

## **Play area repairs report for September 2015**

Oakfields Road Play Area has recently had a few pieces of play equipment condemned. Parents have complained in writing about the lack of toddler equipment but there has been no written complaint about the closure of the aerial runway.

### Toddler Play house

This was condemned and removed. I went to the site and spoke to various parents and they all feel that the toddler slide needs replacing and I showed a few possible pieces of equipment. There was a unanimous agreement that the 'Waxham 1 Play Tower' would be ideal. This could be installed into grass at a cost of £4,217.00 + VAT including grass mats. I am obtaining more quotes for similar equipment and looking for funding towards the cost.

### Roundabout

This was also condemned and is cordoned off as it could be repaired. The cost of a repair would be £3,960.00. It would be possible to remove and replace the equipment but that would be much more expensive and once the roundabout is repaired it should be useable for a long time.

### Aerial Runway

Three of the support posts are rotten and the equipment can be either replaced, repaired or removed. There are concerns that as some of the posts are rotten, replacing them may not be cost effective as there is a high risk of the other legs failing in the near future.

The cost of replacement would be in the region of £6,000 + VAT

The cost of repair would be in the region of £1,500 with the significant risk of more work being needed in the very near future.

### Springy

The empty 'springy' is being removed as it would cost more to find a top than replace the whole piece of equipment. There are currently other springy toys there so I would question the value of replacement and feel that the money saved would be better spent towards the play unit.

Cost of new springy - £452 + VAT

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- The Council agree to the purchase of a new toddler play tower up to a maximum cost of £4,500+VAT.
- The Council decide whether they wish to repair the roundabout or remove it and fund raise for a replacement piece of equipment.
- The springy is not replaced at this time.