

## Britten Road Play Area



### Background

Britten Road Play Area is a multi-use site, consisting of a fenced toddler play area, separate equipment for older children, a goal mouth and a basketball hoop.

### Toddler Area



The toddler area contains a multi-play unit, low rotator, spring motorbike, spring horse and a swing set. The equipment was installed several years ago but is still in good condition, with the main issues picked up on the last inspection being worn paintwork, surface corrosion and rust, which are all treatable. The site was assessed as 'low risk' overall. The play surfacing was replaced with 'Matta' surfacing in 2022 and therefore requires no maintenance work at this stage.

The gate and perimeter fencing require replacement. If Council were to agree to replace the perimeter fencing, it could consider extending the footprint of this play area and adding more equipment.

Given that the road was named after Benjamin Britten, it was suggested that musical equipment could be considered at this site. One provider has a range of musical equipment as follows:



#### **'Boom Tubes'**

Age range: 3 – 11 years

Price: From £1,184 (not including delivery installation, safety surfacing or VAT)



#### **'Cow Bells'**

Age range: 3 – 11 years

Price: From £990 (not including delivery installation, safety surfacing or VAT)



#### **'Drums'**

Age range: 3 – 11 years

Price: From £728 (not including delivery installation, safety surfacing or VAT)



#### **'Washboard Chimes'**

Age range: 3 – 11 years

Price: From £847 (not including delivery installation, safety surfacing or VAT)





### **‘Xylo-Chimes’**

Age range: 3 – 11 years

Price: From £748 (not including delivery installation, safety surfacing or VAT)

### **Equipment for older children**

The site used to feature equipment for older children and teenagers, but this was removed as it was in poor condition and was encouraging groups of teenagers to gather, leading to anti-social behaviour. The one piece of equipment remaining for older children is the ‘Mobilus’ unit, as pictured below:



This piece of equipment was installed several years ago and is in poor condition. It is the recommendation of officers that it is removed.

Whilst officers would not advise reinstating any teenage equipment, Council may wish to consider installing junior equipment for the older children who use the site. The following items could be considered:



### **‘St Louis Plus’**

Age range: 5 – 12 years

Price: From £26,206 (not including delivery installation, safety surfacing or VAT)



### **'City Team Swing'**

Age range: 3 – 14 years

Price: From £3,548 (not including delivery installation, safety surfacing or VAT)

Inclusive design



### **'Inclusive Orbit'**

Age range: 3 – 14 years

Price: From £6,499 (not including delivery installation, safety surfacing or VAT)

Inclusive design



### **'Rota Bounce'**

Age range: 6 – 14 years

Price: From £4,249 (not including delivery installation, safety surfacing or VAT)



### **'Spinner'**

Age range: 3 – 14 years

Price: From £1,699 (not including delivery installation, safety surfacing or VAT)