

**LEYBOURNE LAKES COUNTRY PARK IMPROVEMENTS  
CAPITAL PLAN LIST C EVALUATION**

Project		Public Open Spaces: Site Improvements	
1	Specification:		
	(i)	Purpose of the scheme	The scheme proposes improvements to Scotchers Field, Tonbridge and Leybourne Lakes to address anti-social behavior, health and safety, access and issues raised by local residents.
	(ii)	Relevance to National / Council's Strategic Objectives	(a) National: Healthy living (b) Council: Involve, safeguard and meet the needs of children and young people Achieve a cleaner smarter and better maintained street scene and open space environment Promote, encourage and provide opportunities for healthy living
	(iii)	Targets for judging success	(a) Enhancement play facilities (b) Meeting the needs of local residents
2	Description of Project / Design Issues:		
	<p>1. <u>Scotchers Field</u> - Following comments from residents and local Members a number of potential improvements are proposed for the site as detailed below:</p> <p>(i) <u>Play Area Improvements</u> - It is proposed that the existing play area be extended and additional items of play equipment be provided. In regard to the new equipment, it is proposed that this is aimed at a young age range (toddler to junior) and the following items have been suggested - Cradle Swings, Wide Slide, Springers. It is also proposed that the larger tree branches, overhanging the play area, are removed to reduce shading.</p> <p>(ii) <u>Ball Games</u> - Whilst the open space does provide opportunities for casual ball games, it is proposed that a fixed "Goal End" be provided to accommodate casual football, netball and basketball.</p> <p>(iii) <u>Landscape and General Improvements</u> - Currently the open space is maintained as amenity grass with limited natural diversity. It is proposed to plant trees and adopt a varying management regime for the cutting of the grass in some areas</p> <p>2. <u>Leybourne Lakes</u> – Following previous comments from site users and a recent site risk assessment undertaken by Zurich, the Council's Insurers, a number of improvements have been identified for the site as detailed below:</p> <p>(i) <u>Play Area Improvements</u> – Following the success of the new play area at the Park surfacing improvements are required where heavy use has led to worn grass areas and muddy conditions within the fenced play area. It is proposed to extend the current safety surfacing to address this issue.</p> <p>(ii) <u>Path Improvements</u> – A number of paths around the site are in need of repair/upgrading following intensive use.</p> <p>(iii) <u>General Site Improvements</u> – Additional site furniture has also been identified including litter bins, signage and seating.</p> <p>(iv) <u>Slipway</u> – Works have been identified to improve access to the lake via the existing slipway.</p>		

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3	<p>Consultation:</p> <p>1. <u>Scotchers Field</u> - Local Members have been advised on the proposals which are currently the subject of formal public consultation. The final scheme design will be subject to the outcome of the consultation.</p> <p>2. <u>Leybourne Lakes</u> – Proposals have been brought forward following comments from users of the site and through the recent site risk assessment undertaken by the Council’s Insurers.</p>					
4	<p>Capital Cost: £99,000 which will be funded in full by developer contributions. The total cost is allocated as follows:</p> <p>Scotchers Field        - £44,000 Leybourne Lakes       - £55,000</p>					
5	Profiling of Expenditure					
	2011/12 (£'000)	2012/13 (£'000)	2013/14 (£'000)	2014/15 (£'000)	2015/16 (£'000)	2016/17 (£'000)
	99					
6	<p>Capital Renewals Impact: Children’s play equipment/surfacing and associated fencing – replacement due in 12/15 years.</p>					
7	<p>Revenue Impact: There will be no loss of investment income as the scheme is funded in full from developer contributions. Revenue costs will be met from within existing budgets for each site.</p>					
8	<p>Partnership Funding: The scheme is funded in full through developer contributions.</p>					
9	<p>Post Implementation Review: Twelve months after completion.</p>					
10	<p>Recommendation: Transfer from List C to List B.</p>					