



## ASHLEY, EASTON AND LAWRENCE HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHP

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**Report of:** AELH Environment Sub-Group

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### Recommendations

1. That the Neighbourhood Partnership considers and agrees to invest £65,000.00 of Section 106 money to replace play areas at Ashley Street (St Werburgh's) and Albion Road (Easton) Parks

#### 1. Replacement of Play Areas in Ashley Street Park and Albion Road Park

Prior to the Council spending freeze in 2016, two replacement play areas were planned for Ashley Street Park in St Werburgh's and Albion Road Park in Easton, funded by the central Parks investment budget for play. Specifications were drawn up for each park following community consultation events and there was time to secure designs for one of them before the spending freeze took effect.

A representative from BCC Parks attended the Environment Sub-Group meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 with the Parks investment Plan for Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill seeking support for the replacement of two specific play areas, Ashley Street and Albion Road. It was agreed by the Sub-Group that these play areas should be prioritised as both were beyond their safe age and did not meet the play value expected of modern play equipment. This work was to be funded by the central Play Fund.

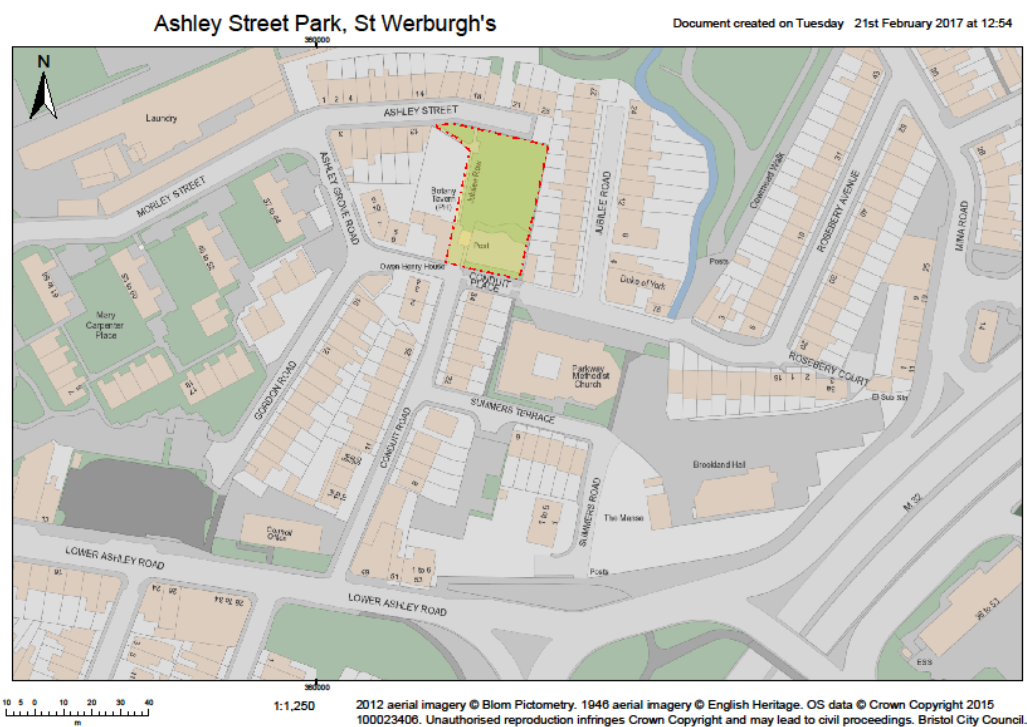
The cost of the replacement work is £65,000.00 in total, £45,000 for Ashley Street and £20,000 for Albion Road.

Unfortunately, following the introduction of the spending freeze and the agreed Corporate Budget for 2017/2018, there will be no further funding

available for new play equipment in the coming year. As a result, the Environment Sub-Group is seeking the support of The Neighbourhood Partnership to fund the work via remaining Section 106 money. A decision was taken and agreed at the Sub-Group meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 to approach the Neighbourhood Partnership to recommend that S106 funds be used to fund this work if the central play fund is not available.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017, the only funding available to invest in play equipment will be S106 and CIL, this decision was made after the last Sub-Group meeting.

## Play Area Locations



## **2. Environment Project Up-dates**

### **2.1 Tree Planting**

The trees for Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill will be delivered by the end of February and the plan is to plant them by the end of March.

18 of the original 24 trees will be planted as planned, however, there has been a need to change the location of 6 trees as they were due to be planted in three grass verges and unfortunately a verge forms part of the highway and cannot be financed using Section 106 money intended for Parks. New locations are being agreed and land searches will be carried out soon to meet the original time scale.

### **2.2 St Paul's Graffiti Removal Project**

Following the Neighbourhood Partnership decision to invest £27,000 in removing tagging style graffiti from a target area in St Paul's, to resource continuing cleaning and to train and support volunteers; work has begun to collect indemnity forms from business and homes that will be professionally cleaned. The contract cleaning is scheduled to begin by the end of February (but at the time of writing this report, this has not been confirmed).

## Ashley Street

Types of potential equipment available and approximate costs

This would be subject to a design and supply tender with BCC undertaking the installation.



Toddler swings £1,500.00



Multi play unit toddlers £9,000.00

Total Costs of Equipment = **£10,500 (maybe able to keep the existing sputnik roundabout)**

The play area will also require a bin, a bench, self-closing gates and safety surfacing.

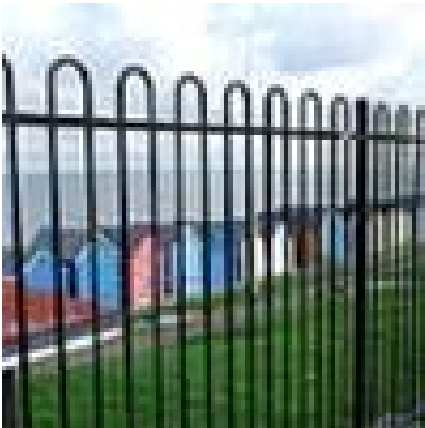


Self-closing gate £1,500.00

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Maintenance gate £3,500.00



Bow top fencing £ 5,000.00

### **Summary of costs:**

Fencing = £5,000.00

Play equipment = £10,500.00\*\*

Gates = £5,000.00

Bin = £600.00

Bench = £1,300.00

Safety surfacing = £8,000.00\*

**Total budget £ 30,400.00**

\*The amount of safety surfacing required depends on the amount and type of equipment in the play area, so the figures here just an indicative figure, actuals would be worked out once the tenders are submitted.

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\*\* The types of equipment in this document are just shown as possible examples - tender submissions will vary, as will designs as will equipment within them from each manufacturer.