Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) is looking to improve the play facilities in Meadowbank Recreation Ground and would like your help to choose the style, theme and location so that play companies can base a design on your ideas.

Playground ideas consultation from 19th Sept to 2nd Oct
First designs back and consulted on from early Dec until Christmas.
Final stage design consultation mid Feb
Work starts after Easter Holiday
Playground opens July 2016

The consultation about the café highlighted the local desire for facilities within the park which would help people spend longer enjoying this space. The opportunity to provide these in the new Football Club development has allowed MVDC to look at improving the play provision to match this exciting project.

Please fill in this questionnaire to help MVDC understand what you think would make you want to visit Meadowbank playground. Completed questionnaires can be handed to staff or dropped into Reception at Pippbrook before the 2nd Oct.

Visit www.molevalley.gov.uk or email tony.wynn@molevalley.gov.uk
1. Location

Where would you put the playground at Meadowbank?

The location of the playground will form a key part to the design brief and there is the opportunity to change location if you feel it would benefit users. Below are a few suggested locations, please select one or feel free to suggest an alternative location if you’d prefer. If the location changes, the current tarmac base would be removed and the area returned to grass.

A = Current location under the shade of the Plane trees and additional play equipment and landscaping can spill outside of the fenced section to widen the play area.

B = On the corner of the ground close to the proposed toilets in the Dorking Football Club building. The slope can be incorporated as well as the areas near the ball court and flat area in front of the paths.

C = Area to the end of the skate park which could incorporate the bank, views over the pond but is far from the proposed café and toilets.

Other = Not convinced by these suggestions? Please put a cross where you think the playground could go. Please keep in mind future improvements work to the park which could be limited by where the playground goes.
2. Priorities

Lots of ideas have been raised about what should go into a good playground however there will not be the space or budget to include them all. Please read through the following options and let us know which ones are a priority for you. This will help companies design a park that you want to visit and play in.

These are the higher cost features that we could include in the playground but may have an impact on what else we can put in. Please tick one of these options*

* if more than one box in each category is ticked, this section will not count in the evaluation of the questionnaire.

- **Large multiplay unit as a focal point** which is accessible for lots of children at the same time. Not all that common in public parks.

- **Splash/water park** which is great fun in the sun. Not common in parks but the cost is quite high so the rest of the play equipment could be limited. Would be open from late March to late September.

- **Integrated medium sized play feature into play area and usually including sand and water play but on a lower level than a splash/water park.** Can be themed and with landscaping can blend in with surrounding area. More common amongst public play areas.
These are things that can add play value whilst fitting around something included on the previous page. These suggestions will help to add variety to the playground and keep children and adults interested in spending more time there. Please could you tick three things that matter the most to you?*

- Natural play features like boulders, logs and mounds
- Adventurous equipment like nets and climbing structures
- Traditional style play equipment
- Water and sand play
- Imaginative play
- Group/Social play
- Music Play—need to be considerate of local residents
- Seating in and around play area

* if more than three boxes in this category are ticked, this section will not count in the evaluation of the questionnaire.
**Theme**

Fancy catching a pirate, exploring a jungle or playing on the farm? If the playground were to have a theme, what should it be? Think about other playgrounds you’ve been to, do you want something similar, different or are you not fussed as long as its good?

Please tick no more than two of the following options.

- Castle
- Farmyard
- Jungle
- Futuristic/Space
- Seaside
- Prehistoric
- Pirate
- Construction
- Funfair/Circus
- Not worried so long as it’s good!

**Materials**

Do you have any preferences about the materials that will be used in the playground equipment? Wooden equipment looks great and is wonderfully tactile but can need to be repaired earlier than other units. Steel and plastic or wooden panels can be printed with designs to look more like structures and can add to the theme or role playing element of play.

Please write any ideas or suggestions below.

**Outdoor Fitness Equipment**

MVDC would like to install outdoor fitness equipment but it needs to be kept separate from the children's play area under the new British Safety Standard. How would you like to see this located?

- Located in one area so you can exercise with friends?
- Spaced around the park so you can run to each item?
- Grouped in pairs or threes to combine the above features?
Meadowbank—The Future

It is hoped that the football club work and the playground refurbishment will help increase interest in the park. For future consideration, MVDC would like ideas for further areas of the park which could be improved for leisure, sporting and wildlife needs.

Have a look at some ideas below, tick those you agree with, write down some more ideas or your views about what MVDC should or shouldn’t try to work on. There is no budget set at the moment for these ideas but it will help draw up future improvement works for which funding could be sought.

Level the top section of the park to create more sports pitches possibly surrounded by a cycle track?

Naturalise the stream to enable greater benefit as a wildlife corridor through the town?

Add low level lighting around pond, new bridge by weir and improve island?

Other ideas?