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**Supply and Installation of New Play Equipment**

**at Coppershell Rec, Gastard**

**Background:**

Coppershell Rec is located in the village of Gastard, a mile or so southeast of Corsham.

The Rec features a c.1,000m2 play area, which is used by families in the village.

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The site caters for a broad range of young people and has a mix of equipment that was installed at different times in the last two decades. The site features quite a bit of timber-framed kit, which the Town Council has struggled to maintain in a good working order due to strimmer damage and the fact that the site retains a lot of water during the winter months. This equipment is starting to show its age and appears to be the least used kit in the play area. As such, Corsham Town Council is looking to remove this kit and to replace it with modern durable equipment that will be valued by children and families in the village.

**Specification:**

Corsham Town Council invites tenders for the following works:

1. The removal and responsible disposal of the following items: (see images at the back of this document)

* Timber-framed Multi-Play.
* Timber-framed Net Climber.
* Timber-framed Rope Hanger and Stilts.
* Timber-framed Chain Bridge and Stepping Logs.
* Timber-framed Trail.

Any safety surfacing associated with this equipment (mostly old grass matting) is to be removed and disposed of.

The one potential exception is the wetpour around the timber-framed multi-play: this is in good condition and it may be feasible to keep this in situ and install a replacement piece of kit within.

1. The removal of the following items:

* Metal and Rubber Steps and Balance Beams.
* Wobble Board.

If these items cannot be incorporated into a new design, then Corsham Town Council will retain them for potential use at another site.

Any safety surfacing associated with this equipment (grass matting) is to be removed and disposed of.

1. To design, install and appropriately surface new play equipment at Coppershell Rec.

The layout and equipment should be interesting, fun and visually appealing. It should help create a place where children want to go and where parents want to take them.

The Town Council does not wish to be too prescriptive about specific pieces of equipment and is open to ideas from different companies. However, there are a few points that tenders might bear in mind:

* The Town Council would expect proposals to include approximately five new pieces of equipment (based on the number of items to be removed and the available space).
* The proposed equipment should cater for a broad range of ages.
* The removal of the timber-framed multi-play will leave a large space, which might be suitable for a principal or eye-catching piece of equipment.

The Town Council favours robust, metal-framed equipment which entails less maintenance and ensures greater longevity of use. The proposed equipment needs to be reasonably resistant to the attention of vandals (surfaces from which it is easy to remove graffiti and equipment for which it is easy to source spare parts would be advantageous).

All equipment must conform to the ROSPA Code of Good Practice for Play Areas and to the British and European Standard for Playground Equipment: BS EN 1176. For each piece of equipment, the appropriate surfacing should be installed. All surfacing must accord with BS 7188 and EN 1177. More generally, the design should accord with BS EN 1176 with regard to minimum spaces around equipment and zones (spatial networks).

The successful company must price for a ROSPA inspection of the site before handing it over to Corsham Town Council. The company will be expected to address any issues identified in the inspection before handing the sites back to the Town Council and the receipt of payment.

**Site Visits:**

Prospective contractors are strongly advised to undertake a site visit before submitting a proposal. Please contact James Whittleton (Head of Technical Services) to arrange a time/date: [jwhittleton@corsham.gov.uk](mailto:jwhittleton@corsham.gov.uk) 07879 256215.

**Submission of Tenders:**

Tenders are to be sent by post or delivered by hand in an envelope clearly labelled “Tender – Coppershell Rec”, addressed to:

David Martin – Chief Executive

Corsham Town Hall

High Street

Corsham

Wiltshire, SN13 0EZ

Alternatively, tenders can be sent via email to [dmartin@corsham.gov.uk](mailto:dmartin@corsham.gov.uk) **AND** [kgilby@corsham.gov.uk](mailto:kgilby@corsham.gov.uk) with “Tender – Coppershell” in the title bar.

Tenders should be received no later than **12noon on Friday 3 October 2025.**

The submission must include:

* A proposal/design for Coppershell Rec, showing the pieces of equipment you propose to install, their proposed locations and any surfacing. The Town Council may wish to consult residents on the designs and with that in mind, it would be useful to have a single A3 image of the proposed design.
* Technical specifications for all proposed pieces of equipment.
* Details (material, specific product/supplier, thickness, extent, edging and colour) of any proposed safety surfacing.
* Confirmation that the proposed design conforms to the ROSPA Code of Good Practice for Play Areas; that all proposed equipment conforms to BS EN 1176 and that all surfacing conforms to BS 1788 and EN 1177.
* An overall price for all the proposed work – the removal of existing equipment and surfacing, the installation of new equipment and surfacing.

All costs are to be included in this price. Corsham Town Council does not expect to incur (and will not pay) costs which could have been reasonably foreseen by the contractor. Costs such as the disposal of materials, erection of fencing, storage, security or provision of welfare facilities should all be factored into the overall price. The contractor will also be expected to make good any ground damaged, dug up or rutted as a result of the works.

* Warranty details for the works and warranty details for each piece of equipment and surfacing.
* A copy of your company’s environmental policy.
* A copy of your company’s health & safety policy.
* A proposed start date (which you will be expected to keep to).

The Town Council does not have a fixed budget for the project, but estimates that tenders will be in the region of £40-50,000 +VAT.

**Before Starting Work:**

Before the commencement of works, the chosen contractor will be required to provide a method statement for the entirety of the works as well as a risk assessment.

The contractor will also need to provide evidence that they hold public liability insurance of £5 million minimum (and that this is valid for the duration of the works) before starting work at the site.

**Selection:**

Corsham Town Council does not bind itself to selecting the lowest or any tender. Instead, it will conduct an assessment having regard to:

* The extent to which the proposals might improve the play area.
* Value for money.
* The durability of the proposed equipment and the ease of maintenance.
* The views of local residents.

Corsham Town Council reserves the right not to award the contract if it feels that none of the proposals are suitable. Corsham Town Council may reject any tender that does not supply the information asked for in the specification.

**Timetable:**

Notice and Specification issued: 1 September 2025.

Return date for Tenders: 12noon Friday 3 October 2025

Council assessment decision: w/c 20 October 2025.

**Existing Equipment to be removed and disposed of:**

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| Timber-framed Multi-Play |  |
| Timber-framed Net Climber |  |
| Timber-framed Rope Hanger and Stilts |  |
| Timber-framed Chain Bridge and Stepping Logs. |  |
| Timber-framed Trail. |  |

**Existing Equipment to be removed, retained by Corsham Town Council and potentially re-used on this site:**

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| Metal and Rubber Steps and Balance Beams. |  |
| Wobble Board. |  |