	<p align="center"><b>BROWNHILLS AND ALDRIDGE NORTH LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP</b></p> <p align="center"><b>27 September 2004</b></p>	<p><b>AGENDA ITEM:</b></p>
<p><b>TRANSFORMING YOUR SPACE PROGRAMME</b></p> <p><b>Ward(s):</b> Brownhills and Aldridge North Local Neighbourhood Partnership boundary area.</p>		
<p><b>Portfolio:</b> Councillor A. Andrew</p> <p><b>Service Area:</b> Urban Regeneration</p> <p><b>Summary of report:</b></p> <p>This report outlines Walsall's Transforming Your Space Programme (TYS).</p> <p>TYS is a "Big Lottery Fund", formerly New Opportunities Fund (NOF), initiative of environmental projects and play and youth schemes across the borough of Walsall. The programme consists of 14 large projects which are all due to be complete by September 2006. TYS has and will continue to work in partnership with the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP), Community Empowerment Network (CEN), and local groups and residents. The programme totals just over £2.7 million in funding, with £1.7 million of this being secured from the Big Lottery Fund.</p> <p>This report provides details of the TYS schemes due to be implemented in the Brownhills and Aldridge North LNP area and seeks authority for the proposals to be included in the final local neighbourhood plan.</p>		
<p><b>Background Papers:</b></p> <p>Transforming Your Space Programme Cabinet Report – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2002. Transforming Your Space Programme Cabinet Report – 08<sup>th</sup> September 2004.</p>		
<p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To note details of the Transforming Your Space Programme in Walsall.</li> <li>• To endorse the proposals detailed for the Brownhills and Aldridge North LNP and Include these in the final local neighbourhood plan.</li> </ul>		

## **Resource and Legal Considerations**

Transforming Your Space is a Big Lottery Fund grant of £1,748,294. With match funding, the programme totals approximately £2.7 million.

There are no known legal considerations, other than the sealing of individual contracts exceeding £100,000.

## **Citizen Impact**

The TYS programme will have a borough wide impact and will benefit a broad range of Walsall's population. In particular, young people will directly benefit through access to improved play and recreational facilities.

## **Environment Impact**

The programme includes environmental improvement projects and improvements to play and youth facilities, therefore there will be a positive impact on the environment.

## **Performance Management and Risk Management Issues**

The TYS programme contributes to the Environmental Regeneration Service objective to "developing and delivering a range of environmental regeneration initiatives which improve the quality of life for people in the borough."

Risk Management Issues:

### **Risk**

Failure to obtain LNP approval for the inclusion of TYS schemes in their final local neighbourhood plan: This risk is considered to be low given the extent to which local people and existing partners have been involved in the development process for the TYS programme.

## **Equality Implications**

The TYS programme will have a borough wide impact, ensuring that every part of Walsall sees some form of activity.

The processes used to identify the TYS projects have been scrutinised by the borough's CEN.

## **Consultation**

To date the programme has been developed in consultation with local communities, the

LSP (in particular the Housing and Environment Theme Group), the borough CEN, Friends of Parks groups and all the former District Committees. These and other groups will continue to play an important part in the programme.

### **Vision 2008**

The programme will contribute to the following Council Priorities, identified in Vision 2008:

- Ensure a clean & green borough
- Ensure all people are safe & secure
- Make Walsall a healthy and caring place
- Encourage everyone to feel proud of Walsall
- Make it easier to access local services
- Listen to what people want

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## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform the Brownhills and Aldridge North LNP about the Transforming Your Space (TYS) programme in Walsall.
- 1.2 To provide details of the YYS schemes due to be implemented in the Brownhills and Aldridge North LNP area.
- 1.3 To seek the Brownhills and Aldridge North LNPs approval for the YYS schemes to be included within their final local neighbourhood plan.

## **2. THE TRANSFORMING YOUR SPACE PROGRAMME**

- 2.1 The Big Lottery Fund, formerly The New Opportunities Fund (NOF), allocated £1.7 million to Walsall Council under its Fair Share Initiative in October 2002. The Fair Share Initiative was launched in recognition that not all parts of the Country were receiving their “fair share” of lottery funding. The allocation was made following the successful submission of an umbrella scheme for Walsall that would target not only the 11 priority areas identified by the Walsall Borough Strategic partnership (WBSP) (strand 1 – environmental improvement projects in WBSP “priority neighbourhoods”) but also the whole borough (strand 2 – borough wide play and youth schemes). This was stage 1 of the application process.
- 2.2 Stage 2 of the application process involved the submission of a portfolio of projects to NOF by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2003. Part of the criteria for the submission included the endorsement of the portfolio by the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) prior to 31<sup>st</sup> August. This deadline was met by working in partnership with the LSP, Community Empowerment Network (CEN) and local community organisations. The LSP endorsed the portfolio at their meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2003. Prior to this, the projects were appraised by the LSP’s Housing and Environment Theme Group, and the processes used were scrutinised by the CEN to ensure that all projects had been inclusive and developed in partnership with the local community (a condition set by the Big Lottery Fund). All the former District Committees endorsed the strand 2 package in April 2003.
- 2.3 The portfolio of projects, approved by the Big Lottery Fund in November 2003, includes 14 large projects ranging from environmental improvement proposals to improved play and youth facilities across all six of the former District Committee areas.
- 2.4 Progress to date
  - 2.4.1 Of the 14 projects, 2 pilot projects, Caldmore Junior School Multi-Sports Provision (strand 1) and the Walsall District and Town Centre Project (a package of 7 schemes: Arboretum, Beechdale Park, Pleck Park, Palfrey Park, Reedswood Park, Silverdale Park and WS2 Skate Park) (strand 2) have been developed and are anticipated to be on site during autumn 2004. The remaining 12 projects will then be developed and implemented in accordance with the timetable approved by the Big Lottery Fund, with all projects being complete by September 2006 (a grant condition).

### **3. THE VISION**

#### **3.1 TYS contributes to Walsall's Vision for 2008, relating to 6 of the 10 identified priorities:**

- Ensure a clean and green borough – the implementation of the planned projects will encourage people to take pride in their open spaces, parks, and general environment. The TYS process has and will continue to increase community participation in Walsall's parks.
- Ensure all people are safe & secure – the improvement of key sites will help increase safety and thus encourage more people to use the facilities. It is also hoped that the new/improved facilities for young people, such as multi use games areas, will provide diversionary activities for this vulnerable age group.
- Make Walsall a healthy and caring place – better recreational facilities will encourage people to use these more often, promoting interaction and well-being. Enhanced facilities will also encourage the young to participate in energetic activities, helping reduce obesity in the borough.
- Encourage everyone to feel proud of Walsall – the £2.7 million investment will help improve Walsall's image.
- Make it easier to access local services – the planned improvements will make it easier for people to access their local green/open spaces, parks and play areas. One of the key issues each project will look at is access; every effort will be made to ensure that as many sections of the community can use the improved facilities.
- Listen to what local people want – TYS is a community led programme, which will continue to involve and listen to local people. The CEN has also been involved in scrutinising the processes used for community engagement.

### **4. TYS LAUNCH**

#### **4.1 To celebrate and publicise the award, inform people about the forthcoming projects, and highlight the importance of the programme for Walsall and its community; the TYS programme was 'launched' in the Town Hall on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2004. The event was hosted by Chief Executive Annie Shepperd and was attended by Bruce George MP, Richard Shepherd MP, Ward Councillors, community representatives, Council Officers and representatives from the Big Lottery Fund.**

### **5. TYS WEBSITE**

#### **5.1 A website for TYS has been developed and was launched on 16<sup>th</sup> July. The website will not only inform people about the programme but will also act as a major consultation tool, enabling project specific comments to be made directly via email. Subsequently, the website has been commended by the Big Lottery Fund as an example of good practice. The address for the site is [www.walsall.gov.uk/tys/](http://www.walsall.gov.uk/tys/). Details of all the projects can be found on the site, including project description, sketch schemes and site photos. The website will become a living record of the Programme.**

## **6. TYS SCHEMES IN THE BROWNHILLS AND ALDRIDGE NORTH LNP AREA**

6.1 The approved TYS proposals for the Brownhills and Aldridge North LNP area are detailed below; the sketch schemes for these are attached in appendix 1.

### **6.2 Brownhills and Aldridge North Project**

6.2.1 The schemes that form part of the Brownhills and Aldridge North Project were identified as a result of feedback from parents and young people, Friends of Parks groups and along with other schemes and projects within strand 2 by a working group of Officers. The criteria used included:

- Existing provision
- Representation/deputations received from residents
- Officer knowledge of sites
- An equal split of TYS funding across the old District Committees

In April 2003 all the former District Committees approved all the strand 2 projects.

#### **6.2.2 Greenwood Road**

The scheme will replace aged play equipment on the site, install safety surfacing and provide perimeter fencing.

#### **6.2.3 Holland Park**

To compliment the existing youth provision at Holland Park a new youth shelter is due to be installed.

#### **6.2.4 Oak Park**

Skating provision will be provided at Oak Park. This will enhance the range of leisure facilities available at the site.

#### **6.2.5 Andrews Road Play Area (Shire Oak Park)**

The scheme will improve and upgrade the current play facilities by installing new equipment on the site.

#### **6.2.6 Coppice Road Play Area (Walsall Wood Railway Play Area)**

To compliment improvements already taken place, the play facility will be further enhanced by new items of play equipment and safety surfacing.

6.3. The schemes detailed in 6.2 are anticipated to be on site in June 2005 and complete in approximately September 2005. Preceding this, there will be a detailed consultation/engagement stage which will ensure that the final designs still meet the requirements of the community. Various methods will be utilised including: displays in libraries and other community facilities, friends groups, open/fun days in parks, on-site consultation and the TYS website. LNP members will be informed of consultation events taking place during the detailed design stage for the project and invited to take part.

## **7. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

- 7.1 Risk 1 - Failure to obtain LNP approval for the inclusion of TYS schemes in the final local neighbourhood plan: This risk is considered to be low given the extent to which local people and existing partners have been involved in the development process for the TYS programme.

## **8. SUMMARY**

- 8.1 TYS represents large scale environmental regeneration for Walsall borough and will contribute to improving people's quality of life.

In summary, Brownhills and Aldridge North LNP is asked to:-

- Note details about the TYS Programme.
- Endorse and include the TYS proposals within the final local neighbourhood plan.

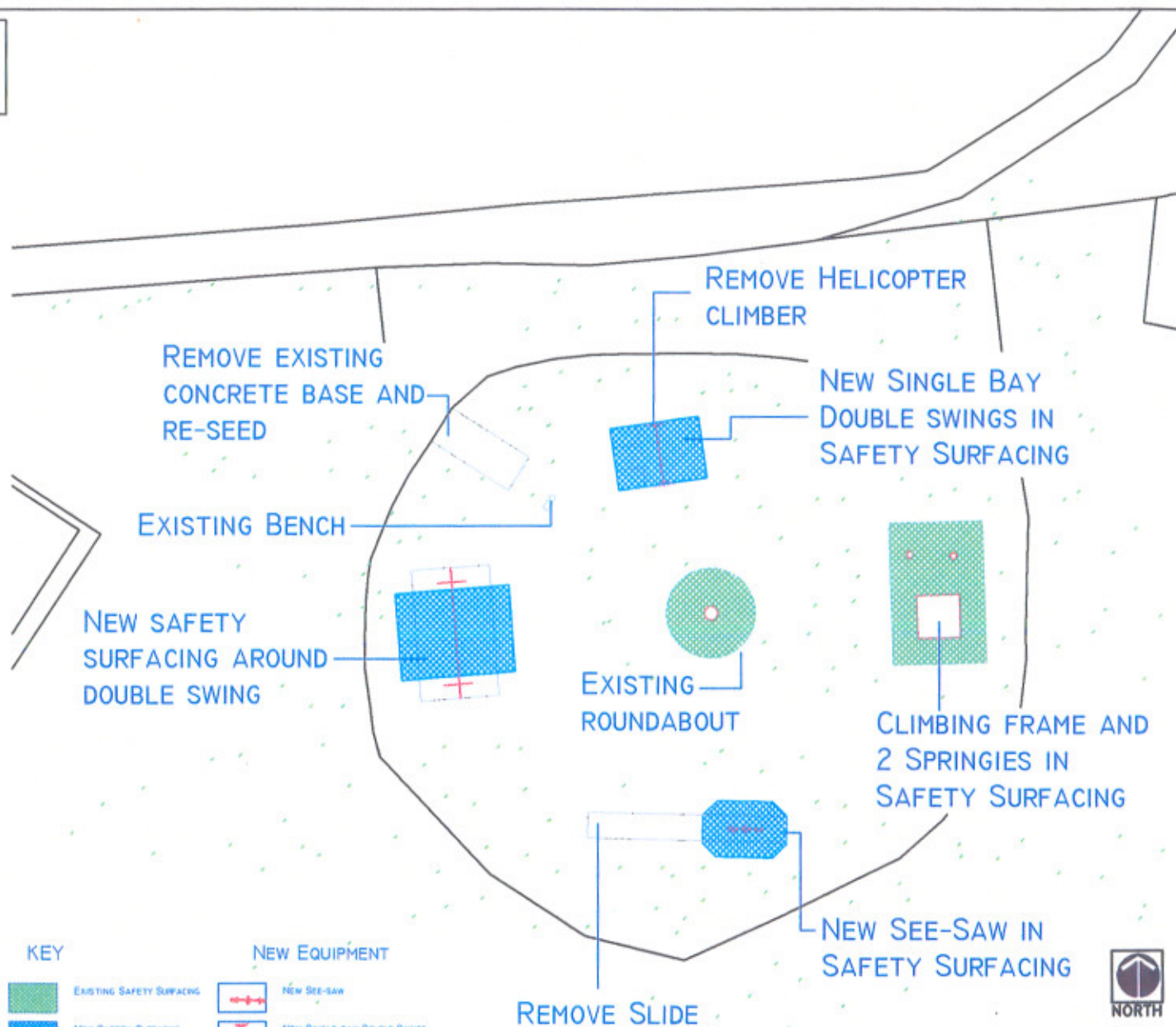
## **Appendix 1**

### **TYS Sketch Schemes**



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Walsall Airport,  
Walsall

LOCATION PLAN



KEY



NEW EQUIPMENT



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TRANSFORMING YOUR SPACE  
Anchor Meadow,  
Aldridge, Walsall

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KEY



MIDDLEMORE LANE  
ENTRANCE

NEW YOUTH  
SHELTER

NEW LINE  
MARKINGS



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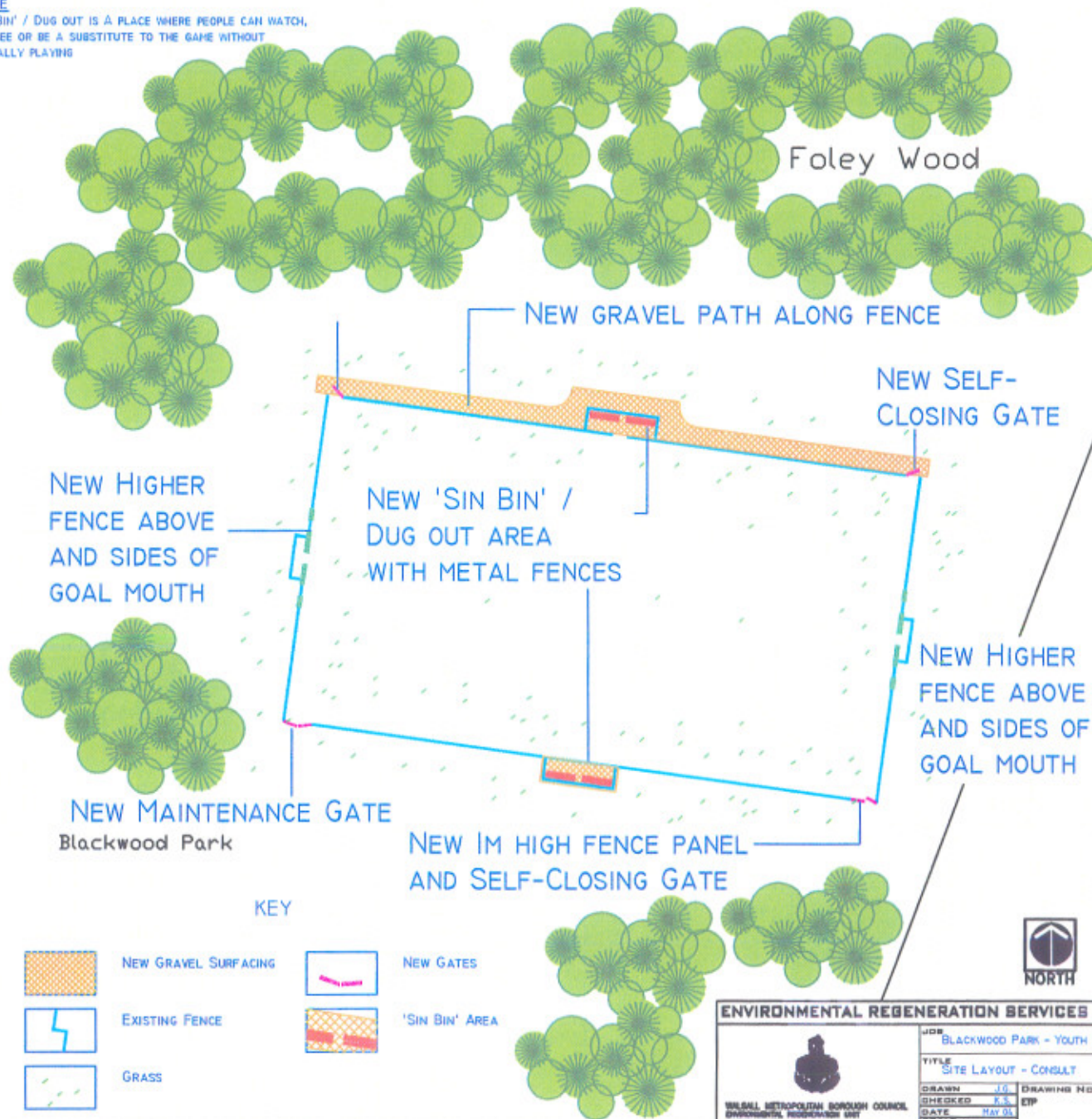
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**TRANSFORMING YOUR SPACE**  
**Blackwood Park (Youth),**  
**Streetly, WALSALL**

**\*NOTE**  
 'SIN BIN' / DUG OUT IS A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE CAN WATCH,  
 OVERSEE OR BE A SUBSTITUTE TO THE GAME WITHOUT  
 ACTUALLY PLAYING

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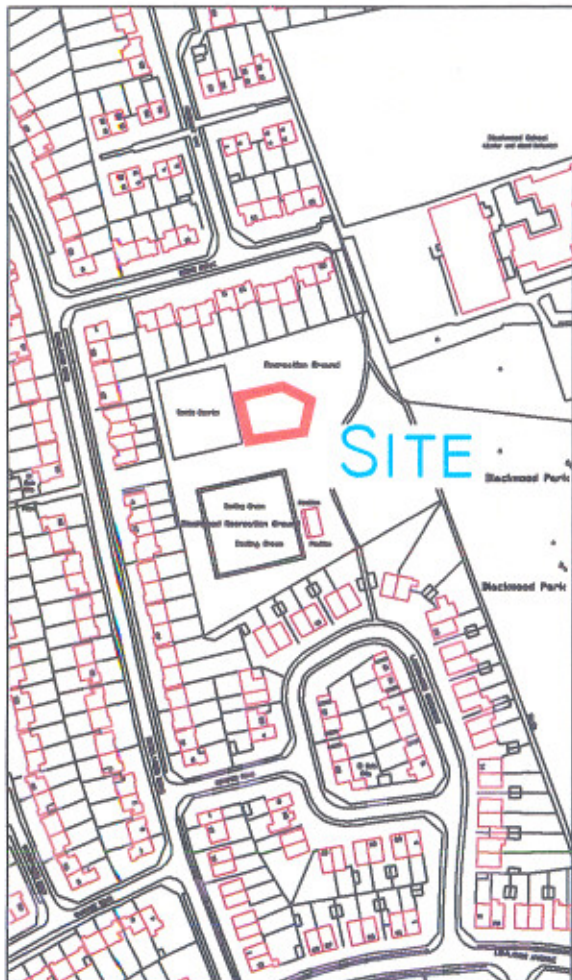


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TRANSFORMING YOUR SPACE  
Blackwood Park,  
Streetly, WALSALL

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KEY

- NEW SAFETY SURFACING
- NEW SLOTTED 'SPY' MULTI-UNIT
- NEW ROUNDABOUT
- EXISTING EQUIPMENT
- GRASS



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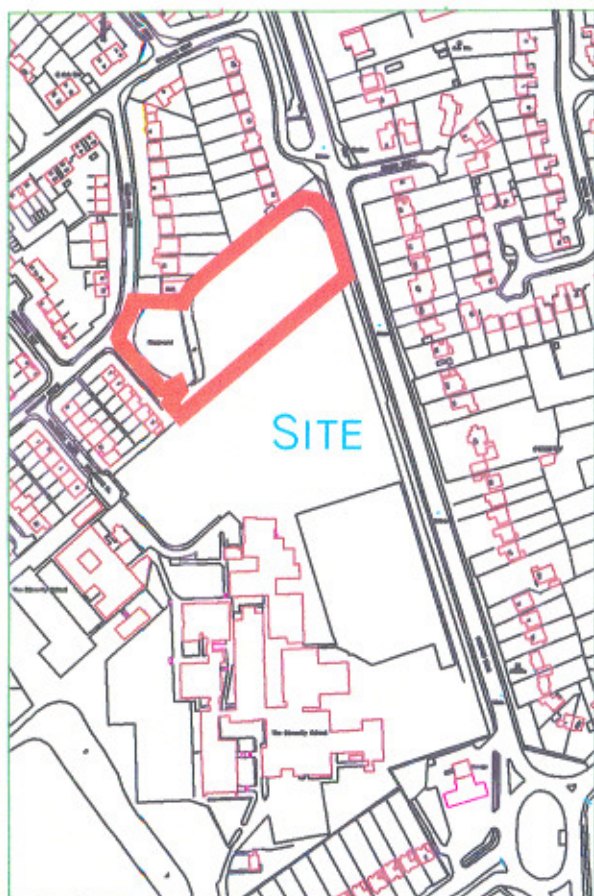
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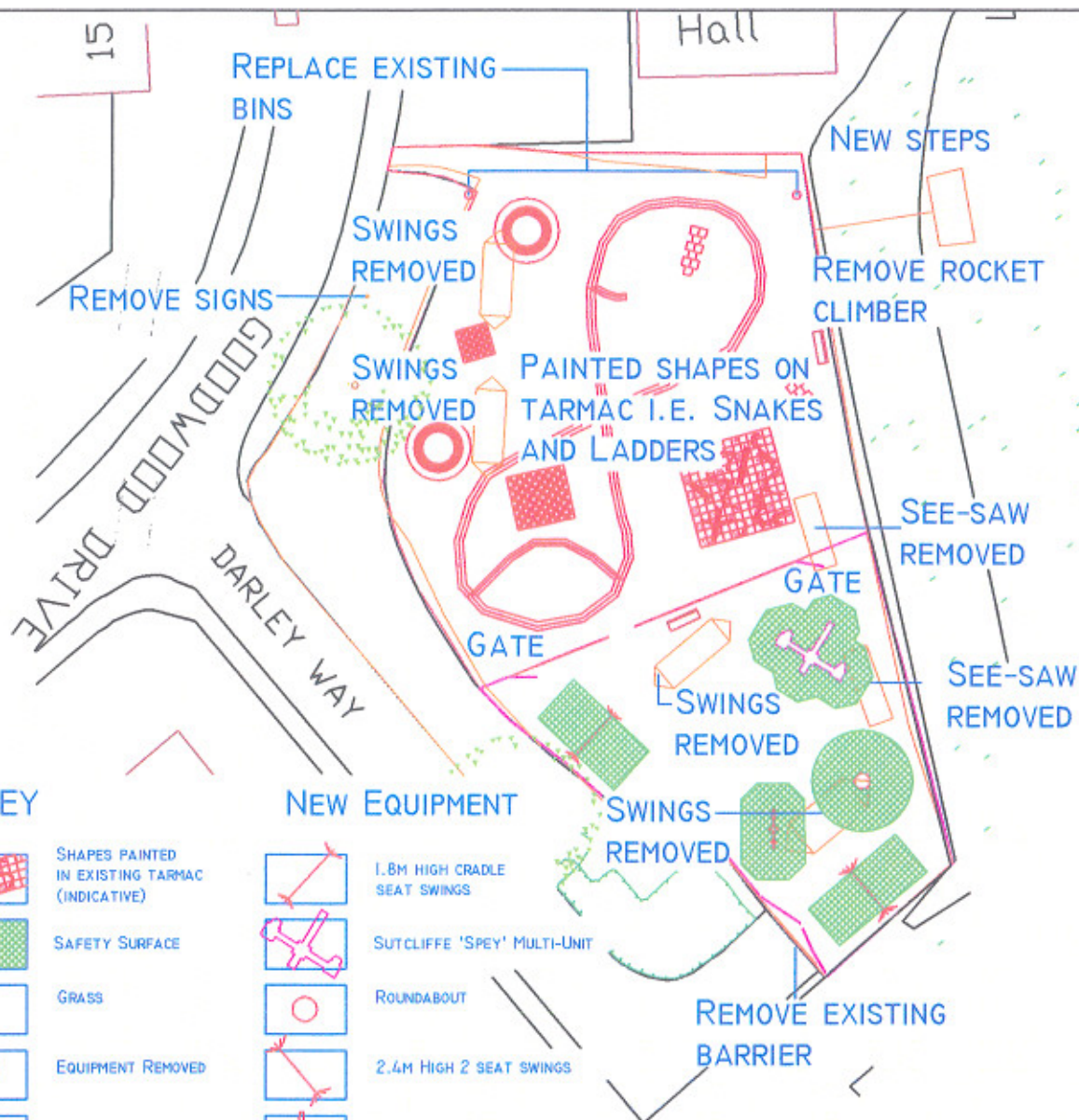
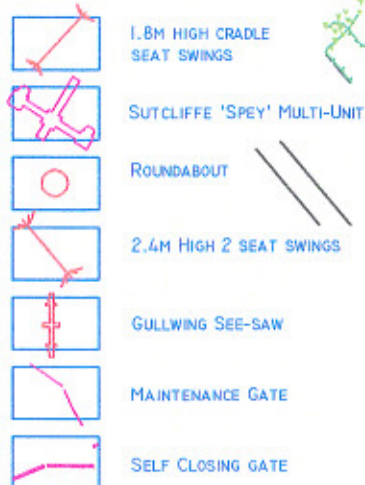


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## KEY



## NEW EQUIPMENT



\*NOTE:  
PROJECT TO INCLUDE  
FREE STANDING WOODEN  
GRAFFITI BOARD SET ON  
POSTS ABOVE GROUND

\*NOTE:  
NEW SELF-CLOSING  
GATE AND ENTRANCE  
SIGN TO CHESTER RD.



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Redhouse Park,  
Aldridge, WALSALL

LOCATION PLAN



LEA VALLEY

Playground

NEW TODDLER  
SWINGS AND NEW  
SEE-SAW ON NEW  
SAFETY SURFACING

BERRY FIELDS

KEY



EXISTING GRASS



NEW SAFETY SURFACING



NEW SEE-SAW




NEW TODDLER SWINGS



NORTH

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