

SUMMARY SPECIFICATION FOR WATER SPLASH PARK, BANCROFT RECREATION GROUND, HITCHIN.

Comments are invited on the following specification which has been produced to provide a water splash park of the scale but not necessarily of the design shown below:



The design shown above is approximately 130 M2. and could be provided for an estimated £150K. Unfortunately due to the time it takes to tender the works it will not be possible to have the facilities ready for this summer. It is intended that construction will take place in the autumn ready for a launch in the following spring.

The facility will comply with current British Standards and relevant guidelines for water splash parks.

AGE GROUP(S):

To cater primarily for children aged from 1 – 8 years of age.

THEME:

To take into consideration the areas in which the Water Play areas are located and themes which complement other areas of the Recreation Ground.

PLAY OPPORTUNITIES TO INCLUDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR:

- Social interaction
- Physical activity
- Intellectual stimulation
- Creative achievement
- Emotional stability

SAFER SURFACING:

Rubber safety surfacing will be used.

WATER PLAY EQUIPMENT:

A wide range of different equipment and experiences are required from this play area. For example the area requires some jets to be permanently activated, while others require a sensor to activate or for equipment to be moved/worked by the users to activate the water spray. (For example user to wind-up Archimedes' screw to produce the water, user must use handle to pump water flow).

A wide range of different pressure levels for the jets and equipment used to be incorporated into the design.

Where a piece of equipment requires the user to control the direction of the water spray, the spray and movement of the equipment will only be able to play inside the footprint of the water play area.

SENSORY EXPERIENCE: colour and senses, for all abilities, ages and gender. All equipment must be engaging.

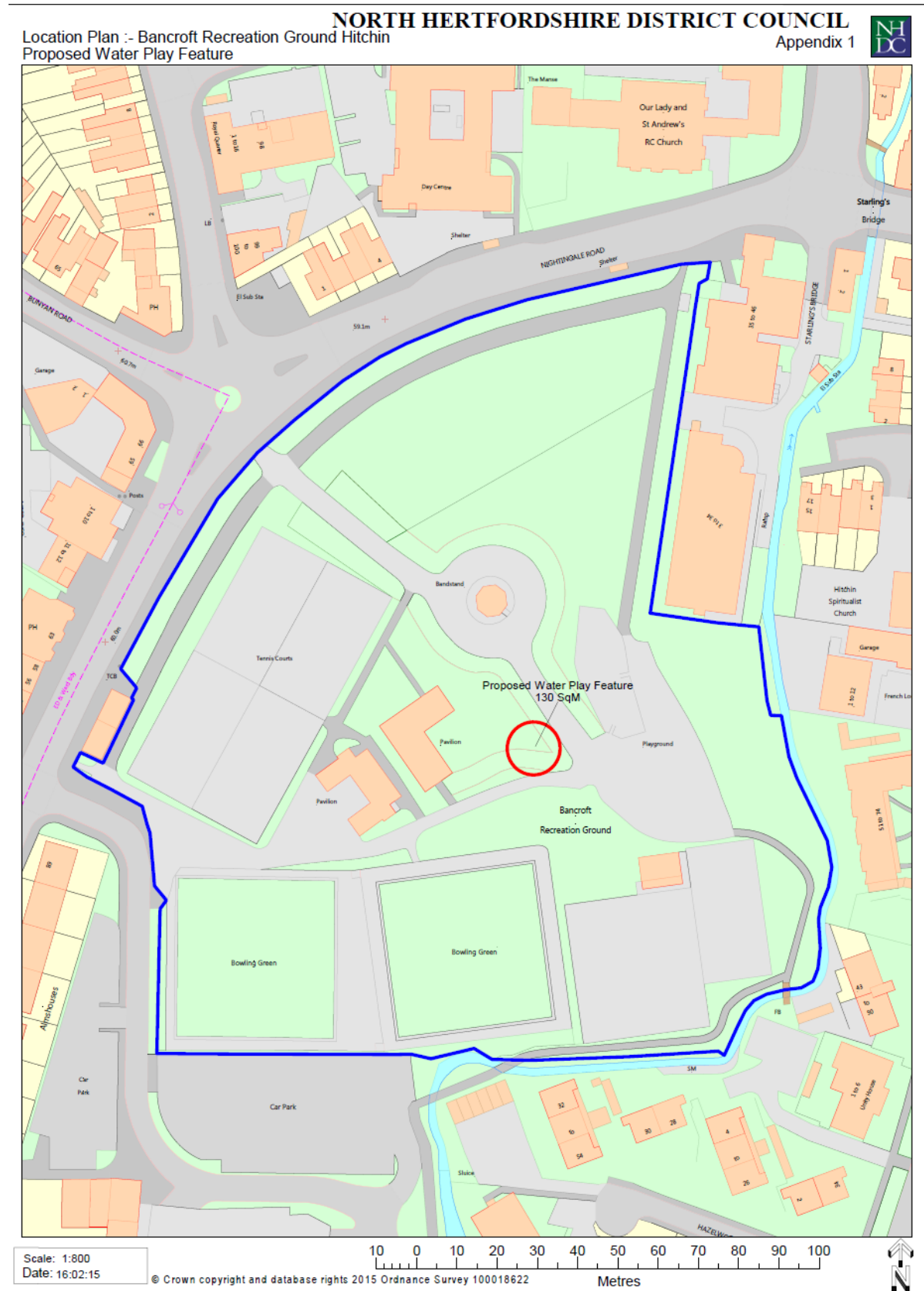
SOUND: where possible sound is to be used within the design.

LEVEL: the level of the ground must be the same level and not have any dips or pools where water can create permanent shallow water pools.

The equipment must be of different heights and the jets of water to exit at different levels.

The equipment can stand higher than ground level, but can not have any steps within the structure where the users stand or cause possible trip or fall.

The plan below identify the proposed location which was chosen as it is close to the existing play area whilst still allowing space for a possible expansion to the play area at a future date.



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