Note of Eleventh Meeting of Langstone Community Consultation Working Group

Date: 25th April, 2016

Time: 6.00pm

Present: Mr M McGow (NCC) (Acting Chair for this event)

Cllr Y Edwards Mrs J Litt Mrs L Littler Cllr R Mogford (NCC) Ms K Brown (NCC – Play Team) plus 12 adult members of the community and 11 minors Apologies for Absence: Cllr C Bryant (LCC) Cllr K Dew (Chairman) Cllr E Jeffery Mr R Wood (NCC) Mr E McKeand (LVH)

1. Presentation

This meeting was held to exhibit the plans / designs for the Maplewood Toddler Park (MTP) and the Centenary Field (CF) by the three successful short-listed tenderers and for a decision to be made on the most acceptable designs to be considered for the build. In the absence of Cllr Dew, Mr McGow acted as Chairman.

2. Process of selection

Mr McGow, assisted by Ms K Brown, welcomed the attendees and explained that the meeting was informal and invited them to study the plans, which were displayed on the walls of the Kennett Room, and to select what was thought the best plan / design to suit the needs of the targeted community. Ms K Brown had prepared a pro-forma for the adults and children to register their preferred choices.

Attendees were encouraged to ask questions to learn more about the details of the designs. It was encouraging to note that the business was conducted in an exemplary manner, with a background of healthy, buzzing chatter and questions.

The attendees were very impressed by the professionalism and detail of the three companies' designs. All three designs were very well presented and each had its different and positive aspects and content.

3. Results

At the final count, one manufacturer came out as a clear favourite, securing 56.2% of the votes cast. The successful company, Sutcliffe Play Ltd., will be approached to confirm the contract can be fulfilled as per their specification.

The unsuccessful companies will be notified of the decision made by the consultative process. A period of 10 days must be allowed to comply with Procurement Regulations, where no further action will take place, to give these two companies the opportunity to challenge and question the decision about the awarding of the contract.

Mr McGow thanked the attendees for their valuable participation in the exercise and for the dignified way in which it was conducted.

The meeting closed at 7 pm.

4. AOB

The next meeting is on May 16th, 2016, at **5.30pm** prompt, in the Kennett room.
