

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

AMESBURY AREA BOARD  
25 March 2010

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**AMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL'S REQUEST FO THE RELEASE OF DEVELOPER  
OFF SITE CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Executive Summary**

Amesbury Town Council has requested the release of developer off site contributions towards the construction of a Local Equipped Area for Play at Harvard Park, Amesbury.

**Proposal**

Amesbury Area Board to approve the Amesbury Town Council's request.

**Reason for Proposal**

Release of developer off site contribution money over £30,000 requires Area Board Approval in the ex Salisbury District Council area.

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**Purpose of Report**

1. To approve the release of developers' contributions to Amesbury Town Council to construct a Local Equipped Area for Play at Harvard Park, Amesbury.

**Background**

2. Developers in the South Hub area can pay a contribution to the Council for public open space and play to be provided off site instead of providing them on site. These contributions are often referred to as R2.
3. Several developers in the East area of Amesbury have in the past made these off site contributions and these are held by the Council.
4. These off site contributions can only be expended in particular circumscribed ways as laid out in the developers' Section 106 agreements and Government guidance.
5. Amesbury Town Council has requested the release of £56,199.00 of these off site contributions to construct a Locally Equipped Area for Play.

**Main Considerations**

6. The South Hub Adopted Local Plan indicates that school age children on new developments should be within 400 metres of suitable play facilities.
7. Amesbury Town Council's proposed Local Equipped Area for Play will meet this demand.
8. The proposed Local Equipped Area for Play will be situated in Harvard Park which is an existing park owned by the Town Council.
9. The site meets the requirements of access and is observable from the road and nearby houses.
10. Amesbury Town Council requested a performance quote from three suppliers and these quotes were as follows:

Wicksteed	£68,884.00
SMP	£49,935. 65
Monster Play Systems	£49,998.00

11. Amesbury Town Council consulted with the children from three local schools. Each child nominated three pieces of individual equipment that they thought

would be the most fun. The top five places were taken by Wicksteed's individual items of equipment.

12. Albeit more expensive Wicksteed is the preferred quotation for the following reasons:
- The consultation selected their equipment.
  - The proposed equipment offers a greater diversity of activities than the other equipment.
  - The equipment comes with a 25 year warranty thereby reducing long term maintenance risks to the Town Council.
  - Wicksteed has a proven and reliable track record.
  - Includes seating etc omitted from the other quotations

The Wicksteed's scheme is the only one that meets all the Town Council's aspirations.

13. Amesbury Town Council has secured £12,685 funding for the cableway zip slide and this has been ordered.
14. Amesbury Town Council has requested £56,199.00 to fund the rest of the Local Equipped Area for Play.
15. The Council's Technical Manager has confirmed that the scheme complies with government Section 106 guidance and is technically feasible.
16. The Council's Amenity and Play Manager has confirmed that the scheme meets the needs generated by the contributing developments, complies with policy and is fit for purpose.
17. The Council's Section 106 Monitoring Officer has confirmed that appropriate developer contributions are held by the Council and that on completion of the work the money can be released.

### **Environmental Impact of the Proposal**

18. Not applicable.

### **Equalities Impact of the Proposal**

19. Not applicable.

### **Risk Assessment**

20. Not applicable.

### **Financial Implications**

21. The developers contributions are held in a ring fenced account and the release of the money will have no effect on the Councils revenue or capital budgets.

### **Legal Implications**

22. Not applicable.

### **Options Considered**

23. Not applicable.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that: Amesbury Area Board approves Amesbury Town Council's request for £56,199.00 from developers' off site contributions to construct a Local Equipped Area for Play at Harvard Park, Amesbury.

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**The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this report:**

Play equipment manufacturers quotations

Consultation results

**Appendices:**

None