

Dear Parish Clerk,

Kick About Areas 2008.

I have been designated the project manager for the Rother District Council priority project to produce a number of 'Kick About Areas' for young people within the district, a maximum budget for the project of £50,000 has been established.

You may wish to raise the subject of this project at a future meeting of your council.

The attached project information gives all the details of the project and the criteria that will be used to select potential sites. If you decide that you have a suitable site please complete the application form included with the information and return to me.

Each application will be carefully assessed and a short list produced of sites with the highest number of positive criteria, the top 3 or 4 applications will then be considered and submitted to the project board.

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Background :

Rother District Council executive project (EP6) describes the need for kick about areas to be provided as a simple solution to demand across the district for youth sports facilities.

It is generally expected that the provision of kick about areas is a public demand that Rother District Council should accede to with minimal consideration of risk to users. To allow parish councils and other organisations to consider the suitability of any sites they propose as kick about areas the following criteria has been developed.

If funding from Rother District Council is requested to create a kick about area then this criteria will be used to assess requests before any commitment to funding is made.

Description:

A kick about area is a single 5-a-side type goal end installed on grass. Dependent on the size of the site another goal end may also be installed to create a "pitch" however no lines or other pitch facilities are provided as kick about areas are purely for recreational use rather competitive sport. Where ground conditions are particularly poor, artificial surfacing may be needed to keep the goal end playable.

Organisations that would like Rother District Council to support their need for simple kick about areas are asked to return this form to ian.rushforth@rother.gov.uk by 28 July 2008.

Application Form : Kick About Areas 2008.

Applicant :	
Contact Name :	
Contact Email :	
Contact telephone :	
Kick about location :	
Location postcode :	
Parish Area :	
Amount of "match" funding (if any) = £	

The number of criteria met (marked yes) will allow Rother District Council officers to assess the suitability of proposed locations. Clearly indicate yes / no for each criteria question below:-

Demand v Need (Is there a recognised need in the community area ?)		
1. Is the need confirmed in the play strategy	Yes	No
2. Is it in the parish Local Action Plan ?	Yes	No
3. Is this a request from Sussex Police ?	Yes	No
4. Is this a request from ESCC Youth Services ?	Yes	No
5. Is it a request from a Councillor or Parish Group ? (Parish/Town council, Residents Association etc.)	Yes	No
Suitability (Is the site suitable?)		
6. Is the ground level ?	Yes	No
7. Is it a large enough playing area ? (approx 700m ²)	Yes	No
8. Is it 100 m or more from neighbours who would be disturbed by noise ?	Yes	No
9. Is it 500 m or nearer to the community it should serve ?	Yes	No
10. Is it far enough from a road to minimise the risk of balls going onto the road ?	Yes	No
11. Is there a boundary fence/hedge ?	Yes	No
12. Are there any buildings nearby that could be accidentally damaged ?	Yes	No
Personal Safety (will children be safe playing there ?)		
13. Is it visible from the road ?	Yes	No
14. Are there streams/rivers/woods/industrial works or other hazards in the immediate vicinity ?	Yes	No
15. Are there trees, ditches, rabbit holes or other hazards on/near the playing area?	Yes	No
Maintenance (is it affordable ?)		
16. Do the natural ground conditions mean the area can be maintained easily?	Yes	No
17. If extra grounds maintenance would be needed is it affordable ?	Yes	No
Ownership (is the site in secure ownership ?)		
18. Is the land in RDC's ownership ?	Yes	No
19. Is it in Parish/Town Council/Housing Association ownership ?	Yes	No
20. If privately owned, is there a formal agreement to use it ?	Yes	No
Funding (has this proposal got wider support ?)		
21. Has any other funding been secured for the area ?	Yes	No