

## Report to Cabinet in March 2018 – Table of play areas considered for closure

Site	Progress	Officer Recommendations
Generic	Seeking sponsorship of some of our larger play area sites, which may generate additional income. No offers yet received.	Continue to promote opportunities for sponsorship.
Betjeman Road, Royston	No interest from Royston Town Council. Business case received from two local District Councillors with two possible options to continue to fund NHDC's grounds contractor to maintain the play area.	Allow a period of time of up to three months for confirmation of funding sources from third parties.
Farrier Court, Royston	No interest from Royston Town Council. Business case received from two local District Councillors with two possible options to continue to fund NHDC's grounds contractor to maintain the play area.	Allow a period of time of up to three months for confirmation of funding sources from third parties.
Ivel Road, Baldock	No expressions of interest received.	Remove formal play equipment and return to green space.
Dacre Road, Hitchin	No expressions of interest received.	Remove formal play equipment and return to green space.
Rosehill, Hitchin	Lots of community support to retain play area. Officers have potentially found a long term sustainable solution to retain a children's play area for the residents of Rosehill.	The Council continues to maintain the play equipment at Rosehill, Hitchin up to April 2022 or an earlier date if a new play area is provided in the locality by an independent provider at nil cost to the Council. The existing Rosehill play area will then be decommissioned.
Symonds Rd, Hitchin	No expressions of interest received.	Remove formal play equipment and return to green space.
Jackmans Recreation Ground, Letchworth	Expression of interest received from community group to fund play area. Later withdrawn with no business case provided.	Remove formal play equipment and return to green space.
Linnet Close, Letchworth	Some community support to retain play area. No offers of funding.	Remove formal play equipment and return to green space.
Oaktree Close, Letchworth	No expressions of interest received.	Remove formal play equipment and return to green space.
Chilterns, Gt. Ashby	Gt. Ashby Community Council have agreed to take on responsibility of play area. They intend to continue to use NHDC's grounds contractor to maintain the play area.	Enter into a contract with Great Ashby Community Council to fund play area.

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Fairfield Crescent, Gt. Ashby	Play area reclassified as not having formal play equipment. Therefore not requiring daily inspections or other play area maintenance expenses.	Continue to maintain as green space.
Merrick Close, Gt. Ashby	Gt. Ashby Community Council have agreed to take on responsibility of play area. They intend to continue to use NHDC's grounds contractor to maintain the play area.	Enter into a contract with Great Ashby Community Council to fund play area.