Edlesborough Play Area Project

Update for the Annual Parish Meeting 24.05.22

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Rationale and background to the project

- 3 play areas within the parish as of August 2020
 - Dagnall and Northall fairly new and well regarded
 - Edlesborough old and small relative to size of village

 Discussions with leisure and recreation leads at Buck CC: falling way below recommended minimum equipped areas for play

Basis for a project to assess public appetite for improvement.

Consultation process

- Questionnaire to all households December 2020, plus online version, sign-posted on Facebook
 - Results: 83% supported the suggestion to improve play facilities for children on the village green
- Lead to formation of working group, several companies invited to submit proposals- final design selected Spring 2021
- Further consultation on proposed design, layout and location on the village green July and August 2021
 - Results: 95% agreed proposal enhanced the village green
 - 96% agreed meets objectives of improving play opportunities for 6-12 year olds

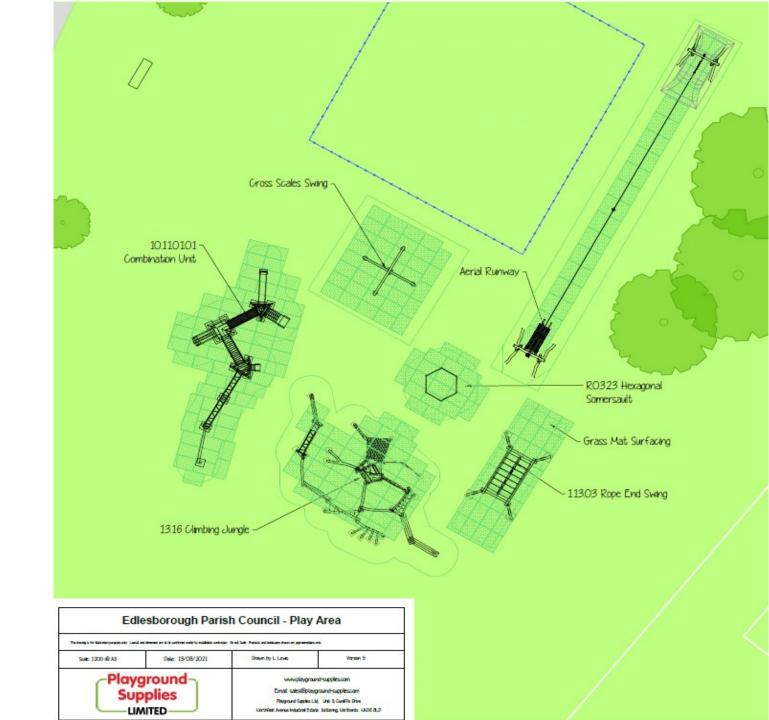
Equipment

- Selected to meet the needs of 6–13-year-old children
- Natural wood finish to fit in with rural environment
- No fences to minimize impact for walkers
- Use of grass mats underneath so no rubber or bark



Location

- Immediately adjacent to existing play area
- Minimal impact on space for football training and other green users



Current status of project

- Due to Common Land status, application made to Her Majesty's Planning Inspectorate – very complex
- Submitted February 2022; 6-week initial consultation period ended early April
- First round of questions answered, awaiting further rounds
- Fingers crossed for approval then onto the building phase if so!

 Second phase will be to renew existing equipment for younger children inside current area.