



BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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TENDERS INVITED **REFURBISHMENT OF TENNIS COURTS** **AT SHAKESPEARE PARK** *Avon Road, Braunstone Town, Leicester, LE3 3AB*

TENDERS ARE INVITED from suitably experienced Contractors for the refurbishment of the tennis courts at Shakespeare Park, Avon Road, Braunstone Town. More than one option can be submitted provided they are clearly costed.

The work involves:

1. Resetting net sockets
2. resurface with durable, vandal/damage resistant all weather safety surface;
3. installing pedestrian access and lockable vehicular gate from car park;
4. installing rear lockable pedestrian gate to the new pavilion (clubhouse);
5. replacement perimeter fencing;
6. replacement of nets; and
7. marking out of new courts.

Further details of the requested works are enclosed

The Contractor must provide within the quoted price:

1. all costs associated with preparing the quote, including site visits;
2. meeting Health & Safety requirements;
3. site Set-up and returning the site to use, including removing all debris from site;
4. carriage and Off-Loading;
5. all processing and administration costs;
6. all labour and third party costs; and
7. details of all taxes, including VAT.

Please include details with the quote of the equipment and surface specification, including expected lifespan. The work is expected to be carried out within six to twelve months with no variation in the quoted price. Payment on satisfactory completion of the work.

For further questions and a site visit, please contact the Office of the Executive Officer & Town Clerk (contact details above).

Tenders must be submitted to the Executive Officer & Town Clerk, Braunstone Town Council, Braunstone Civic Centre, Kingsway, Braunstone Town, Leicester LE3 2PP, no later than 9am on Monday 21st September 2020

Note: Canvassing of Members or of any committee, directly or indirectly, for any Contract with the Council shall disqualify the Contractor for such appointment. If an applicant for any appointment or Contract with the Council is to his/her knowledge related to any Member of, or the holder of any office under the Council, he/she and the person to whom he/she is related shall disclose the relationship in writing to the Executive Officer & Town Clerk. A Contractor who fails to do so shall be disqualified for such Contract, and, if appointed, may be dismissed without notice.

Signed:
Darren Tilley, Executive Officer & Town Clerk

Dated: 21st August 2020

Location

Braunstone is the largest civil parish within the district of Blaby in Leicestershire and one of the largest parishes in England (494 hectares). The population recorded in the 2011 Census is 16,850 (8,371 Males and 8,479 Females). In 2019, the electorate was 12,555. In 2020, there are 7,112 households.

Braunstone Town is suburban and to the north shares a common boundary with the City of Leicester and immediately inside the city boundary is the Braunstone Park estate. To the west of the parish lies the M1 motorway with junction 21 at the south western tip. To the south lies Fosse Shopping Park and Grove Triangle retail parks.

The western part of the parish adjacent to the M1 and west of the Leicester outer ring road contains the Meridian Business and Leisure Parks and a modern housing development, Thorpe Astley.

The Council

Braunstone Town Council comprises of 21 Councillors who are elected every four years. Each year the Council elects from amongst its number the Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor, Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader of the Council.

The Town Council provides a wide range of services to the citizens of Braunstone Town together with social and recreational facilities. The Council also promotes the interests of the town in its representation to other bodies. It works in partnership with the larger District Council and County Council to provide and supplement local government services within the town area. The focus of our work is summed up in our Mission Statement:

We exist to ensure that local services and the environment reach the highest possible standards, within the resources available, for citizens, visitors and those who work in Braunstone Town:

- *to provide a focus for civic pride;*
- *to listen, identify and respond to agreed local needs; and*
- *to help develop a strong, secure, self-reliant, self-confident community, free from unlawful discrimination.*

"Spectemur. Agendo" translates "Let us be Judged by Our Actions"

The Council was granted Quality Status in February 2004, re-accredited in January 2009 and was awarded Foundation status under the Local Council Awards Scheme in January 2014.

Our Open Spaces & Parks

The Town Council is responsible for maintaining the Town's open spaces and parks, the objectives of the Town Council in this respect is:

- to provide and maintain parks and open spaces to a high standard;
- to provide quality sports facilities to meet identified needs;
- to provide and maintain play equipment to a high and safe standard; and
- to help fight pollution by planting trees on our parks.

We are responsible for nearly 32 hectares of land, which includes sports pitches, playgrounds, nature areas, woodland, an orchard and meadow.

Shakespeare Park, Avon Road, LE3 3AB

Shakespeare Park is set in 2.63 hectares (6.5 acres) and includes the following facilities:

- Play Equipment,
- Tennis Courts,
- Football Pitch,
- Changing Rooms,
- Bowling Club,
- Car Parking.

Shakespeare Park Improvements

Braunstone Town Council, in partnership with Shakespeare Park Bowls Club and Braunstone Juniors Football Club, and with the support of Blaby District Council and local tennis and petanque representatives, has launched ambitious plans to improve the recreation, play and sporting facilities at Shakespeare Park, which is owned by the Town Council.



Clubhouse

The current Clubhouse/Pavilion was erected in the 1950s and is primarily a wooden structure, although various additions, including the football changing rooms have been subsequently added and built using brick. The current building is damp, has no heating or air circulation and the clubroom is not large enough to accommodate players when all bowling rinks are in use. The clubroom is equally too small for use by the football club and has limited flexibility for alternative income generating uses.

Both the playground and tennis courts have not been substantially refurbished in the last 20 years with no new play equipment having been installed at the site during that time.

The top surface of the courts tennis courts is extremely worn and crumbling away. The net posts are leaning in as the net post sockets are failing and cracking. Some areas at the back and side of one of the courts have been patch repaired. Foliage has grown up to east and south side. This causes shading the surface and dropping leaf matter on the courts (leading to moss growth, ice in winter and general degrading of the top surface and with the potential for root ingress damaging the sub-base and then top surface in time.



Playground



Tennis Courts

The proposals involve relocating the pavilion to another part of the site, then demolishing the existing pavilion and using the land for additional car parking. This will provide for a new modern and fit for purpose brick built clubhouse / pavilion, which can be shared between bowls, football, tennis and petanque clubs and with the ability of the clubroom to be hired for various healthy living and recreational clubs/sessions.

Renovation of the playground equipment will include the installation of modern low maintenance mulch safety surfaces and new play equipment including the provision of new sensory play equipment, which enables children with special needs to enjoy the playground and park with their friends and siblings.

Improvements to the tennis courts will include the nets and net sockets, surface, markings, gates and perimeter netting in order for the courts to be attractive for a club and for tennis training.

The Town Council is exploring the potential to install the Lawn Tennis Association's tennis courts venue management system and gate access technology, Tap4Tennis.

Both the Playground and Tennis Courts are well used by the local community, however, there has been no significant investment in the facilities on this site for 20 years.



Slide with bark safety surface

Surveys and assessments undertaken by the Town's Citizens' Advisory Panel identified the need for improvements to the facilities. Modern technologies produces long lasting, vandal proof, yet attractive play equipment and safety surfaces. Currently tree bark hides needles and broken glass, presenting dangers to young children, wet pour is shrinking presenting trip hazards and the tarmac tennis court surface is wearing thin, with cracks and holes appearing in the surface.

Installing new safety surfaces at the Playground and Tennis Courts will not only improve safety, it will also reduce maintenance costs while improving the visual appearance.

In addition, Braunstone Town only has traditional play equipment at its parks, and there is a variety of sensory play equipment available. Such equipment was recently installed at Oakfield Park, Blaby and was well received by parents since it allows for play for all ages and abilities and in particular those physically unable to use traditional play equipment such as swings and slides, installing such equipment at an existing playground allows for the family and friends to enjoy play and recreation together.



Oakfield Park Blaby

Sensory Play equipment is suitable for all abilities and ages, creating an engaging, stimulating, and inclusive learning environment, encouraging communication, connection and interaction to unlock the individual's potential as they explore, discover and enjoy.

Once tenders are received from contractors, a consultation will be undertaken with local residents and users to ascertain their views on the proposed refurbishment.

TENNIS COURTS SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS

In order to undertake improvement works to the site with minimum disruption to residents, a secure compound will be needed for the site construction vehicles and materials. The proposal is to close the Tennis Courts for approximately 12 months for this purpose.

Once the works on the New Pavilion (Clubhouse) are complete, the old Clubhouse demolished and the car park improved and extended, the secure compound will be closed and the Tennis Courts will be improved.

The proposal is to improve the surface, perimeter fencing and nets, similar to the Tennis Courts shown in the picture below.



Advice has been received from the Lawn Tennis Association on potential improvements to the Tennis Courts, which includes surface improvements and removal of foliage to bring into proper use for the long term and prevent any further degradation. It was also noted that the courts play in a West to East orientation and it was suggested that the courts play in a South to North orientation to limit glare from low sun.

The Council is interested in using the Lawn Tennis Association's venue management system, ClubSpark, and gate access technology, which allows for pay and play for community usage. The Lawn Tennis Association state that it delivers an excellent customer journey and generates revenue for the long term sustainability of the facility.

Improvement works to include:

- cutting back any foliage around the court perimeter;
- reset net sockets;
- resurface with durable, vandal/damage resistant all weather safety surface;
- installation of pedestrian gate (which will need to accommodate access system)
- lockable vehicular gate from car park;
- rear lockable pedestrian gate to the new pavilion (clubhouse);
- replacement perimeter fencing;
- replacement of nets; and
- marking out of new courts, which could include changing the orientation.

TIMESCALES AND ASSESSMENT

DEADLINE FOR TENDER SUBMISSION: 9am on Monday 21st September 2020

TENDERS WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING MATRIX:

1. Cost
2. Compatibility with Vision/Proposals
3. Design Solution
 - (a) accessibility
 - (b) inclusivity
4. Durability & maintenance:
 - (a) Fencing
 - (b) Equipment
 - (c) Surfaces
5. Environment
6. Methodology

COMMITTEE SHORTLISTING: 8th October 2020

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED OPTIONS: November 2020

COMMITTEE DETERMINES CONTRACTOR: 14th January 2021

WORKS ON TENNIS COURTS: scheduled at the end of the Pavilion and Site Works in March/April 2021, assuming funding is in place.

Shakespeare Park Tennis Courts Photo Gallery

