

Sneem Playground Upgrade, Sneem, Co. Kerry

1.0 Overview of Sneem Playground

Sneem Playground was officially opened on the 16th December 2007 with a construction budget of €100,000 (GPS Location: 51.837318, -9.903616).

The playground was installed with Kinderhout equipment which had a 10-year warranty. The equipment is in poor condition and subject to continuous maintenance.

The original playground includes a Basket Swing, Senior Swings, Wooden Train, Senior Combination Unit incl slide and Junior Combination Unit incl slide on rubber tiles.

A minor upgrade was completed in 2022 with the installation of a new inclusive roundabout, playhouse and 1no. single springer on rubberised wet pour surfacing. These items are to be retained.

Fall protection is provided by rubber tiles with a limited fall height of 1.8m underneath the timber equipment with tar macadam surrounding same. It is proposed to remove all the rubber tiled surfacing.

Ample space is available within the playground for the upgrade.

2.0 Proposal

Kerry County Council have secured grant funding to replace the timber equipment within the existing playground, which has reached end-of-life.

To facilitate the upgrade, all timber equipment shall be removed in the playground i.e. the Basket Swing, Senior Swings, Wooden Train, Senior Combination Unit incl slide and Junior Combination Unit incl slide.

The new Buglo inclusive roundabout, playhouse and 1no. single springer on rubberized wet pour surfacing (c. 68sq.m) shall be retained.

The total surface area within the existing boundary fence is **c. 543sq.m** for the installation.

Drawing 1 shows the existing playground layout and the available area for the new equipment.

The client for this project is Kerry County Council.

3.0 Instructions/Tender Costs

Tenderers are invited to submit priced documents for the design, supply and installation of the new equipment and ancillary works.

The proposed works shall also consist of the following: -

- Remove existing timber equipment and rubber tiles underneath, including dispose of same.
- Ground preparation including excavation for new equipment, safety zones and disposal of all excess excavated material.
- Installation of play equipment including foundations to same.
- Install a new 1.2m self-closing gate to the adjoining exercise area.
- Installation of impact absorbing surfacing covering the entire safety area contained by the existing tar macadam edging or kerbing as required.
- Reinstatement of all disturbed tar macadam areas (if any) and disposal of all excess materials.
- Certification of the revised playground installation to EN1176 and EN1177 by and an independent Certification Body.

The tenderer should provide specifications, isometric views and any other information which they may consider advantageous to the tender.

The maintenance period for the contract will be for a period of a minimum of 12 months from the date of issue of a third-party installation inspection

All tenderers must complete a tender breakdown in the Bill of Costs as outlined in section 17.

The tender cost should be inclusive of VAT and shall be a fixed price contract with no variations in price allowed due to material and/or labour variation costs during the course of the contract.

The tender cost should be valid for 12 months from the close of date of the tender and shall not exceed €135,000 inclusive of V.A.T.

4.0 Selection and Award Criteria

Contractors, please note that a single stage evaluation of all submissions will take place by an evaluation committee appointed by the client.

Contractors must meet the following minimum selection criteria before they can be considered a valid tenderer for the award of the contract: -

- a) Competency – contractors must demonstrate that they have satisfactorily undertaken 3 such similar works before – the contractor shall list 3 similar works along with value of the works and the name contact de-tails of the client who act as referee.
- b) Contractors must tax compliant and should include their company details so that an online check with www.revenue.ie can be made.
- c) Warranty – compliance with the minimum equipment warranty periods set out in the document elsewhere.
- d) Insurance – compliance with the insurance requirements and limits mentioned elsewhere in the document - statement of compliance required.

An applicant will not be appointed without furnishing in the tender submission all relevant Tax Clearance Cert, Insurances, ISO details, financial details, bank references.

The preferred bidder will be the tender that fulfils the following award criteria within a defined scoring system (see Section 16):

Criteria – Sneem Playground Upgrade	Score
Price – Total Project Cost does not exceed in any instance €135,000 (inclusive of VAT).	10
Quality – Playground – The design/layout of the proposed playground meeting the requirements specified i.e. min. equipment. The playground design should be creative with opportunity for role play and low-level games. A design brief for the surfacing is given further in the document - see Section 5.	50
Quality – Additional Equipment – Tenderers are encouraged within the play area to include additional play equipment that would enhance the play experience and contribute further to the playground aesthetics and offer value for the client/users – see Section 5.	25
Quality - Environmental - Sustainable Surfacing / Equipment / Warranties – tenderers are encouraged to demonstrate use of sustainable recycled raw materials/equipment and the environmental benefit from same.	15
TOTAL	100

The scoring system to be used in the award of the contract is included to the rear of this contract.

Any tenderer or contractor receiving 0 score in the above combined headings will be automatically disqualified. The tender evaluation committee appointed by the client shall score each tender under the above general guidelines and from same award the tenderer with the highest score the contract.

The applicant shall include a timescale for the proposal from the design throughout to satisfactory completion of the works. A company submitting a tender must be able to complete the scheme within 3 months of notice of placing an order.

The tenderer shall include with their tender submission a full and comprehensive equipment installation in operation with instructions.

An applicant will not be appointed without furnishing in the tender submission all relevant tax clearance certs, insurances, ISO details, financial details and bank references.

The tender documentation shall be submitted in the following format with each section demarked from the adjoining section.

Section 1 - Company details and covering letter.

Section 2 - Company CV with details of similar sized projects – client references should be included.

Section 3 - Tax compliance details.

Section 4 - Details of equipment – data sheet for each piece of equipment.

Section 5 - Manufacturers equipment warranties.

5.0 Playground Equipment and Layout – Equipment Requirement

At a minimum the contractor shall provide the following minimum equipment: -

- Swings – 1 flat, 1 toddler, 1 inclusive bucket seat, 1 basket swing
- Junior Combination Play Unit with low level slides (one double width) and opportunities for low level play
- Senior Combination Unit – Tower with opportunities for climbing, sliding and imaginary play
- Double trampoline
- Inclusive rope twister/climbing unit
- Springer See Saw for multiple users or Rotating Cup
- Sensory play panels (no musical/noise emitting).
- 2no. seats with back support

All play equipment should have an inclusive equipment with opportunity for role play and low-level games (no acoustic output).

In addition to the above the tenderer is free to **provide and install additional equipment that will enhance their overall design: -**

- Wet pour Graphics
- Rubber spheres/cubes/emoji build outs

All of the above, including minimum equipment and additional equipment, shall be scheduled in the Bill of Costs.

The cost of all works including equipment supply, installation, excavation, disposal of excess, foundations and setup / decommissioning from site shall not exceed €135,000 inclusive of V.A.T.

6.0 Playground Equipment and Layout – Technical Specifications

All equipment shall be manufactured and installed to meet the requirements and recommendations of EN1176 Part 1 – 7 including all the additional requirements for children 6m+ to 12yrs of age.

A declaration from the equipment manufacturer stating that all equipment has been designed, manufactured and tested in accordance with EN1176 shall be enclosed in the tender together with test certificates for all the tested equipment.

In choosing equipment, preference will be given to the following: -

- a) **Stainless steel and galvanized metal frames and structures.**
- b) **Materials not susceptible to corrosion and high moisture levels.**
- c) **Max. fall height of 2.4m measured directly from the play surface.**

All equipment should carry a minimum of 25-year structural warranty from the manufacturer. Contractor warranties will not be acceptable.

All bearings and moving part interfaces should have a 5-year warranty.

All ropes, joints and fixtures should have a 3-year warranty.

All stainless steel used should be Marine Grade Stainless Steel SAE 304 or better.

All steel equipment shall be hot dip galvanized in accordance with EN1461 with a minimum coating thickness of 400g/m².

Where powder-coated equipment is offered, the client shall be offered colours to choose from for the delivered equipment.

7.0 Special Needs Access / Autism Play Area

It is essential that the equipment should have an element of design to accommodate the requirements of children with special needs and any playground equipment recommended for special needs should provide details of usage, documentation of same including certification or awards.

The client requires a play area where children with autism spectrum disorders can play and acclimatise to the playground experience.

The equipment to this area should be in the form of multiple play panels arranged so that they provide a partial visual barrier to the remainder of the playground.

The panels should incorporate play opportunities through touch, reflection (mirror), movement of components, visual interaction, problem solving, situational awareness, educational information and role playing.

Panels with sound/auditory output are not permitted.

8.0 Impact Absorbing Synthetic Grass Mat and Rubberised Mulch

The appropriate area of rubberized wet pour impact absorbing surfacing shall be provided under each item of existing/proposed play equipment in accordance with EN1176 Parts 1 – 7 and EN1177. The thickness and construction shall be in accordance with EN1176. The edges shall be formed against existing kerbing and shall be left such that the surface is flush into same.

Impact absorbing surface shall have a “critical height” equal to or greater than the “free fall height” of the equipment for which it is used.

The surfacing shall have an anti-mould additive in the bonding compound to limit mould/algae growth.

Surfacing – only rubberized wet pour impact absorbing surface covering the full extent of the playground will be considered in the design of this playground. The surface should be for the most part **Black with a white/grey spec.**

Blue or Red wet pour shall be used in high wear areas i.e. around supernova, end of slides etc...

Minimal joints should be incorporated within the design.

The surfacing shall come with a warranty guaranteeing the surface for 10 years under normal loading conditions

9.0 Post Installation Inspection and Payment

The finished works will be subject to a third-party post installation inspection to confirm adherence to EN1176 Parts 1-7 and EN1177 by an accredited organisation such as the RPII or RoSPA or a registered playground inspector. Any non-compliance is to be corrected by the successful tenderer.

Full payment of completed works shall only be approved on receipt of a satisfactory post installation inspection report. Fees for the post installation inspections shall be included in the tender price.

10.0 Site Visit and Access

Contractors are advised to visit the site to confirm sufficient space to accommodate their design. In the event that a site visit is required, please contact: -

Donal O'Neill, Finance Department, Kerry County Council, Rathass, Tralee, Co. Kerry. (Tel: 066 7183901)

Vehicle access is possible through a maintenance gate to the playground capable of allowing access for light vans. Heavy truck access is not possible.

11.0 Photographs

Photographs 1 and 2 are included in Section 18 as an aid to the tenderer in pricing the Bill of Costs.

12.0 Insurances

The Contractor shall have and maintain insurance policies with the following limits: -

Public Liability Insurance

This policy should provide for the following:

Unlimited cover generally and a limit not less than **€6,500,000** (six million, five hundred thousand Euro) in respect of any one accident.

Minimum excess - €10,000 – third party property damage only.

Nil excess – third party bodily injury.

Employers Liability Insurance

This policy should provide for indemnification of Kerry County Council, to a limit of **€13,000,000** (thirteen million euro) in respect of claims, which could be made, against it as principal by employees of the Contractor.

Minimum excess – Nil.

Contractors All Risks Insurance

This policy should be in the joint names of the Contractor and Kerry County Council as Employer.

Cover should be for the full value of the contract works including VAT.

Minimum Excess - €5,000.

13.0 Health and Safety

The attention of contractors is drawn to all current Safety, Health and Welfare at Work legislation. Contractors shall be responsible for the full implementation, at no cost to Kerry County Council of any future Health and Safety legislation that comes into force during the contract period. Kerry County Council requires that the following documents in relation to Health and Safety be submitted prior to the commencement of works on site:

- **Preliminary Health and Safety Plan (as specified by the Safety, Health & Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2006).**
- **Safety Statement.**
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Given that the works are likely to take less than 30 days, a SSWP system of Risk Assessment maybe acceptable to the client.

The contract will not be formally awarded to any contractor until such time as Kerry County Council is satisfied with the competency of the contractor to undertake the duties of Project Supervisor, Design Process and Construction Stage, for the Sneem Playground, as set out in the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2006. The contractor will include evidence of competency to perform the above duties.

The full cost of complying with the safety legislation and regulations shall be covered in the tendered rate. No extra claims will be entertained for the provision of Safety Statements, Safety Plans, Safe Work Practice Sheets or other Safety Documentation or attending Safety Meetings.

Where Kerry County Council is of the opinion that the Contractor, or any sub-contractors engaged in the works are not taking satisfactory precautions in

relation to safety, they may instruct the Main Contractor to carry out the necessary operations to ensure such precautions are put in place, but this shall not relieve the Main Contractor of his obligations in the first place.

In the event that the Contractor fails to comply with the above requirements, this shall be a reason to terminate a contract where such precautions, as are required, are not implemented and operated for the duration of the works to the satisfaction of Kerry County Council.

14.0 Tender Period

Tenders must be returned by **5.00pm** on **Friday 20th November 2026** online via the eTenders web portal.

15.0 Preliminary Agreement

I/We agree to supply, deliver and install equipment, surfacing and ancillary works as scheduled in the tender breakdown and in the attached documentation and to complete all associated works as specified if awarded the contract and receiving an instruction to proceed with the works with a maximum 4-week construction period, for the tender sum noted in tender breakdown.

We also undertake if having received an instruction to proceed the with the works, prior to the commencement of the works, to provide all Health & Safety documentation, current tax compliance certification and also insurances with the relevant indemnities, all as set out in this tender documentation. If same is not forthcoming within 2 weeks of an instruction to proceed with works, then the tender will be considered invalid.

We accept that if works are not commenced within 6 weeks of an instruction to proceed, that the contract will forfeited and that the client will award same to the next advantageous tenderer.

We also accept that an award of this tender to us or any company does not constitute an instruction to proceed with the works which is subject to the procurement of adequate funding by the client.

COMPANY STAMP



**COMPANY NAME &
ADDRESS**

**ON BEHALF OF SAME
COMPANY**

Signed

Date

16.0 Tender Check List – Inclusive Toddler Equipment

The following scoring system shall apply to qualifying tenders by the selection committee in determining the award of the Contract: -

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17.0 Bill of Costs

No.	Description	Unit	Rate	Cost
1	Mobilisation, site setup, insurances, health & safety obligations as per specification.	item		
2	Secure site during works and any other temporary works required.	item		
3	Removal of existing timber play equipment and rubber tile surfacing including disposal of same.	item		
4	Installation of a 1.2m wide self-closing gate (spring closer) to existing fence providing access to the exercise area.	item		
5	Swings – 1 flat, 1 toddler, 1 inclusive bucket seat, 1 basket swing (including provision and installation of piece, excavation and provision of base foundation and support structure) Manufacturer_____ Product No._____ Material _____ Structural Warranty_____ Item Description_____	item		
6	Junior Combination Play Unit with low level slides (one double width) and opportunities for low level play (including provision and installation of piece, excavation and provision of base foundation and support structure) Manufacturer_____ Product No._____ Material _____ Structural Warranty_____ Item Description_____	item		
7	Double trampoline (including provision and installation of piece, excavation and provision of base foundation and support structure) Manufacturer_____ Product No._____ Material _____ Structural Warranty_____ Item Description_____	item		

8	Inclusive rope twister/climbing unit (including provision and installation of piece, excavation and provision of base foundation and support structure) Manufacturer_____ Product No._____ Material _____ Structural Warranty_____ Item Description_____	item		
9	Senior Combination Unit – Tower with opportunities for climbing, sliding and imaginary play (including provision and installation of piece, excavation and provision of base foundation and support structure) Manufacturer_____ Product No._____ Material _____ Structural Warranty_____ Item Description_____	item		
10	Sensory play panels (no musical/noise emitting) (including provision and installation of piece, excavation and provision of base foundation and support structure) Manufacturer_____ Product No._____ Material _____ Structural Warranty_____ Item Description_____	item		
11	Springer See Saw for multiple users or Rotating Cup (including provision and installation of piece, excavation and provision of base foundation and support structure) Manufacturer_____ Product No._____ Material _____ Structural Warranty_____ Item Description_____	item		

12	2no. seats with back support (including provision and installation of piece, excavation and provision of base foundation and support structure) Manufacturer_____ Product No._____ Material _____ Structural Warranty_____ Item Description_____	item		
13	Additional Equipment #1 (including provision and installation of piece, excavation and provision of base foundation and support structure) Manufacturer_____ Product No._____ Material _____ Structural Warranty_____ Item Description_____	item		
14	Additional Equipment #2 (including provision and installation of piece, excavation and provision of base foundation and support structure) Manufacturer_____ Product No._____8Material _____ Structural Warranty_____ Item Description_____	item		
15	Additional Equipment #3 (including provision and installation of piece, excavation and provision of base foundation and support structure) Manufacturer_____ Product No._____ Material _____ Structural Warranty_____ Item Description_____	item		
16	Impact absorbing Surfacing, Black with colour speck (including provision and installation of same). Blue or Red wet pour shall be used in high wear areas i.e. around spinners, end of slides etc...	Sq. m		

17	Independent safety inspection and certification of completed installation to comply with codes EN1176 and EN1177 by organisation similar to or equivalent to RoSPA	item		
18	Demobilisation including disposal of all waste materials as per specification.	item		
19	AOB			
20	AOB			
	Subtotal Add VAT @ % TOTAL			

18.0 Photographs

