b>Surfacing</b>					
Existing	Macadam surfacing				
New	Repatch surfacing	100	Sqm	£100.00	£10,000.00
Existing	Rebound wall / fencing upgrade	1	item	£10,000.00	£10,000.00
<b>Fencing / Gates</b>					
N/A					
<b>Furniture</b>					
N/A					
<b>Groundworks</b>					
N/A					
<b>Site Security (Prelims)</b>					
N/A					
<b>Sub-total</b>					<b>£20,000.00</b>
Contingency	Contingency @ 10%	1	Item		£2,000.00
<b>Total</b>					<b>£22,000.00</b>



URN	30
Site Name	King George V Playing Field Play Area & MUGA
Assessment	Good for 1-3 years



Status	Item	No.	Unit	Rates	Cost
<b>Equipment</b>					
Existing	Toddler swing	1	Item		
Existing	Junior swing	1	Item		
Existing	Climbing wall	1	Item		
Existing	Climber	1	Item		
Existing	Junior multi play unit	1	Item		
Existing	Toddler multi play unit	1	Item		
Existing	Spinner	1	Item		
Existing	Spica	1	Item		
Existing	Jumper	1	Item		
Existing	MUGA	1	Item		
New	Basket swing replacement	1	Item	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
New	General repairs and maintenance until end of life	3	Years	£3,000.00	£9,000.00
<b>Surfacing</b>					
Existing	Wetpour surfacing				
Existing	Tarmac surfacing				
New	Safer surfacing - Wetpour skim over shrinkage areas	250	Sqm	£50.00	£12,500.00
<b>Fencing / Gates</b>					
Existing	Bow top fencing - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Dog grid - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Maintenance gate - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Self closing gate - Retain	1	Item		
<b>Furniture</b>					
Existing	Bench - Retain	1	Item		
Existing	Litter bin - Retain	1	Item		
<b>Groundworks &amp; removals</b>					
New	Removal of equipment - Trail	1	Item	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
<b>Site Security (Prelims)</b>					
	Prelims	1	Item	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
	RPII Post Installation Inspection	1	Item	£450.00	£450.00
<b>Sub-total</b>					<b>£32,450.00</b>
Contingency	Contingency @ 10%	1	Item		£3,245.00
<b>Total</b>					<b>£35,695.00</b>

URN	657
Site Name	Upland Grove Play Area
Assessment	Good for <1 year



Status	Item	No.	Unit	Rates	Cost
<b>Equipment</b>					
New	Talk & Tumble, Classic, Inground	1	Item	£1,839.00	£1,839.00
New	Swing Frame -Includes 1 Duo Seat (yellow), 1 Cradle Seat & 1 Flat Se	1	Item	£4,268.00	£4,268.00
New	Ladybird Springer	1	Item	£970.00	£970.00
New	Swan Springer	1	Item	£1,371.00	£1,371.00
New	KOMPAN Spinner Bowl Inground 90cm, colour yellow	1	Item	£1,030.00	£1,030.00
New	Tile Slide Frog Play Panel	1	Item	£418.15	£418.15
<b>Surfacing</b>					
New	Safer surfacing - Wetpour	165	Sqm	£65.00	£10,725.00
<b>Fencing / Gates</b>					
New	Bow top fencing	55	Lin m	£60.00	£3,300.00
New	Supply 1m High Prosafe Self Closing Single Gate Powder Coated Yellow	1	Item	£1,250.00	£1,250.00
New	Dog Grid	1	Item	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
<b>Furniture</b>					
New	Pine Bench with Backrest, Inground	1	Item	£600.00	£600.00
New	Litter bin	1	Item	£500.00	£500.00
New	Play area signage (fence mounted)	2	Item	£300.00	£600.00
<b>Groundworks &amp; removals</b>					
New	Removal of all equipment - Toddler Swing & Infant Multi Unit, fencing and furniture	1	Item	£15,000.00	£15,000.00
New	Excavate & 100mm MOT sub-base for safer surfacing areas	165	Squared metres	£35.00	£5,775.00
<b>Site Security (Prelims)</b>					
	Prelims	1	Item	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
	RPII Post Installation Inspection	1	Item	£450.00	£450.00
<b>Sub-total</b>					<b>£52,096.15</b>
Contingency	Contingency @ 10%	1	Item		£5,209.62
<b>Total</b>					<b>£57,305.77</b>



<b>URN</b>	57
<b>Site Name</b>	Kinver Drive Play Area
<b>Assessment</b>	Good for <1 year

Status	Item	No.	Unit	Rates	Cost
<b>Equipment</b>					
New	Talk & Tumble, Classic, Inground	1	Item	£1,839.00	£1,839.00
New	Toddler Spica	1	Item	£1,156.00	£1,156.00
New	Ladybird Springer	1	Item	£970.00	£970.00
New	Water Lilies 4 way Springer	1	Item	£1,172.00	£1,172.00
New	Tile Slide Frog Play Panel	1	Item	£418.15	£418.15
<b>Surfacing</b>					
Existing	Safer surfacing - Retain	102	Sqm		
New	Wetpour surfacing - skim over existing	102	Sqm	£50.00	£5,100.00
<b>Fencing / Gates</b>					
Existing	Bow top fencing - Retain	40	Lin m		
New	Supply 1m High Prosafe Self Closing Single Gate Powder Coated Yellow	1	Item	£1,250.00	£1,250.00
<b>Furniture</b>					
New	Pine Bench with Backrest, Inground	1	Item	£600.00	£600.00
New	Litter bin	1	Item	£500.00	£500.00
New	Play area signage (fence mounted)	2	Item	£300.00	£600.00
<b>Groundworks &amp; removals</b>					
New	Removal of all equipment - Slide, Spica & Seesaw & Furniture	1	Item	£10,000.00	£10,000.00
<b>Site Security (Prelims)</b>					
	Prelims	1	Item	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
	RPII Post Installation Inspection	1	Item	£450.00	£450.00
<b>Sub-total</b>					<b>£26,555.15</b>
<b>Contingency</b>	Contingency @ 10%	1	Item		£2,655.52
<b>Total</b>					<b>£29,210.67</b>

## **Appendix B – Detailed Assessment of Sites for Further Review**

Site ID	650
Site Name	Boleyn Road Play Area
Street Address	Boleyn Road, Rubery, Birmingham, B45 0NG
Hierarchy	Local
Ward	Belbroughton & Romsley
Proposal	Removal of equipped play area. Open Space will be retained and enhanced for informal play and general recreation.
Justification	Boleyn Road play area is classified as local level provision. It is very limited fitness equipment of poor quality. It would need significant investment to upgrade it to an acceptable standard. Since it is 'end of life' it is proposed that the play area is removed.
Impact	<p>Boleyn Road Play Area only serves a very small area on the Birmingham border. The removal of the play area at Boleyn Road would result in only 10 households having to travel further to access play provision. The area is reasonably well served by 3 neighbourhood play spaces within Bromsgrove at:</p> <p>Callowbrook Lane Play Area &amp; MUGA 1800m away (approx. 22-23 minutes' walk) and has adequate play provision.</p> <p>St Chads Rubery Recreation Ground Play Area, MUGA &amp; Skatepark 2200m away (approx. 25-26 minutes' walk) and has adequate play provision.</p> <p>Hopwood Community Centre Playing Fields 2100m away (approx. 25-26 minutes' walk) and has adequate play provision, although this play space is not managed by BDC.</p> <p>The area is also well served by a neighbourhood space just outside of Bromsgrove district:</p> <p>Holly Hill Road Play Area and MUGA 950m away (approx. 11-12 minutes' walk). This play space is managed by BCC and is much better play provision available than that at Boleyn Road.</p> <p>N.B. The residential area to the south is outside of Bromsgrove district and ward boundaries.</p>
Recommendations	Remove Boleyn Road as it only serves a significantly small area and there is access to much better play provision at Holly Hill Road (BCC).



Boleyn Road Location



Boleyn Road Equipment

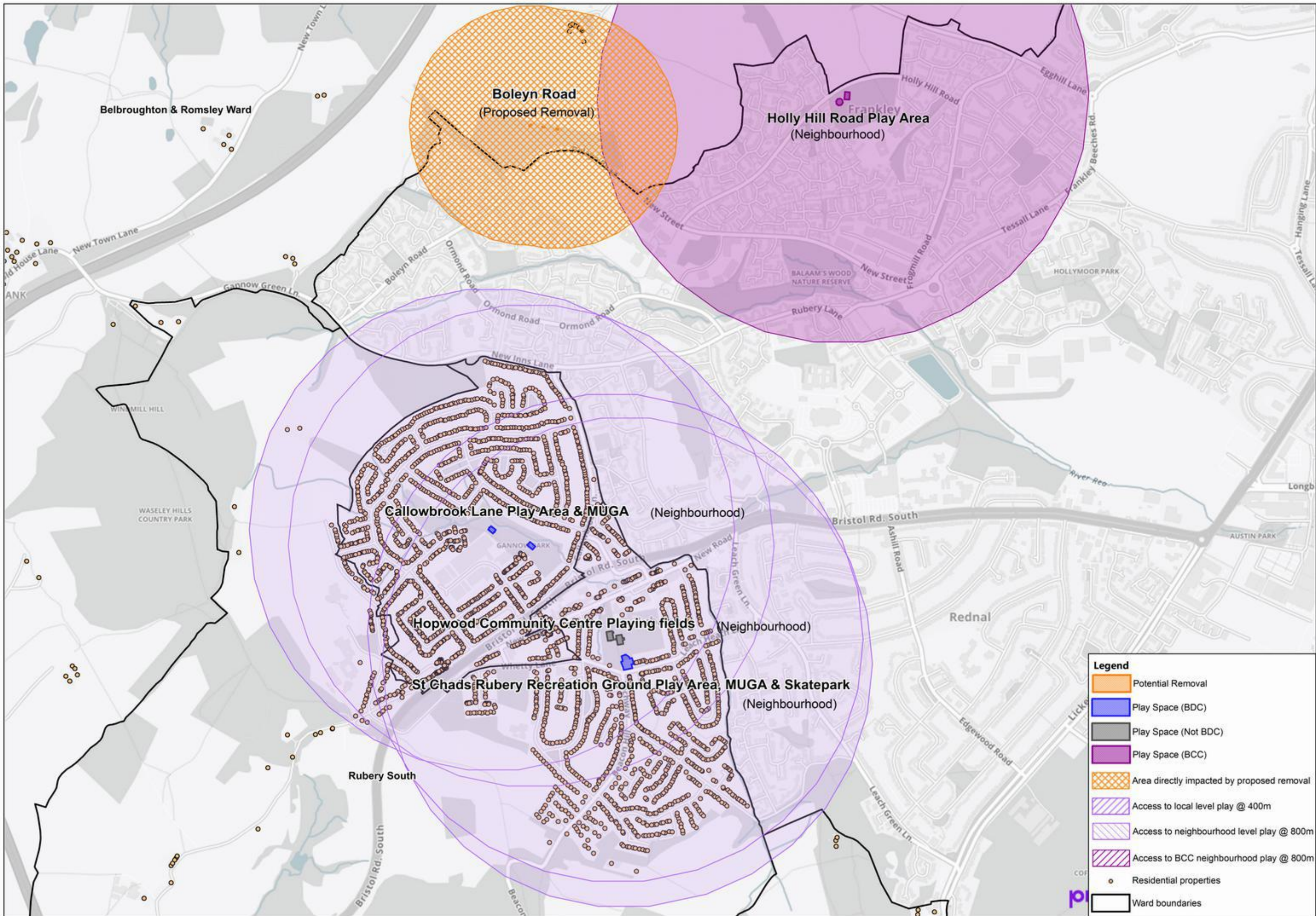


Boleyn Road Equipment



Boleyn Road Equipment







Site ID	609
Site Name	Foxglove Way Play Area
Street Address	Foxglove Way, Lickey End, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B60 1GQ.
Hierarchy	Local
Ward	Norton
Proposal	Review the options for enhancing the open space and landscape and the form of play provision.
Justification	Foxglove Way Play Area is classified as local level provision. It is very limited equipment and of poor quality and it is poorly sited very close to neighbouring housing. It would need significant investment to upgrade it to an acceptable standard. Since it is 'end of life' it is proposed that options for the open space are reviewed supported by local consultation.
Impact	<p>Within the local area there is currently a good level of provision, and consideration should be given to exploring the feasibility of enhancing the landscape and open space and considering other forms of informal and natural play provision. There are 3 neighbourhood play spaces at:</p> <p>Lickey End Recreation Ground 800m away (approx. 10 minutes' walk) and has adequate play provision.</p> <p>Barnsley Hall Play Area 1600m away (approx. 20 minutes' walk) and has adequate play provision.</p> <p>Blackwell Park Play Area 2000m away (approx. 24-25 minutes' walk) and has adequate play provision, although this is not managed by BDC.</p> <p>And 1 local play space at:</p> <p>Norton Farm Open Spaces 1200m away (approx. 15 min walk) and has some limited play provision, although this play space is not managed by BDC.</p>
Recommendations	Initial consultation and exploration of options for Foxglove Way commenced in Spring 2022. Further work should be carried out to review these options and to consult locally with residents and children and young people to agree a future vision for the open space.





Foxglove Way Location



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Foxglove Way Play Area



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Site ID	651
Site Name	Silverdale Play Area
Street Address	Silverdale Close, Sidemoor, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B61 8LD
Hierarchy	Local
Ward	Sidemoor
Proposal	Review the options for enhancing the open space and landscape and the form of play provision.
Justification	Silverdale play area is classified as local level provision. It is very limited equipment and the location is poorly sited, wedged in between neighbouring houses with poor access. It would need significant investment to upgrade it to an acceptable standard. Since it is 'end of life' it is proposed that the options for this open space are reviewed.
Impact	<p>The local area is very well served by 4 neighbourhood play spaces at:</p> <p>Laurel Grove / Beech Grove 150m away (approx. 1-2 minutes' walk) and has adequate play provision.</p> <p>King George V Playing Field 650m away (approx. 6-7 minutes' walk) and has adequate play provision.</p> <p>Market Street Recreation Ground 800m away (approx. 10 minutes' walk) and has adequate play provision.</p> <p>Barnsley Hall Play Area 1100m away (approx. 13-14 minutes' walk) and has adequate play provision.</p> <p>And 1 local play space at:</p> <p>Norton Farm Play Area 1000m away (approx. 11-12 minutes' walk) and has some limited play provision, although this play space is not managed by BDC.</p>
Recommendations	Review the options for enhancing the open space based on consultation with local residents and children and young people.





Silverdale Play Area Location



Access to Silverdale Play Area



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Site ID	58
Site Name	The Coppice Play Area
Street Address	The Coppice, Hagley, Worcestershire, DY8 2XZ
Hierarchy	Local
Ward	Hagley West
Proposal	Review the options for enhancing the open space and landscape and the form of play provision.
Justification	The Coppice Play Area is classified as local level provision. It is very limited equipment and of poor quality and it is poorly sited on a private road and very close to neighbouring housing. It would need significant investment to upgrade it to an acceptable standard. The play area will be retained and options for the open space will be reviewed in 2029-30.
Impact	<p>The local area is generally well served by other provision in Hagley however it is noted that access to other play provision is difficult for young families due to stepped access to the footbridge over the railway line. Nearby provision includes:</p> <p>Neighbourhood Play at Hagley Community Centre Playing Fields &amp; Skate Park 600m away (approx. 6-7 minutes' walk) and has adequate play provision, although this play space is not managed by BDC.</p> <p>And 4 local play space at:</p> <p>Chestnut Drive Play Area 650m away (approx. 6-7 min walk) and has some limited play provision, although this play space is not managed by BDC.</p> <p>The Greenway Play Area 650m away (approx. 6-7 min walk) and has some limited play provision, although this play space is not managed by BDC.</p> <p>Todd Gardens Play Area 1500m away (approx. 19-20 min walk) and has some limited play provision, although this play space is not managed by BDC.</p> <p>Amphlett Close Play Area 1500m away (approx. 19-20 min walk) and has some limited play provision, although this play space is not managed by BDC.</p>
Recommendations	Retain The Coppice play area whilst this meets national standards and then review future options for the open space based on consultation with local residents and children and young people





The Coppice Location



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Site ID	31 & 657
Site Name	Upland Grove Play Area & Basketball Court
Street Address	Upland Grove, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B61 0EL
Hierarchy	Local
Ward	Norton
Proposal	Upgrade the local level play space and consider the options for the removal of the basketball court.
Justification	Upland Grove Play Area and Basketball Court is classified as local level provision. It is very limited equipment and of poor quality. Since it is 'end of life' the play area and basketball court were considered for removal. The basketball court will be removed but the play area will be retained and invested in to mitigate against deficiency within Norton Ward.
Impact	<p>The area is reasonably well served by 4 neighbourhood play spaces at:</p> <p>Lickey End Recreation Ground 1025m away (approx. 11-12 minutes' walk) and has adequate play provision.</p> <p>Laurel Grove / Beech Grove Play Area 975m away (approx. 11-12 minutes' walk) and has adequate play provision.</p> <p>King George V Playing Field 1300m away (approx. 15-16 minutes' walk) and has adequate play provision.</p> <p>Barnsley Hall Play Area 1050m away (approx. 12-13 minutes' walk) and has adequate play provision.</p> <p>And 1 local play space at:</p> <p>Norton Farm Open Spaces 725m away (approx. 8-9 min walk) and has some limited play provision, although this play space is not managed by BDC.</p> <p>N.B. it is not feasible to upgrade Silverdale Play Area to neighbourhood to address the red deficiency. Silverdale is poorly located in between neighbouring houses with poor access and low use. It would need significant investment to upgrade it to an acceptable standard.</p>
Recommendations	Reinvest to retain as local play provision and review opportunities to enhance to neighbourhood in the future if funding is available. Consult locally to review options for the open space where the basketball court is located.





Upland Grove Location



Upland Grove Play Area



Upland Grove Play Area



Basketball Court



Site ID	69
Site Name	Villiers Road Play Area
Street Address	Enfield Close, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B60 3JL
Hierarchy	Local
Ward	Rock Hill
Proposal	Review the options for enhancing the open space and landscape and the form of play provision.
Justification	Villiers Road play area is classified as local level provision. It is very limited equipment of poor quality and the location is poorly sited very close to neighbouring housing. It would need significant investment to upgrade it to an acceptable standard. Since it is nearing 'end of life' the options for play provision at this site should be reviewed.
Impact	<p>If the equipped play were to be removed at Villiers Road this would result in 391 households having to travel further to access play provision. However, the area is reasonably well served by 3 neighbourhood play spaces at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charford Recreation Ground 1225m away (approx. 15 minutes' walk) and has adequate play provision which is expected to be upgraded over the next 5 years.</li> <li>• Sanders Park 1525m away (approx. 19-20 minutes' walk) and has adequate play provision.</li> <li>• Aston Fields 1825m away (approx. 22-23 minutes' walk) and has adequate play provision.</li> </ul> <p>A local space which is expected to be upgraded to neighbourhood level over the next 5 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fordhouse Road Play Area 2000m away (approx. 24-25 minutes' walk).</li> </ul> <p>And a further 3 local spaces, none of which are maintained by BDC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heath Close Play Area 1250m away (approx. 15 minutes' walk) and has some play provision.</li> <li>• Stoke Prior Play Area 1350m away (approx. 16 minutes' walk) and has some play provision.</li> <li>• Compass Way Play Area 1750m away (approx. 21-22 minutes walk) and has some play provision.</li> </ul> <p>New neighbourhood level provision is planned as part of the Bellway Whitford Heights housing development which is currently under construction to the North. This play area will fall under BDC management and will be located roughly 1200m away (approx. 15 minutes' walk).</p>
Recommendations	Review the options for enhancing the open space based on consultation with local residents and children and young people. Options to be considered in the context of new play provision to be provided at Whitford Heights.





Villiers Road Location



Villiers Road Play Area



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