

Question addressed to Councillor Alan Armitage, Healthier Environment Portfolio Holder, from Councillor Tia MacGregor

It is recognised that there is a huge backlog of maintenance in the maintenance of play areas which goes back almost twenty five years

In Quarry & Risinghurst Ward we have two play areas designated to close. Many people feel that one of these; Quarry Hollow should be saved and re-designated for the use of older children and young teens. Although not earmarked for closure, Ridgeway Road play area in Risinghurst will need £73k to bring it up to standard.

I welcome the Lottery money secured to fund work on play areas at Wood Farm and Barton. What, if any, approaches have been made by the Council to charitable trusts and/or commercial organisations to secure funding or sponsorship for specific play areas or groups of play areas in order to deal with the maintenance backlog?