

Report: 24.049(1)
Laverstock & Ford Parish Council
Subject: Saunders Avenue Sports Wall
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1. Report Summary

A report to councillors regarding the procurement and installation of Two Sports Walls at Saunders Avenue MUGA.

2. Background

The Saunders Avenue MUGA has two heavy duty angular steel goal ends. Those goal ends were previously surmounted by heavy duty angular steel basketball hoops. The framework of the basketball hoops was bolted onto the top of the goals and a bracing bar bolted to the rear of the structure.

During routine inspections of the MUGA it was found that the welded seams of the basketball framework was cracked in several places. For safety reasons the framework was removed and the seams rewelded. Following further subsequent inspections of the MUGA, cracks were again observed in the seams of the framework. The basketball framework was permanently removed for safety reasons.

Quotes were invited for installation of two Sports Walls at Saunders Avenue. Three quotes were received from established suppliers who have previously installed items of playground equipment for LFPC.

Wicksteed Leisure quoted	£17,411.23 +VAT
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Redlynch Leisure quoted	£20,475 +VAT
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Kompan Lets Play quoted	£21,093.76 +VAT
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3. Summary

All three quotations were discussed at the Ops Committee meeting on 29th February. A consensus view was reached that the Kompan offering was not suitable in that it afforded the opportunity to easily climb the framework of the Sports Wall. Also, the Kompan Sports Wall was a rigid steel construction whereas the offerings from Redlynch and Wicksteed included rebound fencing. This type of fencing offers impact absorption rather than a solid metal frame with no impact absorption.

The Wicksteed and Redlynch quotes are the preferred options of the Ops Committee for consideration of the Full Council. Stock photos of both types of Sports Walls are attached to this report, please note the dimensions of both Sports Walls shown at the top left of the stock photo.

The council should note that the lead in times for the delivery and commencement of work is as follows,

Redlynch 6 weeks
Wicksteed 14 weeks

4. Conclusions

Five a side football and basketball are two popular sports games played regularly at Saunders Ave and there is anecdotal evidence that the local children sorely miss the basketball hoops. The quotes from Redlynch and Wicksteed offer practical solutions to the need of Sports Walls and their installation will have significant play value to users of the MUGA.

5. Recommendations

The Parish Council is recommended to

1. Resolve to approve the installation of two Sports Walls at Saunders Avenue MUGA.
2. Resolve to appoint either Redlynch or Wicksteed to install two Sports Walls at Saunders Avenue MUGA.

Wicksteed Sports Wall

Dimensions

Sports Wall Length: 8.196m

Fence Panel Height: 3.080

Square Closed Goal Module with 3m High Side Panels

Product code 6200-138



Other
Championship
Goal Module options are
available with **3m & 2m High Side Panels**
and **3m, 2m & 1m High Side Panels**

Redlynch Sports Wall Dimensions

Sports Wall Length: 7.0m

Fence Panel Height: 3.080m



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