

## Advice received from Norse regarding St Margaret's Plain play area

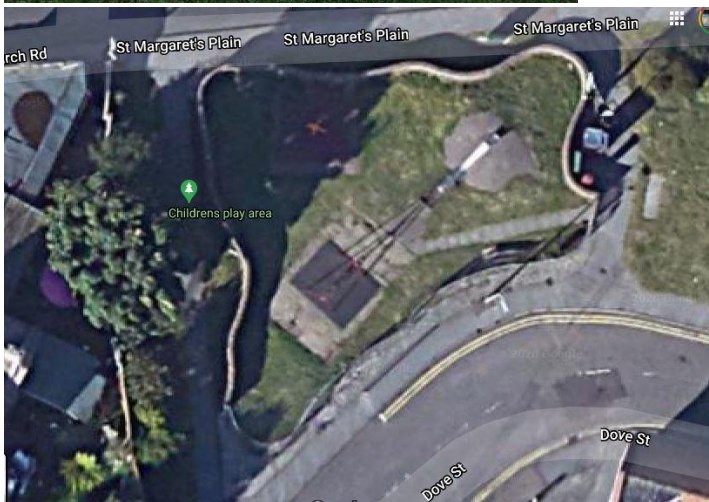
As promised I asked our play matting contractor to take a look at the 'mound' at St Margaret's Plain - I attach his proposal for your consideration.

He has also included separate prices for using the same product around the play equipment to enhance safety and overall look of the area. There are some images attached, one of which shows one item of equipment where you will see it has some matting but is also surrounded by concrete.

As for the path, I've asked one of our operatives to look and he has very sensibly come back with the question do you need/want such a long path. He tells me the existing path is made from very large concrete slabs and most are now broken.

Before we quote to replace the path on a like for like basis could you consider if you would be happy with us laying a concrete 'wear pad' around the gate entrance then lifting the path and re-instating with top soil and seeding? It would certainly be more economical but it depends if you feel there is a need and purpose for the existing path. To remind you about the path I have attached the satellite image of the area – you will see the path connects the gate and the swings.

If you could consider the above and instruct how you would like us to proceed I'd be grateful.





I visited again this morning and in my view the path doesn't represent an immediate risk with regards to slips, trips or fall and is unlikely to deteriorate significantly in the short to medium term. I

do however appreciate that you may wish to remove or replace it whilst you're doing general improvements to this play area.

As a budget cost I'd say that to lay a concrete 'wear pad' around the gate entrance then lift the path and re-instate with top soil and seed would cost in the region of £500+VAT.

Please let me know in due course how you'd like to proceed with both the path and proposed additional matting at this play area.

### **Quotation for matting**

#### **St Margaret's Plain**

I've measured that our pads would cover the concrete mound and then top Safety Matta tiles extend over into grass. A total surface area of 5.5x7m does it properly. Where the slide ran off I would recommend covering this area too which would connect to the mound matting and pin into grass.

Natural Green Safety Matta. All required top soil added. Please see cross section drawing.

**Total cost Mound £3552 plus VAT**

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We could extend and cover over most of the concrete and make the units safer and more appealing?

#### **Yellow Climber unit (currently fenced off and just repainted)**

Shaded Colours or Black with a couple of yellow tiles.

5.5m x 5m into grass.

**Total cost £2007 plus VAT**

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#### **Red framed Cradle Swings**

Recover Matta extended across into grass and edged two sides. 4m x 5.5m

Shaded Colours or Black with a some red tiles.

Measurements extend over concrete again here so safer and more attractive.

Edge ramps lug and connect to the Recover / Play Matta tiles. Edge ramps are 25mm down to 1mm over 100mm width. There are trip points to both these units currently which this would resolve.

**Total Cost £1597 plus VAT**