

# **Kings Head Meadow Working Group Position Statement Update**

**January 2017**

The KHM working group was tasked with exploring possible solutions to the reported problems of the Play area and was charged by the Council to make **recommendations** to the Council on their findings.

**The final decision on what happens is and has always been with the Town Council. If a meaningful resolution cannot be found, the Town Council decision to remove the equipment would still stand.**

After several meetings the key actions agreed and recommendations proposed to date are as follows:

- The only viable solution to enable the play equipment to be kept on the KHM is to re-locate it to the central hall side of the meadow
- The majority consensus view, and it is acknowledged that this is not the unanimous view, is that all the equipment should be re-located to the Central Hall end of the meadow
- It has been agreed that acoustic walling is not practical, given the proximity to resident's homes, as it would not work or be cost effective.
- A request to seek Professional advice will be sought from the independent experts in the field, Play England, subject to Council approval in terms of cost, at the February meeting to look at the new proposed site and evaluate the feasibility of the proposed move and identify any other issues that the Group may not have thought of.
- If Play England involvement is approved, this meeting will invite members of the Working Group and extended offer to include members of the Young person's working group, the Wymondham ( Disabled) Access group and Wymondham Town Football Club
- An initial meeting with the Wymondham Town Football club was positive and has come up with a number of sensible and reasonable requests to facilitate this move such as provision for Emergency vehicle access, fencing and landscaping to name just a few , which will be discussed with the Town Council before any decision to move is taken
- The final decision and discussion, further informed by Play England's report will be presented to Council at the March meeting at which point officers from NCC will cease to be involved in chairing this group. It is hoped that the Council will at that time vote on this matter and if approved, any expenditure will obviously be in compliance with the financial regulations and the matter will be taken forward appropriately
- The Football club have suggested a window of opportunity to carry out the work, in the summer, if approved, which will have minimal impact on the Football club and programmed matches to be played and planned events on the meadow.
- Three Freedom of information requests have been submitted to NCC, South Norfolk and the Police by a representative of the working group but to date no replies have been received. This does not impact on the consensus agreement to recommend this proposed relocation to the Central Hall side of Kings Head Meadow, subject to the approval of Play England