

Appendix O

Playground Committee Request- Approval for replacement slatboard fencing

The Playgrounds Committee propose to replace the rusted chainlink fencing that currently separates the Gardiner playground from the Croquet and Bowls Club, and replace it with wooden slatboard fencing , similar to the fencing that runs along the back of the croquet pitch.



Cutting back the vegetation in preparation for the rebuild on Gardiner has shown the chainlink fencing to be in poor, rusted condition as photo attached. The on site subcontractor S.Aplin has requested that we replace the chainlink fencing prior to him pouring the Wetpour composite across the playground for the final surfacing on Gardiner. The wet pour would settle more smoothly if there were wooden slatboards in place rather than chainlink. We would ask Proludic to carry out this task themselves, and the cost estimate is £600-800, to be invoiced as part of the current tender. The works would be done in the next 4-5 weeks. The existing concrete support posts have been inspected and would be retained, reducing cost.

The main benefit would be for the safety of children playing in the new Gardiner playground. It would help to ensure the surface was smooth, and that there were no rusted old wires with the potential to scratch children in the close proximity of play equipment. In addition, there would be benefit to the Croquet and Bowls Club, as the slatboards would ensure greater privacy for both locations and reduced sound transference.



The Croquet and Bowls Club has asked for this as well. The new fence would copy the style of their existing fence along Upper Red Cross Road, maintaining a consistent natural theme within the Conservation area.