



Performance Reward Grant Scheme

APPLICATION FORM

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Area Board	<i>Amesbury</i>
Form submitted by (contact for all queries)	<i>Larkhill Community Partnership</i>
Name of initiative	<i>Larkhill Play Parks Project</i>
Brief Description of Initiative	<p>To provide a safe and freely accessible play area for children. The proposed three main elements::</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New play equipment suitable for children from 3 to 12 years of age that encourages adventurous play, playing together, physical activity, imagination and traditional play; ▪ A safe trail area where children can ride their bikes; ▪ A seating area suitable for parents and children. <p>This project is to redevelop an existing play park adding to and utilising the existing equipment, where possible.</p> <p>Design Process The eventual design and components of the play park will be dictated by the result of a consultation (currently ongoing). Early indications show that children and their families are in favour of a broad range of equipment including cycling, adventurous play, imaginative play and climbing/assault types of equipment. Please see Appendix A for survey responses to date. The consultation period will close by February 2010.</p> <p>Current facilities See Appendix B for a map of Larkhill with the current play areas marked. Please see Appendix C for photographs of the current equipment. This was taken in July 2010. Shortly after this was taken, teenagers from Larkhill (led by a serviceperson) repainted some of the equipment to remove vandalism.</p> <p>Health & Safety Concerns An adequate play area is located on the northern side of the Packway, however this is located c.1 mile from the majority of the quarters thus younger children and teenagers are unable to access this without parental support. To access this requires crossing a 40 mph limit road that currently has a single pelican crossing. Wiltshire Council is currently in the process of</p>

	<p>reducing the limit of this road to 30mph and making improvements to the crossing in response to accidents. One in particular was a 'hit and run' incident in early 2010 whereby a child was injured. This demonstrates how the highways department has identified this road as a particular hazard and is keen to improve road safety in the area.</p> <p>Another short term measure to improve the facility includes applying wood-chip to where wet-pour has been removed to reduce the trip hazard.</p> <p>Vision for proposed redeveloped play park This will be finalised once consultation has completed and a vendor has been selected. As part of the process so far, local families have nominated other nearby play parks that they like and have visited. See Appendix D for some examples of good practice found locally (but not directly accessible by Larkhill residents without a car) in Bulford and Boscombe Down, both of whom have recently had new play parks.</p>																	
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Amount of funding sought	£65,000																	
What will this money be spent on?	<p>See Appendix G for indicative vendor quotations.</p> <p>Fees (re project management) £8,000 To manage the multiple stakeholders (including the landowner and equipment vendor). This post will be held most probably by the local town council but funded by the project once the monies have become available. In parallel, we are currently in discussions with a private infrastructure company (EDF) who we have asked to provide this service at a negotiated/free rate.</p> <p>The budget for this is based on benchmarking done on Bulford and Boscombe Down who spent between £5,000 and £10,000 on project management.</p> <p>Groundworks £20,000 - Ground preparation</p>																	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foundations - Baseworks for surfacing - Landscaping – leveling of ground - Disposal <p>Play Equipment and installation £70,500 The supply and installation of new equipment as agreed.</p> <p>Furniture £2,600 Includes new seating, fencing and waste bins.</p> <p>Safer Surfacing £35,000 'Wet pour' has been identified as the preferred surface as is visually more interesting, a safer surface for toddlers and allows the equipment to be accessed throughout the year irrespective of weather conditions.</p> <p>Preliminary works £9,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Security - Harras Fencing - Site facilities, cabins, toilets etc. - Site set up - Marking out of site - Delivery management - Plant hire <p>Total <i>Estimated</i> Cost £145,100</p> <p>Other grants (non-public) £70,000 For project timeframes please refer to project plan on Appendix E Plain Action Grant (the project has an <i>Expression of Interest</i> approved for the amount shown. The full application will be submitted by 20 January 2011 with a decision be made by 10 February 2011. Please see Appendix F for confirmation letter.</p> <p>Other grants (non-public) £10,100 SSAFA £2,000 Army Benevolent Fund £2,100 Army Central Fund £5,000 Local fundraising from community £1,000</p> <p>Total amount sought from PRG £65,000</p>
Is planning permission required? Yes/No	No – Planning permission is not required as the redeveloped play park will be on an existing recreation area site.
Have quotes been obtained? Yes/No	Yes. See attached indicative quotes provided by approved (currently maintaining play parks on behalf of Modern Housing Solutions) suppliers.

	<p>Please see Appendix I for benchmarking carried out on comparator communities to show how the budget figure was achieved.</p>
<p>Note: Bids will only be considered if they help us to achieve our ambitions in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire. It is important that initiatives have a positive local impact, and that we are able to show success. In this section you are being asked to provide information about how your project contributes, and how you will measure that success. The level of improvement we expect to see will be proportional to the level of the bid: i.e. the more funding required, the greater the level of impact and improvement that will be necessary.</p>	
<p>Please describe how your initiative will support the ambition(s) indicated above, and summarise the action that will be taken</p>	<p>Building resilient communities By giving young families the opportunity to access outstanding imaginative play that is local and free to access that crosses socio economic and gender boundaries. It will offer the possibility of enhancing physical and emotional self confidence whilst reducing friction between social sub groups, potentially improving the quality of life of the user groups</p> <p>For example, the redeveloped facilities will attract local civilian residents from nearby Durrington therefore giving new opportunities for the two communities to mix, play together and generally socialise together where they may not in the past have done so. The two communities whilst close by, do not tend to mix together with military families tending to attend their own Larkhill parent and toddler groups rather than getting to know the local community.</p> <p>It will bring together the many young families who are often isolated from their own support networks as a result of being dependents of serving soldiers who are stationed in Wiltshire. It will not just be the new play park itself that facilitates this improved social mixing, but that it will be accompanied by monitoring and input from a lead from the partnership to actively encourage this mixing.</p> <p>By involving the community at all stages of the project, including defining the type of play equipment that children want and by raising funds as a community, the equipment will stand a better chance of being looked after.</p> <p>By developing this initiative as a community and learning from the process, confidence will grow to identify and secure funding for further improvements to the local area.</p> <p>Lives not Services Independent play, without intervention from a youth worker, whilst valuable but not essential in this context, reduces dependence on the local authority. This initiative also supports the Personalisation agenda as enables people to exercise</p>

choice about how and when they wish to play. The play park will provide improved means to facilitate less assisted/more independent play for children and young people with disabilities with equipment carefully selected for inclusivity.

Safer Communities

The successful completion of the project will result in a more cohesive, safer community whereby families are given the opportunity to move away from crossing a busy dangerous road to access suitable equipment or from staying at home with more limited play opportunities. Children will learn to play together as a community and improve their social skills as well as helping children to learn to manage risk and avoid serious danger.

Families will be less likely to rely upon the welfare service in the event of a crisis that could be better managed within the community. For example, where families are mixing together, they are building their own support networks whom they can rely upon in times of difficulty. This is particularly important when a serving soldier is deployed, as happens almost every year for most families in Larkhill, and the family unit is left behind with no support network of their own to help overcome potential crises.

Protecting the environment

The environmental impact will be made by families reducing car journeys out of the garrison to access alternative play opportunities.

The visual impact of the play area will be significantly improved by the redevelopment of a new facility.

Equipment will be 'recycled' from the existing facility, where this is feasible.

One of the criteria for the selection of new equipment will be that the manufacturing and supply process minimises the impact on the environment.

Improving outcomes for families and children

Play and the process of designing play, by the children in the community, contributes to all five Every Child Matters outcomes for children and young people as follows:

- **be healthy:** improved play as a key contributor to good physical, mental and emotional health;
- **stay safe:** challenging play environments and opportunities that help children learn to manage risk and avoid serious danger. Managing the public realm to reduce parental and children's fears of bullying, danger from strangers and road traffic;
- **enjoy and achieve:** opportunities to experience new

	<p>activities, learn, socialise, make friends, develop physically and emotionally through play from the early years into young adulthood;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ make a positive contribution: encouraging and enabling children and young people to have a real say in the delivery of local services. Becoming involved as peer mentors or volunteers with benefit to their self esteem; ▪ economic wellbeing: free play ensures all children and young people can access play opportunities. It will demonstrate strong investment (both in terms of money and Partnership focus) in the local community, which should in turn give a sense of pride and feeling of being valued and thought to be worth the effort made in designing and building it. <p>Working together</p> <p>By working collaboratively with the Ministry of Defence, Modern Housing Solutions, Defence Estates and UK Power – a confirmed partner of this project and, consequently, now a partner of the Larkhill Community Partnership), better value for money will be achieved as well as more sustainable partnerships.</p> <p>The outcome will be achieved more efficiently, in particular, at the preparation and installation phases. Whilst working in partnership brings risks, it will also achieve a much better outcome as resources are committed centrally that meets all stakeholders identified strategies for the Larkhill and Durrington areas.</p> <p>Please see Appendix G for details of how a redeveloped play park fits into the overall community strategy and action plan.</p> <p>This will be measured by improved relations on other projects that contribute to sustainable communities in the area as well as in Larkhill.</p>
<p>What makes this initiative a local priority (e.g. evidence from research and local support)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quantitative and qualitative evidence provided by residents in recent surveys (spring 2010, winter 2010). See Appendix A. ▪ Funds raised by the local community, including a recent Christmas Fair that raised c.£400, run by and for the local community; ▪ Donations provided by local businesses; ▪ Larkhill Primary School has confirmed its full support for this project and will play an active part in the design and implementation of the new park ▪ Letters of support from the local Chain of Command (including Garrison Commander); ▪ Ongoing support from the Local Wiltshire Councillor; ▪ Letters of support and time provided to support

	<p>fundraising initiatives by the local Member of Parliament, Claire Perry MP;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding provided by a regional funding body – Plain Action - £70,000 provided to support this project; ▪ Durrington Town Council are showing their support by providing procurement, banking and administrative services for the project.
How will you know you have been successful?	<p>Children will access the new facilities more often and for longer than at present. Success will be measured by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ positive responses to community surveys and; ▪ the number of complaints made about misbehaviour of children and young people in area, more specifically how children riding their bikes in pavements, playing games on busy roads will reduce as children's energies is channelled into the organised, purpose built park setting. ▪ schools feedback: Larkhill Primary School is in full support of the project and want to be involved in the design and implementation phase – the school's ongoing involvement and feedback will be a good success measure ▪ More children and young families will access facilities in Larkhill from the Durrington community than at present.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will you measure the impact? (may have more than one measure) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community survey to demonstrate improvements ▪ Positive feedback from stakeholders, including neighbourhood policing team.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your improvement target (s), and when do you expect to achieve this/these? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Currently, less than 10% of those who responded to the consultation used the current play parks in Larkhill either daily or most days. The future target will be 50% within a year of the park being completed. Please see Appendix H for current data on park usage.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will you ensure that the improvement continues after the end of the initiative? (<i>this is one-off funding</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The community learns from the process and identifies other projects to improve the community; ▪ The improvements achieved will be sustained by the inclusion of a section of the Partnership strategy that contains clear and tangible target that demonstrates who will be responsible for the redeveloped facility including how they will ensure that the park keeps generating the improved outcomes.
Who will benefit from this initiative?	<p>763 service families will directly benefit from the initiative and an additional 1500 from the Durrington community indirectly. Many of these are young families who are often isolated from their own families and may not have access to their own transport.</p>
Confirm no unfunded commitments from this initiative	<p>Please delete the statement that does not apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I confirm that there will be no unfunded financial commitments arising from this initiative.

Will ongoing maintenance of premises/equipment be necessary?	Yes. Modern Housing Solutions have the contractual responsibility of maintaining the equipment. This may be a shared responsibility with the local authority.
What are the key risks to success and how will these be managed?	See Appendix H for risk management.
Who will manage the initiative	Funding Phase: this is being managed by a volunteer with support from the Chair of the Partnership Board; Build Phase: Project Management will be a partnership appointee from Durrington Town Council however this would be funded by the project. Project Manager (funding phase) is: Larkhill Community Partnership

Signed:

Chairman of Area Board

Dated:

NB: It is the responsibility of the Area Board to ensure that:

- bids are robust and well-founded
- public money is spent appropriately and in accordance with the details of the bid and with any conditions placed on approval by the PRG Panel
- the initiatives are managed well to achieve the benefits and that performance improvement is reported