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Tender

Design, Supply and Installation of Playground Equipment at Akeley Playing Fields, MK18 5HB.

Akeley Parish Council

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Scope

Description

Re-design, supply and install play equipment and safety surfacing as required to upgrade an existing play facility at Akeley Playing Fields, MK18 5HB

Tender Deadline:

31st July 2025 by 11.59pm

Tender Address:

Akeley Parish Council Clerk

Isabelle Hamilton, Fair View, Barton Hartshorn, Buckingham, MK18 4JU

playground@akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

This project requires the supply and installation of new play equipment (ages up to 12 years) including play area surfacing. The Council will, where possible, retain any existing viable play equipment. The principal focus of the new play equipment is imagination and

inclusivity, providing play items for the up to 12-year-old age group.

The Council is seeking a play area which incorporates imagination, challenge and excitement for the target age group, and as such the proposed list of play equipment items set out below is a broad indication of the Councils and communities' vision. The list of play equipment items is intentionally generic by description, allowing Contractors to use their innovation and experience from within their own organisations and product ranges.

The Council is content with a range of materials to be used including, HPL and steel. The Council would seek to see the use of sustainable or environmentally friendly products which are durable in nature.

All existing safety surfacing must be removed to a licenced facility. The successful bidder must supply and lay safety surfacing to meet safety standards (BS EN1177). Colours shall be in all instances complimentary of the local environment. This applies to the surfacing also, but black is acceptable for surfacing.

Contractors are encouraged to consider a range of play values and disciplines and make clear within the submission, the play value for each individual item of equipment. The playscape should incorporate the widest array of possible activities to stimulate both the physical and social growth of users.

The list of play equipment items to be considered must include, but are not restricted to:

Quantity Item

1 Basket swing

1 pair Flat swings to include accessible options

1 Multi-play unit with range of play features including a slide, bridge and angled climbing wall and activity panels

1 Rope net pyramid spinner

1 Spring rider

1 Monkey Bars

1 In ground trampoline

1 pair Toddler Swings

1 Balance beam

1 Bench

Inclusivity and Imagination

Inclusivity and imagination are important elements of this project. Contractors are encouraged to consider items of play equipment that are inclusive for all and promote imagination, inquisitiveness and curiosity in the children. Consideration of natural woodland shapes, colours, materials, range of equipment, ease and assistance for access are features the Council is seeking to include. Connectivity within the play space is an essential feature, enabling people with impaired mobility or those in wheelchairs and with pushchairs to manoeuvre within the play space.

Presentation

The Council requires the Contractors proposals to be set out on a scaled drawing showing the layout of each item of equipment, entrances and connecting paths. The layout plans should itemise each item of equipment on an accompanying 'key'. The Contractor may submit 3D visual drawings showing the play area layout on the site. The Contractor is encouraged to visit the site to appreciate the slope and gradient. The Contractor should show within its price the cost for the removal, supply and installation of any surfacing.

Warranties and Guarantees

The Council is seeking a play area which is durable, vandal resistant where possible and provides quality and reliability going forward. The Contractor shall provide evidence of the warranties, guarantees and spares list for each item of equipment, the surfacing and the individual materials used within the play space. The Council requests that the Contractor submits TWO references from projects installed for a local authority within the last THREE years.

Total value (estimated)

- £110,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 March 2026 to 29 May 2026

- 2 months, 28 days

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 37535200 - Playground equipment

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

15 July 2025, 11:59pm

Tender submission deadline

31 July 2025, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

www.akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Akeley Parish Council Clerk

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Your response to this invitation to tender must be received up to the closing time on the date and in the place shown above. Your tender shall be submitted in a sealed envelope or package, marked with the tenderers name for the attention of the Akeley Parish Council Clerk and the invitation to tender title: Design, Supply and Installation of Playground Equipment at Akeley Playing Fields, MK18 5HB. Tenders may also be submitted by email.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

30 January 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Order of importance
play value	Quality	1
inclusivity	Quality	2
presentation	Quality	3
warranties and guarantees	Quality	4
sourced locally	Quality	5

Other information**Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

Procedure**Procedure type**

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

[Tender Doc Akeley Playground - Final.pdf](#)

Contracting authority

Akeley Parish Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZLB-6598-NPPR

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

