

RECREATION, LEISURE & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

1st September 2010

Replacement Slide, Carvers Recreation Ground

1. At the meeting on the 12th May, the Committee was advised that eleven contractors had been invited to submit a scheme for a replacement slide at Carvers Recreation Ground. Only two companies had submitted schemes, neither of which met the Tender brief.
2. Since that meeting, further enquiries have identified a play equipment supplier that can provide a slide that more closely matches the original Tender brief.
3. Attached as **Appendix 1** is a copy of diagrams showing three different types of slides that could be installed at Carvers Recreation Ground. All three can be accommodated within the available budget.
4. Parents and children attending the play scheme on Carvers Recreation Ground during the Summer holidays were consulted on each of the three designs. **Appendix 2** shows the outcome of those consultations.
5. The proposals now submitted to Committee provide the right opportunity to move forward with the replacement slide. It is therefore **recommended** that Miracle Design and Play Ltd be identified as the preferred contractor and Officers be instructed to finalise a scheme for approval as soon as possible at a future meeting of the Committee.

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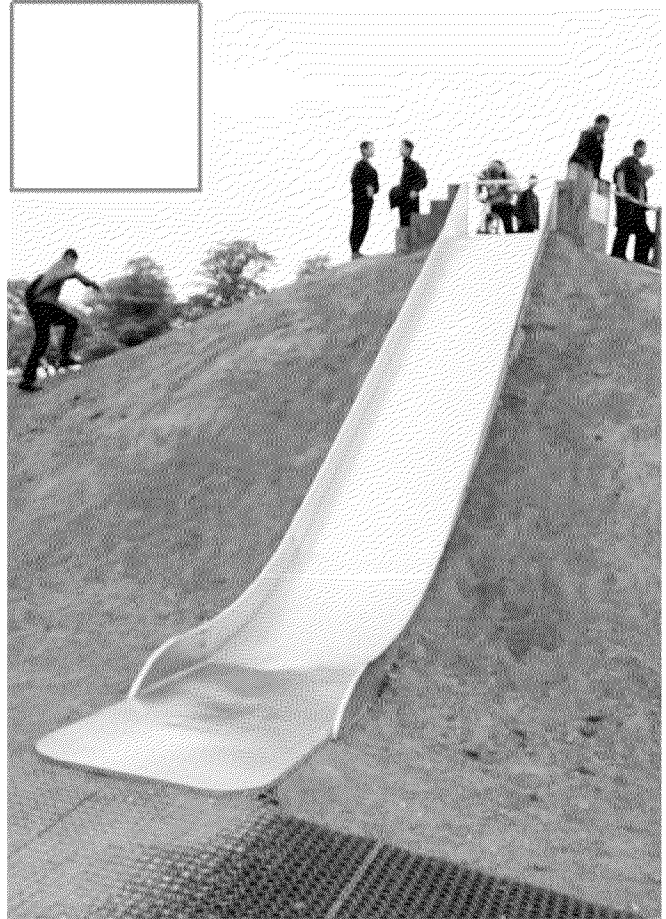
NAME:
ADDRESS:

NUMBER OF KIDS:
AGE OF KIDS:

Put a tick in the box next to which slide you like most



Chameleon Slide twists and turns



Double wide Slide for 2 users at once



Carvers Playground: New Slide

Chameleon Slide (twists & turns) 2 votes

- ✓ Unique
- ✓ High slides/flume like design less chance of children falling off either side
- ✓ Smooth curved edges on sides
- ✓ Some liked the idea of bright multi-coloured slide
- ❖ People weren't keen on the colour in the photo
- ❖ Some said multi-colour would be too garish
- ❖ Concern that it would be easily vandalised... can re-spray metal but can't repaint the plastic

Double wide slide for 2 users 13 votes

- ✓ Shy children can go with parents/older children
- ✓ Hard to vandalise
- ✓ Spoke to the parents of a disabled girl who said they would prefer this slide for her
- ✓ Children liked that they would be able to go with their friends
- ✓ Having a bar at the top of the slide to support children as they sit down
- ❖ Concern that more than one child going down would cause pushing and trouble
- ❖ Might be more daunting for little children (although there are smaller slides available for them elsewhere in the park)
- ❖ Metal could get hotter than plastic in summer

Bump and glide metal slide 17 votes

- ✓ More exciting
- ✓ Favoured by children
- ✓ Would like to combine with wide slide
- ✓ Different to other slides in the park/other local parks
- ❖ Metal would get hotter than plastic in summer
- ❖ Fairly low sides

2 & 5 August 2010
Abbie Grace