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Briefing Note: Reeds Lane Recreation Ground

Phase 2 - Play Area Development

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Project Overview

Following the successful completion of the drainage project, Phase 2 of the Reeds Lane Recreation Ground development is entering its final planning stages. This phase focuses on creating a play area that addresses community needs and enhances recreational facilities for all age groups, primarily looking at wooden and/or green equipment to blend in with the existing rustic style and in keeping with the countryside location.

Consultation and Community Input

Previous consultations with local children and the Sayers Common Village Society have guided initial ideas. The primary aim is to balance active sports and imaginative play facilities while catering to a range of age groups. Selected features will include sports facilities, imaginative and inclusive play equipment, and facilities for older children.

Section 106 Funding

As of the latest update, several sources of S106 funding have been identified for potential use in the Reeds Lane Recreation Ground.

- **S106 Play Spaces:** Towards play equipment (primary funding source for this project).
- **S106 Formal Sports:** Could potentially be put towards the table tennis table and 5-a-side football pitch and goals.
- **S106 LCI (Local Community Infrastructure):** intended for seating, bins, and potentially fencing.

Proposed Facilities and Equipment

1. Play Equipment:

- A central feature with a slide, incorporating a flexible theme to encourage imaginative play without restricting creativity. Example:



- An inclusive/accessible roundabout in the location of the existing “parrot” fixture (which may be relocated).



1. Seating and Tables:

- Several backed benches both in the play area and in the five-a-side football pitch area.
- Wheelchair accessible picnic benches with durable concrete footing or flat surfaces underneath to be located just outside the fenced play area.



- Consideration to planting trees in the picnic area to provide shade in the future

2. Sports Facilities

- A table tennis table, which will require a suitable surface underneath
- Pitch improvements, existing large goals to be removed and replaced with five-a-side goals.

3. Infrastructure

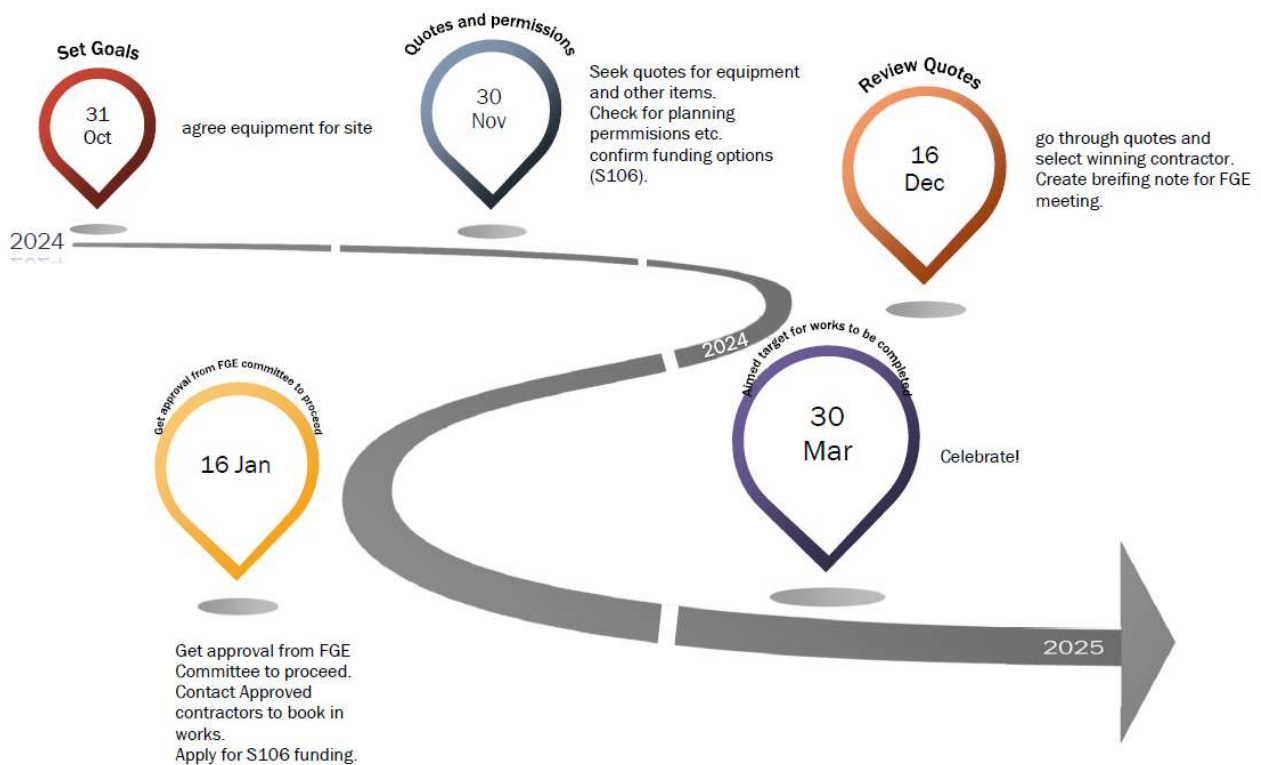
- Post-and-rail fencing, again in keeping with the countryside location.
- Two pedestrian gates plus a vehicle gate for maintenance access.
- Revised entry and exit points between the play and sports areas, to improve safety crossing the road.
- Barriers at exit point to the road for safety.
- Additional waste bins.

Next Steps

The Estates and Facilities Manager has been in contact with potential equipment suppliers and has site meetings booked over the coming weeks. The aim is to create two potential designs, and consider a community vote on the preferred option.



Map of site with proposed location of benches, five-a-side pitch and play equipment.



Proposed timeline