

## 1. Introduction

This document has been prepared to support the planning application for the installation of new play equipment on land known as J's Meadow in Syleham village. The proposal is to create a play area for young children and families on the village community space.

J's meadow is situated in the centre of Syleham in Suffolk. The meadow was purchased in 2018 by the Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall Management Committee to provide the village hall with an outdoor space for residents to use and to hold village events. Syleham and Wingfield are rural parishes with limited amenities between the two villages. There are approximately 60 children living in the villages and the new play area will enhance the community space already in existence.

## 2. The Proposal

The proposal is to create a new play area for young children and families. The elements to be used have been selected to promote discovery, fun and challenge benefitting children of all ages and offering an additional amenity to the village.

The Site J's meadow is a grass meadow situated north of Hoxne Road in the centre of Syleham village shown on plan ref: Location plan D1. The meadow is situated opposite Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall. The meadow is used by the community for variety of uses including social gatherings, events, and recreation.

The proposed new play equipment will be located to the Northern corner of J's Meadow away from the residential properties to south. There is hardstanding pathway from the pedestrian gateway to the proposed location of new play equipment.

## 3. Design and Layout

The play area will comprise three sets of individual play equipment. The specification of each set of equipment is attached for reference. The layout is shown on attached plans ref: Play Equipment Layout D1 and Play Equipment Layout D2.

**Combi Balance Trail Equipment** – see supporting document ref: Combi Trail D1.

Designed and chosen to encourage balancing, clambering, and traversing amongst children.

**Nest Swing Equipment** - see supporting document ref: Nest Swing D1.

The nest swing is suitable for SEN children and adults as it can be used to either lay or sit supported in the swing seat with their carers.

**Swinging Logs and Tram Tracks Equipment** – see supporting document ref: swinging logs and

tram tracks D1.

Designed and chosen to encourage balancing, climbing, traversing, meeting, and role play.

#### 4. Safety Compliance

The play equipment will be manufactured and installed in compliance with European Safety Standard for Playground Equipment BSEN 1176 with a surface known as 'Safer Surface' compliant with BSEN 1177.

#### 5. Landscaping

The meadow extends to approx. 0.28 hectare and is predominantly grass with a hardcore asphalt pathway circling the outer perimeter of the site. The site is fenced with timber post and rail with a vehicular and pedestrian gateway. The existing landscaping will remain the same and the play equipment has been chosen to compliment the natural landscape being mainly constructed of timber posts and rope. Vehicular parking is provided in the Syleham and Wingfield village hall carpark which is situated opposite the access track to J's Meadow. The site is accessible to wheelchair users.

#### 6. Access

The access track is prohibited to vehicles except for emergency access. The track is suitable for emergency vehicles all year round being a hardcore base with a vehicular gateway.

#### 7. Highways

There is no impact to highways by this proposal as there is no change to existing access or car park facilities.

#### 8. Flooding

Environments Agency maps indicate that the site is located in Flood Zone 1, where the annual probability of river flooding is less than 1 in 1000. There is no risk of flooding the site.

#### 9. Environmental Protection

During the construction phase, contractors working hours will be limited to minimize disruption to the community and to avoid unnecessary Health and Safety risks and nuisance to neighbouring property owners. Provision will be made to ensure that vehicles leaving the site will not transfer mud and other debris onto the highway.