

Design and Build of a Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP), Ingrams Sports Pitches, Cranbrook

Supplementary Information

In response to questions from prospective tenderers, the Town Council is pleased to provide the following information:

1. LEAPs typically cater for younger age ranges of up to i.r.o. eight/ten years old.
2. The Council does not wish to install timber equipment. The invitation to tender document specifies that the Council will only install equipment with low maintenance requirements and as few moving pieces as possible (ref. section 3/page 3 of the tender document). The Council considers timber equipment to have high maintenance requirements.
3. There are no fencing requirements for the play area because the site is fenced and gated to the southern and western elevations. Additional boundaries are provided by the sports pavilion to the north and an open space and trees between the LEAP and the car park to the east.
4. The site comprises of several football pitches, an eight-wicket cricket square and outfield, a multi-use games area (MUGA) and a sports pavilion with four changing rooms and 90m² social space. Ideally, the range of play equipment will respond to the use of the wider use of the site as a sports facility by encouraging a wide range of physical and social activities. The Council would also encourage the inclusion of furniture such as picnic benches and other seating in the designs.
5. The location plan appended to the invitation to tender document defines the area for the LEAP but the Council would be open to ideas of how equipment can be located e.g. on the open spaces to the east or the north of the LEAP, particularly picnic benches and other seating.
6. The Council's surfacing requirements are based on the relevant standards referenced in the tender document and RoSPA guidance on dedicated protective surfaces in relation to fall heights. In its other publicly accessible play areas, the Council has been installing wetpour surfaces.