

Redditch Borough Council

Play Audit & Investment Strategy update
Overview & Scrutiny

13th January 2025




Update on proposal and plans detailed in the audit



- RBC Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Members have prioritised play and parks provision as one of the topics to consider in 2024-25.
- The purpose of this report is to provide a general overview/update of areas.
- Update on progress since the O&S/Executive have last considered play audit and investment strategy report in January 2024 (subsequently approved by Executive on 9th January).
- Update on the progress in fulfilling proposals/plans detailed in that audit.

Site Name	RBC Condition Rating	Current Play Hierarchy	Play Investment Action	Play Investment Cost(£)	Play Hierarchy Future	Priority Rating	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Comments
Forest View / The Pleck	Create New Play Space	N/A	Create new Neighbourhood	£137,995	Neighbourhood	1	£137,995				Completed
Abbeydale Playing Field	Create New Play Space	N/A	Create new Neighbourhood	£115,995	Neighbourhood	2		£115,995			Consultation early 2025
Banners Lane	Good 1-3 Years	Local	Upgrade to Neighbourhood	£76,475	Neighbourhood	2		£76,475			Existing play area refurbishment and upgrade to neighbourhood site
Lodge Pool Drive	Good 1-3 Years	Local	Upgrade to Neighbourhood	£73,725	Neighbourhood	2		£73,725			Existing play area refurbishment and upgrade to neighbourhood site
Greenlands Playing Field	Good 5+ years	Local	Upgrade to Neighbourhood	£64,948	Neighbourhood	2		£64,948			Consultation required early 2025 to understand local need
Throckmorton	Good <1 Year	Local	Upgrade	£67,320	Local	2		£67,320			Existing play area refurbishment and upgrade
Cardington Close	Good 1-3 Years	Neighbourhood	Upgrade	£50,484	Neighbourhood	3			£50,484		Existing play area refurbishment and upgrade
Forge Mill Play Area	Good 1-3 Years	Neighbourhood	Repairs & Maintenance	£5,500.00	Neighbourhood	3			£5,500		Existing play area repairs and maintenance
Lowlands Lane	Good 1-3 Years	Neighbourhood	Upgrade	£97,209	Neighbourhood	3			£97,209		Existing play area refurbishment and upgrade
Springvale Road	Good 1-3 Years	Neighbourhood	Upgrade	£20,456	Neighbourhood	3			£20,456		Existing play area refurbishment and upgrade
Carlton Close	Good 1-3 Years	Local	Upgrade	£30,107	Local	4				£30,107	Existing play area refurbishment and upgrade
Terrys Playing Fields	Good 1-3 Years	Local	Upgrade	£28,583	Local	4				£28,583	Existing play area refurbishment and upgrade
Dolphin Road	Good 1-3 Years	Local	Removal	£10,000	Local	5				£10,000	Earmarked for removal in 26/27 Consultation incl Abbeydale
Britannia Close	Parks to be considered for removal	Local	Removal	£10,000	N/A	5				£10,000	Earmarked for removal in 26/27
Cleeve Close	Parks to be considered for removal	Local	Removal	£10,000	N/A	5				£10,000	Earmarked for removal in 26/27
Dale Road	Parks to be considered for removal	Local	Removal	£10,000	N/A	5				£10,000	Earmarked for removal in 26/27 Consultation incl Abbeydale
Eathorpe Close	Parks to be considered for removal	Local	Removal	£10,000	N/A	5				£10,000	Earmarked for removal in 26/27
Yeadon Close	Parks to be considered for removal	Local	Removal	£10,000	N/A	5				£10,000	Earmarked for removal in 26/27



Where we are now and next steps 2024/25

Abbeydale, Dolphin Road and Dale Road

- Consultation will be scheduled early 2025.
- Dolphin Road and Dale Road earmarked for removal in 26/27.
- Consultation on all three sites will take place at the same time. Ward members and the community will be included.

Throckmorton

- Existing play area refurbishment and upgrade, ward members and community will be involved in the type of options provided by contractor.


Greenland's Playing Fields

- Consultation required to understand local need and types of play equipment with Ward members and community.

Banners Lane and Lodge Pool Drive

- Existing play areas refurbishment and upgrade to neighbourhood sites consultation with Ward members and community of the type of equipment.

Following consultations on the scheduled sites above, tenders will be produced for January 2025. With a selection of the company and a start date on site. This will be approximately 15 weeks from the date of award.



Next steps 2025/26

Cardington Close

- Existing play area refurbishment and upgrade.

Forge Mill Play Area

- Existing play area repairs and maintenance.

Lowlands Lane

- Existing play area refurbishment and upgrade.

Springvale Road

- Existing play area refurbishment and upgrade.

All sites to include consultations with ward members and community, this will be included once the contract has been awarded.