



Stanway Parish Council

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Public Consultation

The Parish Council is currently preparing its budget for 2022 and has several exciting projects planned, including the upgrade of our two play areas on Silverwitch Green and at Lucy Lane South. These will compete for funding against other substantial projects like the new Community Centre being leased to SPC by the Borough Council, the acquisition of the two parks mentioned above from CBC, plus a considerable number of smaller ones.

The Council's preference is to finance all this from its own resources, rather than a substantial increase in its Precept. One way of making its money go further is to apply for grants and/or to apply for a loan from the Public Works Loan Body (PWLB), a government agency that provides low-cost loans to councils across the country. One of the requirements for the latter (and often for grants) is to undertake a consultation with local residents to take into account their views when considering new projects.

So saying, we wish to hear your views on the refurbishment funding of the two play areas. The total cost of the two will be around £110,000 and we sent out requests to tender to seven reputable companies, two of which eventually submitted a formal bid and from these, the contractor was chosen and the designs agreed. Works are scheduled to start early next year on the agreed refurbishment plans.

The questions we'd like you to answer are limited, because this is a replacement rather than brand new project, and are as follows:

Play Areas Questionnaire – Silverwitch Green and Lucy Lane South	Please circle
Do you agree with the upgrade and modernisation of these two play areas?	YES / NO
Do you agree that a sensible way of upgrading these community assets would be from a grant, if one became available to cover some or all of the cost?	YES / NO
If sufficient grants were not available, do you agree that a sensible way of upgrading these community assets would be via use of a PWLB loan, financed over the expected life of the assets (around 20 years)?	YES / NO
If grants or a loan were not available (or only in part), do you agree that a sensible way of upgrading these community assets would be via increasing the Council's precept (its annual household charge) by anything up to £26 for that year only?	YES / NO
PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR NAME, HOUSE NUMBER/NAME & POSTCODE TO CONFIRM YOUR IDENTITY. STANWAY COUNCIL WILL ONLY RETAIN THIS INFORMATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SURVEY AND WILL FOLLOW GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS ON ITS RETENTION AND DISPOSAL.	
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Full details of the designs can be found on the Parish Council website at [Stanway Parish Council \(stanwaypc.org.uk\)](http://Stanway Parish Council (stanwaypc.org.uk)). The Council is satisfied that the layout and design will appeal to a wide range of children, being supplied by one of the country's leading providers of play areas and containing new and interesting items of equipment. In addition, the upgrade will see the current bark chippings being replaced with the latest safety surfaces, all to enhance the enjoyment of these facilities by local children.

Please print the above questionnaire and post/deliver it to Stanway Parish Council, Victory Hall, Villa Road, Stanway CO3 0HR or send your response to consultation@stanwaypc.org.uk by December 31st 2021.