

# Additional play equipment

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In 2022 an accessible boat seat, along with gates and fencing, and new footpath was installed at the Station Road play area. In 2023 an accessible picnic bench was also installed.

Council at the time talked about installing further equipment at a later date, such as sensory boards and an accessible roundabout.

This play area is well used.

We have funds in reserves and feel it would be appropriate to install some additional equipment this financial year, specifically sensory boards.

Please note that the play area at Almond Avenue, whilst maintained for health and safety purposes, has not had any additional items installed since 2016. Until such time as NKDC can provide clarification regarding the lease applicable to this play area, which ends in 2025, the council cannot really commit to further development at this site. (NKDC have been chased on this since 2023).

Quotes for sensory boards have been obtained from Kompan and Premier Play Solutions. (See separate documents. Please note that the Kompan prices do not include VAT, delivery or installation, whilst the Premier Play Solutions quote does).

### **Recommendation**

- That council considers the purchase of some (number to be determined) sensory boards and selects preferred choices.
- Council also considers whether to allocate/build up reserves for an accessible roundabout, for a future financial year. (Approximate costs based on estimates from 2022, would put this at £10,000 – £11,000).