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Parish Council

ROCKET PARK REFRESH PROJECT 2026
INVITATION TO TENDER



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1. Tender Submission

Tenders must be submitted electronically by email to clerk@lytchettmatraversparishcouncil.gov.uk and received no later than Midday, Tuesday 14th July 2026.

All tender documents must be provided as attachments to the email (preferably in PDF format). The subject line of the email should clearly state: "Tender Submission – Rocket Park Refurb".

Late submissions will not be considered. It is the tenderer's responsibility to ensure that their submission has been successfully received before the deadline.

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2. Project Overview

Rocket Park is the main play area in the growing village of Lytchett Matravers, Dorset.
What3Words: ///mutual/nursing/crunching

The park was partially refreshed in 2013 and contains a mix of original and newer equipment.

The Parish Council is seeking to appoint a single contractor to deliver a comprehensive refresh to improve play value, accessibility, and durability.

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3. Project Objectives

The Council aims to:

- Create a strong "wow factor" within the park
- Improve provision for:
  - Children aged **1–6**
  - Young people aged **12–15** (challenging equipment)
- Replace worn but popular features (e.g. trampoline)
- Improve all-weather usability through increased wet pour surfacing
- Upgrade the ball court for multi-use activity (Goal end and Toddler roadway)

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4. Scope of Works (See Appendix A)

4.1 Removal & Relocation

The contractor shall:

- **Remove and dispose of:**
  - Stainless steel dish bowl
  - Hanging rotator
  - Toddler climbing elements (specified)

- **Relocate:**
  - Sling rotator to new position (outside fenced area near zip line mound)

The Parish Council shall:

- **Remove:**
  - Toddler area North/South/East/West rocks

4.2 New Equipment Installation

Toddler Area (1–6 years) - outlined orange on overhead photo page 9

- New low-level multi-play equipment
- Designed for engagement, accessibility, and to fill gaps in existing play provision

Teen Area (12–15 years) - outlined yellow on overhead photo page 9

- Challenging, high-interest equipment providing "wow factor"

General Requirements

- No timber construction
- Durable, low-maintenance materials
- Multi-colour acceptable (no theme necessary)

4.3 Surfacing Works

- Wet pour safety surfacing under all new equipment
- Wet pour circle beneath relocated rotator
- Wet pour pathway linking to ball court
- Transition from grass matting to wet pour in affected areas

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4.4 Trampoline

- Remove existing unit
- Install new inset circular trampoline (similar size)

4.5 Ball Court Upgrade

- Remove existing basketball post
- Install combined football goal with integrated basketball hoop
- Install durable end fencing (noise-reducing design preferred)
- Apply:
  - Half-court basketball markings
  - Toddler roadway markings

4.6 Play Panels

- Install either:
  - One double-sided panel, or
  - Two single-sided panels
- ➢ Located in north-east toddler area (existing tarmac)

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5. Contractor Responsibilities

The contractor shall provide:

- Full removal and disposal of waste and excavated material.
- Daily site tidying and housekeeping.
- Temporary safety fencing.
- Welfare facilities.
- Ground protection and reinstatement.
- Public liability insurance.
- Responsibility for all materials and equipment until completion.

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6. Site Information

- Access via Eldons Drove (south-west corner)
- Rocket Park is located in south-east corner of field
- Bowtop fencing (removable sections for access)
- No electrical supply or fresh water available

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7. Programme

- Works to be completed during autumn **2026** or spring **2027**, but if 2027, the price must be fixed and agreed upon awarding the contract.
- Contractors should:
  - Avoid peak school holiday closures where possible
  - Provide a proposed programme with submission

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8. Contract Value

- Estimated project value**: £70 - £85,000 (excl. VAT)**
- Funding includes grants which have already been secured (~£40,000)
  - Tender submissions should represent **best value pricing**.
  - Itemised pricing is strongly encouraged.
  - The Parish Council will make a decision by the end of July 2026

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9. Submission Requirements

Tender submissions must include:

- Design proposal (drawings / visuals)
- Itemised cost breakdown.
- Project programme.
- Equipment specifications.
- Warranty details.
- Maintenance requirements.
- Evidence of relevant experience (case studies/references)
- Confirmation of compliance with safety standards.

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10. Standards & Compliance

All works and equipment must comply with:

- BS EN 1176 (Play Equipment)
- BS EN 1177 (Surfacing)
- Relevant UK safety standards

Post-installation inspection certification must be provided.

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11. Health & Safety

The contractor must provide:

- Risk Assessments and Method Statements (RAMS)
- Safe working practices in a public environment
- Site security measures throughout the project

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12. Payment Terms

- Payment terms to be proposed by contractor
- **10% retention** held until:
  - Final completion
  - Snagging resolved
- Payments will be made by the Parish Council within 3 days following its Full Council meetings which take place on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

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13. Defects Liability

A minimum **12-month defects period** is required following completion.

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14. Site Visits

Site visits are encouraged and available by appointment via the Parish Clerk.

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15. Tender Evaluation Criteria

Tenders will be assessed based on:

- Play value and design quality (40% weighting)
- Value for money (30% weighting)
- Durability and longevity (10% weighting)
- Contractor experience and professionalism (10% weighting)
- Quality and completeness of submission (10% weighting)

The Council reserves the right not to accept the lowest tender.

Each of the criteria will be scored from
0 (completely fails to meet criteria)
1 (partially meets criteria)
2 (meets criteria)
3 (exceeds criteria)
4 (vastly exceeds criteria)

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16. Clarifications

Any clarification questions must be submitted via email to the Parish Clerk.
Responses may be shared with all bidders.

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17. Additional Information

- The Parish Council will remove the N/S/E/W rocks prior to works
- Some existing equipment will remain (see supporting images)

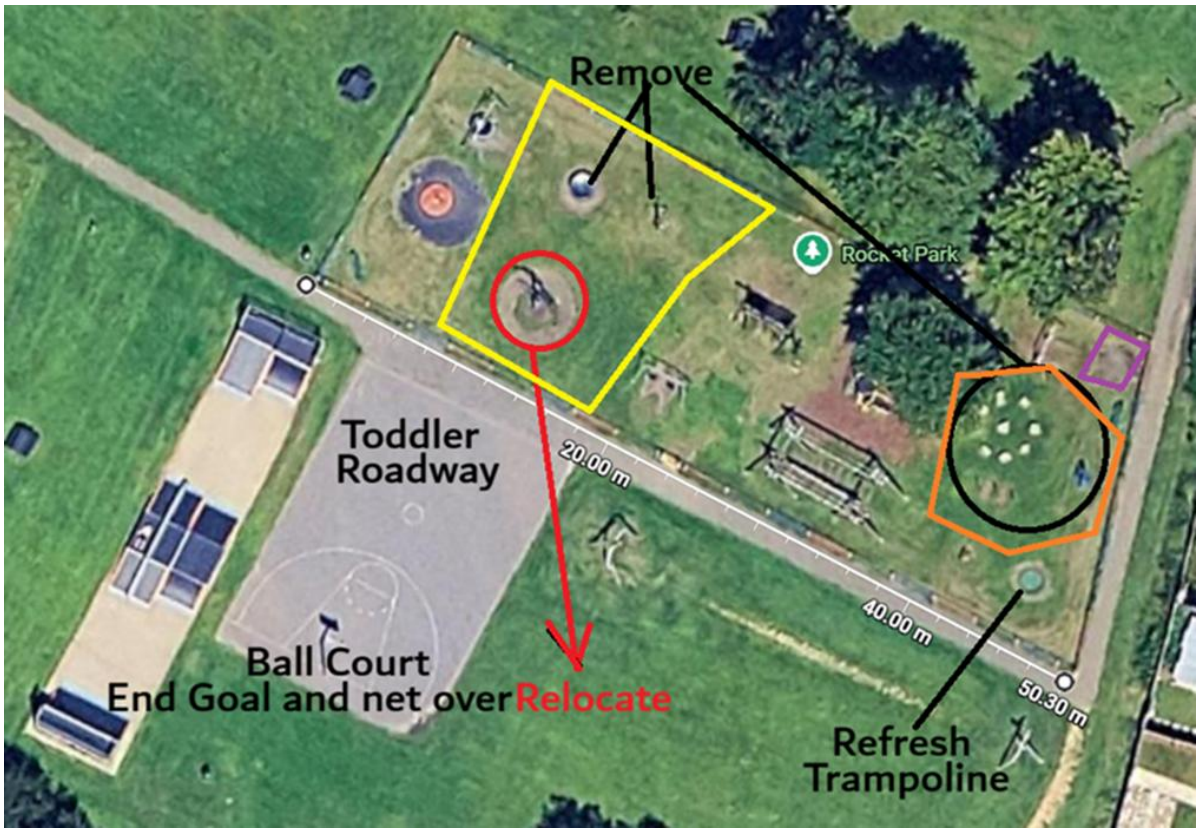
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Appendix A

Pictures of Existing Rocket Park with Commentary of Aspiration



Panorama (fence is actually straight!)



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Area / Item	Existing Equipment	Action Required	Notes	
Roundabout Area	Roundabout	To be replaced (separate project)	Not part of this tender	
Basket Swing Area	Basket swing	Retain	—	
Rotator (near basket swing)	Rotator (right of image)	Relocate	Move outside fenced area near zip line	

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Area / Item	Existing Equipment	Action Required	Notes	
Hanging Rotator & Dish	Hanging rotator (right), dish (left)	Remove and dispose	—	
Swings & Climbing Wall	Swings, climbing wall	Retain	—	
Viking Swing	Viking swing	Retain	—	

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Area / Item	Existing Equipment	Action Required	Notes	
Age 5–9 Climber	Climbing unit	Retain	—	
Springy & Trampoline Area	Springy, inset trampoline	Springy to be retained; trampoline to be replaced	Replace with new inset trampoline	
Bar Climber Area	3 brown bars & blue bar climber	Remove and dispose	Rocks to be removed by client	
New Toddler Area	—	Install new equipment	Area cleared for toddler low-level multi climb/slide unit	

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Tarmac Corner Area	Open tarmac space	Install play panels	Either 1 central panel or 2 single-sided panels on fence sides	
Ball Court	Existing net	Replace with combined goal unit	Install football goal with basketball hoop above	
Ball Court Markings	—	Add markings	Half-court basketball markings	
Toddler Roadway	—	Install roadway markings	Located at top (near) end of ball court	

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