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## **S U M M O N S**

**MEETING:** Extraordinary Community Board  
**DATE:** 10 July 2012  
**TIME:** 5pm  
**PLACE:** Council Chamber, Town Hall, Gosport  
**Democratic Services contact:** Carly Walters

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BOROUGH SOLICITOR

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### **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

The Mayor (Councillor Dickson) (ex-officio)  
Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Hook) (ex – officio)

Councillor Burgess (Chairman)  
Councillor Kimber (Vice – Chairman)

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**NOTE:**

- i. Councillors are requested to note that, if any Councillor who is not a Member of the Board wishes to speak at the Board meeting, then the Borough Solicitor is required to receive not less than 24 hours prior notice in writing or electronically and such notice shall indicate the agenda item or items on which the member wishes to speak.
- ii. Please note that mobile phones should be switched off for the duration of the meeting.

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

RECOMMENDED  
MINUTE FORMAT

1. APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST  
*All Members present are required to declare, at this point in the meeting or as soon as possible thereafter, any personal or personal and prejudicial interest in any item(s) being considered at this meeting.*
3. DEPUTATIONS – STANDING ORDER 3.5  
*(NOTE: The Board is required to receive a deputation(s) on a matter which is before the meeting of the Board provided that notice of the intended deputation and its object shall have been received by the Borough Solicitor by 12 noon on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2012. The total time for deputations in favour and against a proposal shall not exceed 10 minutes).*
4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS – STANDING ORDER 3.6  
*(NOTE: The Board is required to allow a total of 15 minutes for questions from Members of the public on matters within the terms of reference of the Board provided that notice of such Question(s) shall have been submitted to the Borough Solicitor by 12 noon on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2012).*

**PART II**

5. STOKES BAY PADDLING POOL PART II  
  
*To advise the Community Board of the current condition of the Stokes Bay Paddling Pool and to propose it is replaced with a new wet and dry play area for the under 8's.* Kim Carron  
X5512
6. LEISURE PLAY AREAS PART II  
  
*To seek support of the Board for additions to the Capital Programme and the use of developer contributions for the improvement of various play facilities in the Borough.* Kim Carron  
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7. ANY OTHER ITEMS  
*-which the Chairman determines should be considered, by reason of special circumstances, as a matter of urgency.*

## AGENDA ITEM NO. 05

<b>Board/Committee:</b>	Extraordinary Community Board
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	10 July 2012
<b>Title:</b>	Stokes Bay Paddling Pool
<b>Author:</b>	Chief Executive
<b>Status:</b>	FOR DECISION

### Purpose

To advise the Community Board of the current condition of the Stokes Bay Paddling Pool and to propose it is replaced with a new wet and dry play area for the under 8's.

### Recommendation

The Community Board agree:

1. To replace the paddling pool at Stokes Bay with a wet and dry play area for under 8's
2. Not to open the paddling pool for summer 2012
3. To request Policy and Organisation Board to approve an additional scheme in the 2012/13 Capital Programme for a new wet and dry play area at Stokes Bay to be funded from developers contributions as detailed in paragraph 2.6.

### **1 Background**

- 1.1 Between 2004/08 the Council carried out extensive work to the paddling pool costing approximately £145,000 to update the drainage system, improve access to the pool and address health and safety issues. The facility is seasonal. The Arena Group have operated the paddling pool over the past 4 summers but did not wish to do so this year. As a consequence, officers have been seeking other operators for 2012.

### **2 Report**

- 2.1 Earlier this year Officers sought quotations from 2 companies to operate the paddling pool. Because of concerns over the condition of the paddling pool, the companies were also asked to provide quotes for bringing the pool up to a reasonable Health & Safety standard to enable it to re-open this summer. The quotes received from the companies for capital works were between £15k-£25k. These costs do not include any works of improvement for the longer term and there is concern over the sub-structure to the pool. The pool is of considerable age and is, of course, in a very exposed environment.
- 2.2 Given the size and the depth of the paddling pool it has to be manned by lifeguards during opening hours and therefore the seasonal operating costs are between £25k-£40k (less entrance

charges).

- 2.3 Stokes Bay is an important recreation area for the whole Borough and apart from the paddling pool there is no other play provision for children along the bay. The pool is only open for around 90 days per year and is obviously weather dependant so for most of the year there is no play facility for children. Whilst the paddling pool is enjoyed by many families an entry fee is payable and this may exclude some families from regular use of the facility.
- 2.4 Children's play facilities have been developing and there are now different ways of providing a wet play facility that can be free of charge. There is also an opportunity to use the site of the paddling pool and part of the adjoining grassed area to provide both a wet and dry play facility for Under 8's thereby ensuring there are play facilities available for the whole of the year.
- 2.5 The wet play facility could be a combination of interactive water fountains, water features and jets and the dry play facilities would be designed to complement them. Examples of the type of wet play facility which could be provided will be on display at the Board meeting.
- 2.6 The provision of new play facilities at Stokes Bay could be funded from Developer Contributions. Research of other recently installed facilities suggests that a wet and dry play scheme for this area would cost in the region of £250,000. The total unallocated sum in the Local Play Space Provision Areas is £340k.
- 2.7 If the Board agrees to this proposal Officers would begin the procurement process with the intention that the facility is open for Spring 2013. However it is necessary to upgrade the electrical supply to the site and these works would be carried out as soon as possible to avoid any future delays.

### **3 Risk Assessment**

- 3.1 Works to the paddling pool must be carried out before it can open and it must be manned by qualified lifeguards at all times whilst open.
- 3.2 If the Board agrees to this proposal it is felt there is sufficient time to deliver the new facility by Spring 2013. However, the electrical supply has been identified as a possible major item and this will be commenced as soon as possible.

### **4 Conclusion**

- 4.1 The current play facilities at Stokes Bay are seasonal and for most of the year there are none. This proposal would provide all year play facilities enhanced in the spring/summer by an up to date water play

facility. There would be no entrance fee to the facility making it available to all residents/visitors.

<b>Financial Services comments:</b>	As detailed in the report.
<b>Legal Services comments:</b>	None
<b>Crime and Disorder:</b>	There is no impact.
<b>Equality and Diversity:</b>	The proposal that the new facility would be free of charge assists in promoting social inclusion IL I think we can be positive on this.
<b>Service Improvement Plan implications:</b>	This is a new proposal.
<b>Corporate Plan:</b>	This is a new proposal.
<b>Risk Assessment:</b>	As paragraph 3.0
<b>Background papers:</b>	Nil
<b>Appendices/ Enclosures:</b>	None
<b>Report author/ Lead Officer:</b>	Kim Carron, Community & Customer Services Manager

## AGENDA ITEM NO. 06

<b>Board/Committee:</b>	Extraordinary Community Board
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> July 2012
<b>Title:</b>	Leisure Play Areas
<b>Author:</b>	Community and Customer Services Manager/SV
<b>Status:</b>	FOR RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY AND ORGANISATION BOARD

### **Purpose**

To seek support of the Board for additions to the Capital Programme and the use of developer contributions for the improvement of various play facilities in the Borough.

### **Recommendations**

- 1) The Board supports the following:
  - a) Walpole Park play area, provision of fitness equipment.
  - b) Elson Recreation Park play area, upgrade of existing equipment.
  - c) Rowner Copse Park play area, upgrade of play equipment.
  - d) Lee on Solent Skate Park, provision of Youth Shelter.
  
- 2) This Board requests that the Policy and Organisation Board approve the amendments to the Capital Programme as detailed in paragraph 3 of this report.

## **1 Background**

- 1.1 This report presents solutions for the upgrading of play facilities in the Borough of Gosport. Some of which are already identified in the Capital Programme and some of which require approval in order to secure S106 funding to enable their delivery.

## **2 Report**

### **2.1 Walpole Park play area, provision of fitness equipment**

Walpole Park play area is situated on the southern side of South Street.

In the Capital Programme £6,000 has been identified for possible extension of the current skate park. The current site has been assessed by officers and it is considered that the skate park design and limited space for extension means that an extension would only provide limited benefit and does not justify the proposed expenditure. However, it would be possible to add to the existing skate park with the provision of fitness equipment. This equipment stimulates a work-out at a gym and, it is felt, would be popular.

### **2.2 Elson Recreation Park play area, upgrade of existing equipment**

This is situated within the Elson Recreational ground adjacent to the newly opened skate park. It is a popular facility.

This scheme aims to replace equipment which are of old design, with new equipment that improves the levels of play and enjoyment at the facility.

### **2.3 Rowner Copse Park play area, upgrade of play equipment**

This is situated within the Rowner Copse Open Space. It has suffered vandalism and has fallen into decline to the point where the facility has been closed.

The proposal is to provide a multi use games area for basketball and football on a multi use surface and also the provision of ramps for skateboarding.

### **2.4 Lee on Solent Skate Park, provision of Youth Shelter**

This existing facility was redeveloped in 2010/11. It is a popular facility. Local youngsters and the Hampshire County Council Youth Scheme have identified the need for a Youth Shelter, which will complete the facility.

## **3 Financial Implications**

### **3.1 Walpole Park play area, provision of fitness equipment**

It is proposed that £15,000 funding is provided via S106 contributions and that the Capital Programme (for the extension to the skate park) is amended from £6,000 to £15,000 and changed to reflect this scheme as opposed to the skate park extension

### **3.2 Elson Recreation Park play area, upgrade of existing equipment**

The total scheme cost is £20,000 of which £13,000 is already identified in the Capital Programme. The scheme requires an allocation of a further £7,000 from S106 contributions and an increase in the overall amount identified in the Capital Programme to £20,000.

### **3.3 Rowner Copse Park play area, upgrade of play equipment**

It is proposed that £18,530 funding is provided via S106 from area 2, North Gosport and adjacent area 6, West Gosport for the children's play area elements and £31,470 is provided via S106 for sports facilities.

This scheme will need to be added to the Capital Programme.

### 3.4 Lee on Solent Skate Park, provision of Youth Shelter

£7,000 will need to be funded from S106 contributions and the scheme will need to be added to the Capital Programme.

## 4 Risk Assessment

4.1 All the upgrading work will be subject to a satisfactory 'Independent Playground Inspection' being undertaken prior to re-opening.

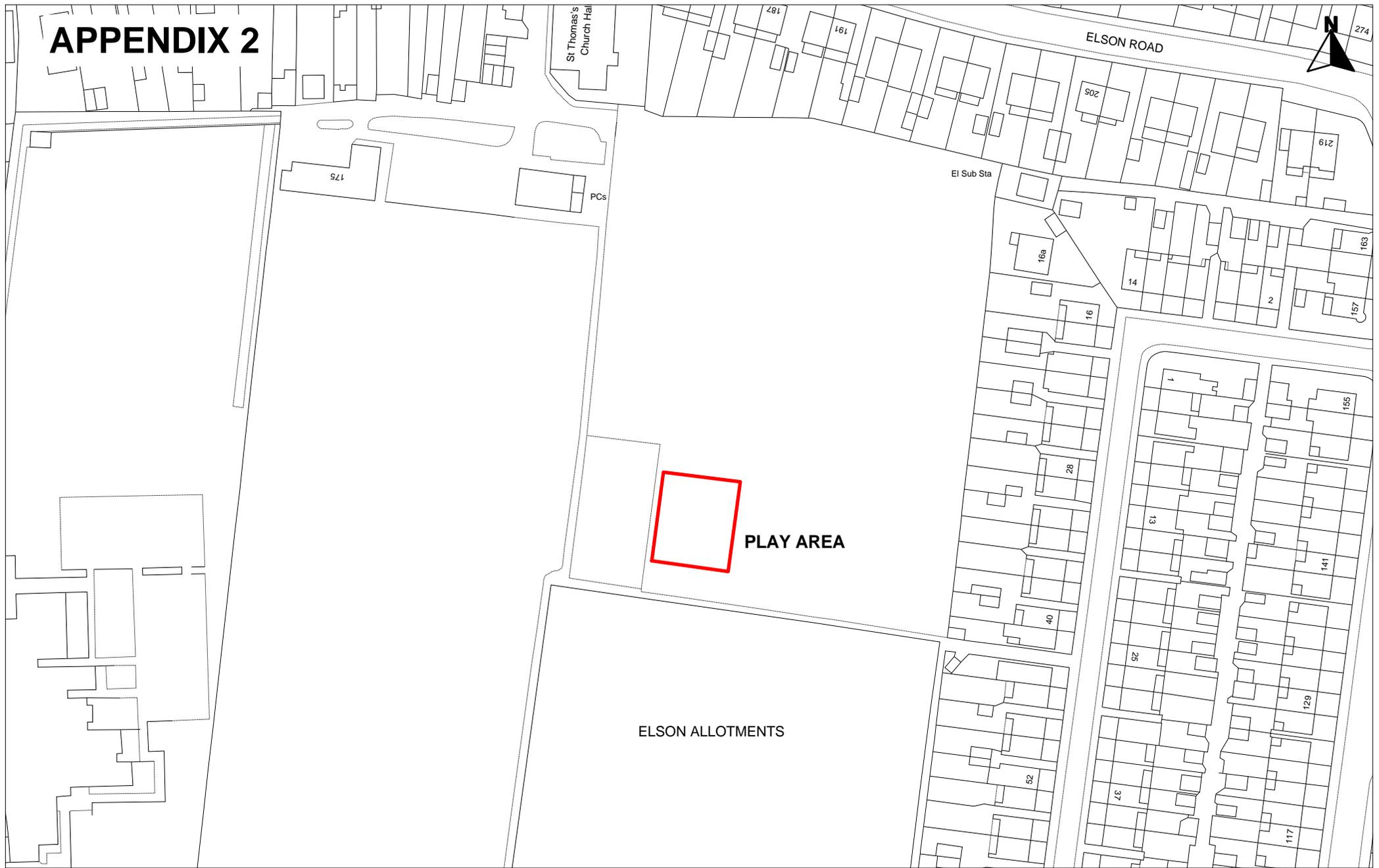
4.2 Well maintained play areas reduce the risk of accidents to users and therefore contribute maintaining the reputation of the Council.

## 5 Conclusions

5.1 These proposals will identify the Council's continued commitment to investigate and liaise with local users who have identified a need for improved services.

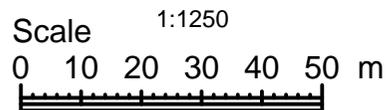
<b>Financial Services comments:</b>	Those schemes included in this report, if approved, will be added to the Council's Capital Programme with funding coming from developers contributions (S106)
<b>Legal Services comments:</b>	As the proposals set out in this report are intended to secure improvements to recreational facilities, they would appear to fall within the permitted use of S106 developer contributions.
<b>Crime and Disorder:</b>	The engagement of young children and adults in play activities will positively contribute to the reduction in anti social behaviour
<b>Equality and Diversity:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Service Improvement Plan implications:</b>	Incorporated within the Community and Customer Service's Service Improvement Plan
<b>Corporate Plan:</b>	The proposal is in line with the Council's Strategic Priority for 'Better leisure facilities with increased usage'.
<b>Risk Assessment:</b>	As addressed in 4.1 of this report
<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>Appendices/Enclosures:</b>	
Appendix '1'	Walpole Park play area map
Appendix '2'	Elson Recreation Park play area map
Appendix '3'	Rowner Copse Park play area map
Appendix '4'	Lee on Solent Skate Park map
<b>Report author/ Lead Officer:</b>	Sam Voller extension 5387

# APPENDIX 2



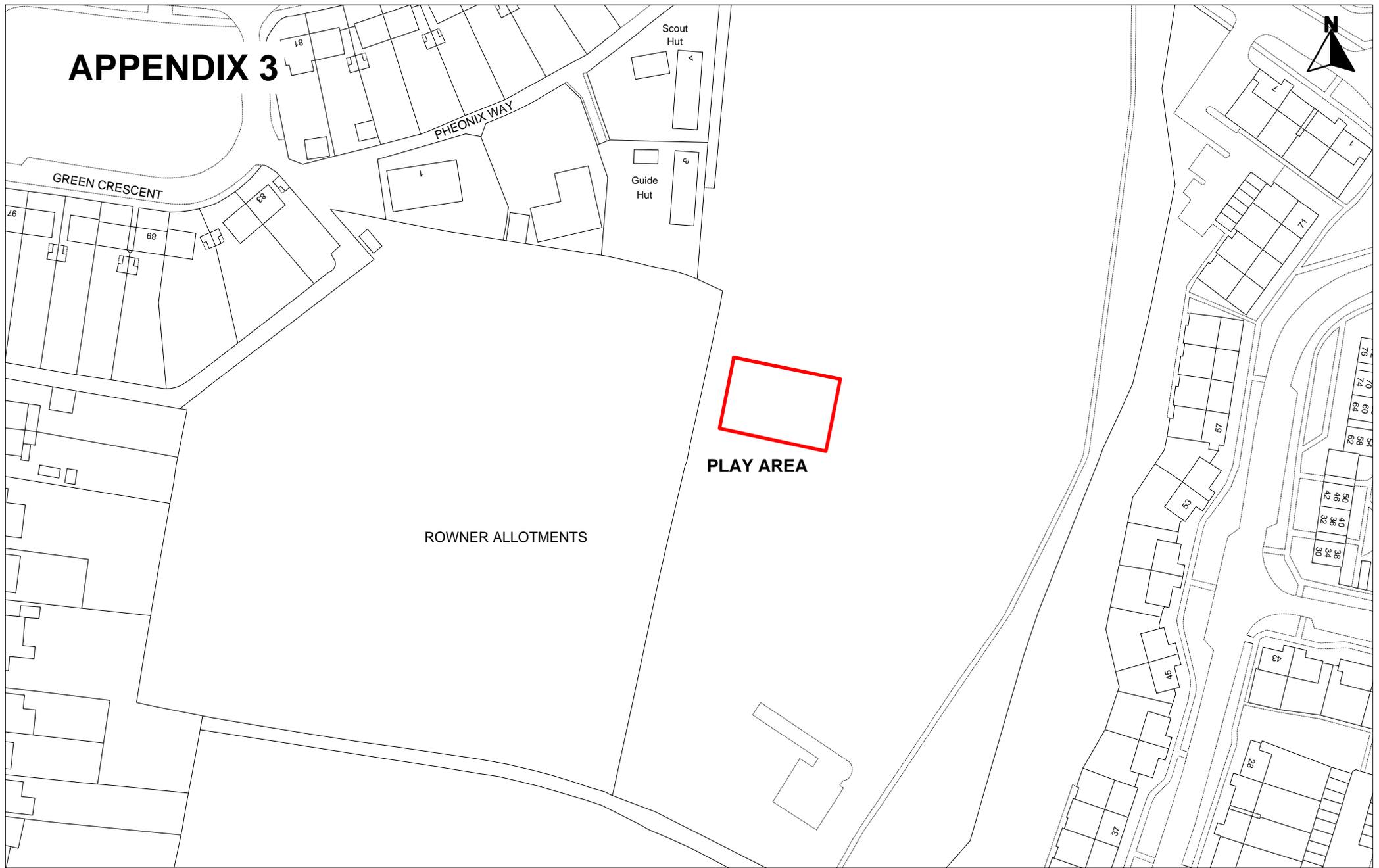
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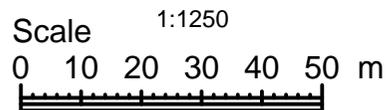
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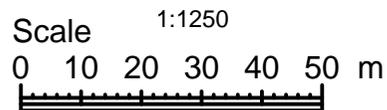
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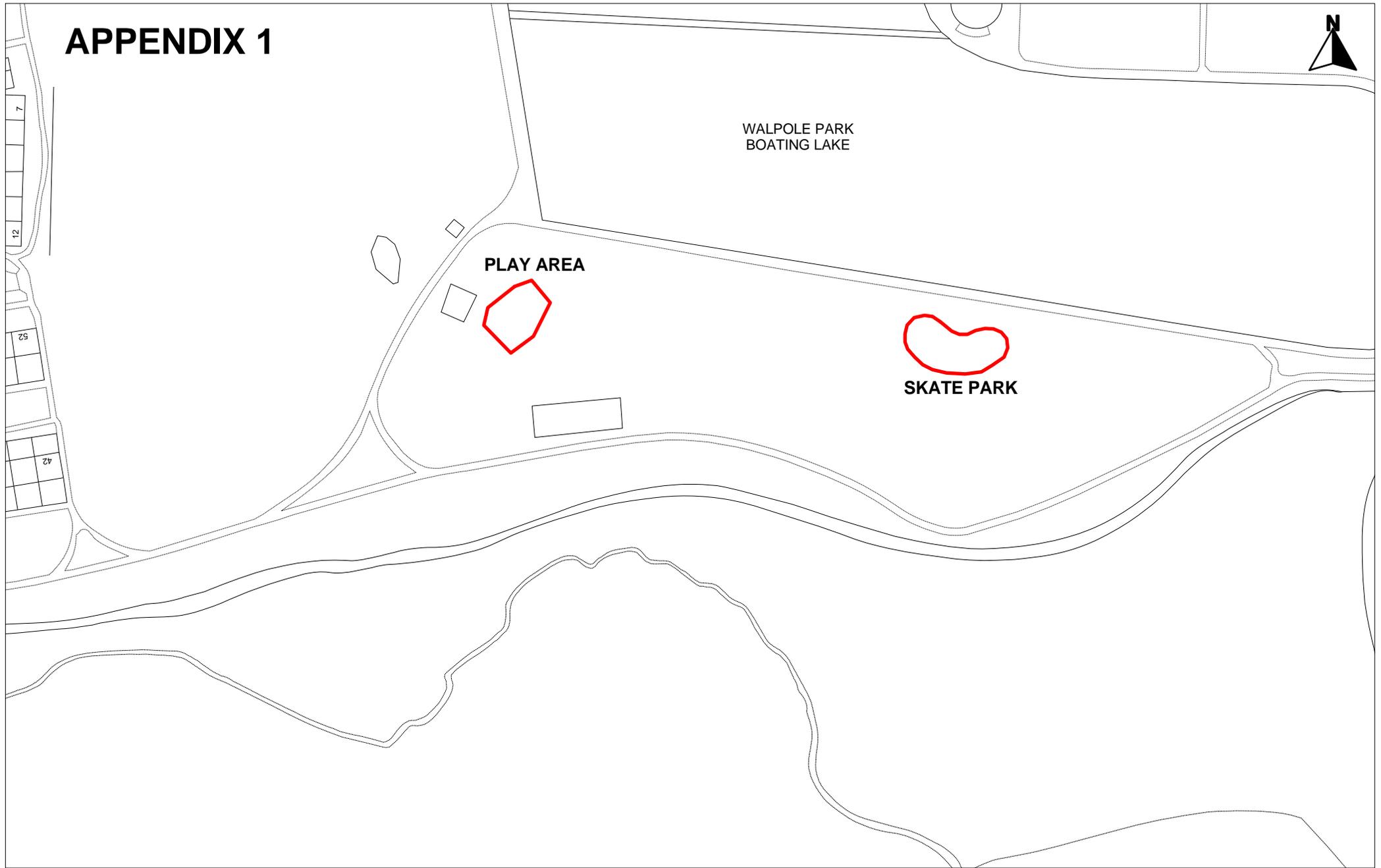
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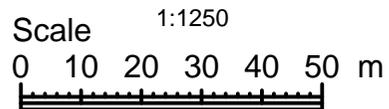
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# APPENDIX 1



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