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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 1289 AND 1291

I write further to your emails dated 17 September 2020.

Your requests have been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), explained on our [freedom of information](#) page.

Your request:

FOI 1289

I understand that [redacted] completed a review of Forester Close Play area Coleorton in 2019. A recommendation was made to replace the play equipment and a budget allocated as a special expense of £12,380 for 2020/21. Can you please provide details of this review, what recommendation was made to replace the play equipment that led to the budget being set? Can you please advise what are the plans for the replacement of the play equipment as per allocated budget?

FOI 1291

Forester Close Play Area - Coleorton. For the past 10 years please advise what play equipment has been removed and installed at the above location. Please provide a cost breakdown for each. I understand an Assessment of the area is completed each year which results in a special expense budget being set. With the exception of ground maintenance and bin emptying please provide a breakdown of the yearly recommended action - ie replacement of play equipment. Please advise of any vandalism to play equipment, if so when and how many incidents and outcomes.

Due to the relatedness of the two requests we have provided a single combined response:

The review consisted of what equipment is presently on the site and had been removed because of vandalism, the cost of replacing the equipment with similar equipment including the safety surfacing. Also the district will be undertake a user's and residents survey to help make a decision on the choice of equipment needed for the replacement date.

The replacement process of the vandalised equipment was put on hold when NWLDC went into negotiations to with the parish council for the Parish to take the ownership of the play area. The play equipment maintenance check schedule is, a visual check each week, followed by a 3 monthly recorded check.

The grounds Maintenance frequency is usually up to 14 visits a season, this includes grass cutting, shrub and hedge trimming. The Fences and gate at the front of the area are also maintained by the District council and has been replaced in the last few week.

Below is the Play area phased replacement schedule for Forresters close:

SITE	Forresters Close	
EQUIPMENT TYPE	5 section zig-zag tower with single 3.4m slide	The springer was deleted and never replaced 10 years ago due to constant vandalism. The safety surface tile area remains.
MANUFACTURER		Wicksteed
INSTALLATION DATE	1994	1994
SURFACE TYPE	Rubber safety tiles	Rubber safety tiles
CONSTRUCTION	steel	steel
PRIORITY	1	1
COST	£10,484.00	£1,896.00
2020/21		
2021/22		
2022/23		
2023/24		
2024/25	£10,484.00	£1,896.00
2025/26		
2026/27		
2027/28		
REVIEW PRIORITY 3		

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Yours sincerely

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