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**Sent:** 13 November 2018 15:54 **To:** 'mdpsylvester@gmail.com'

Subject: Thrybergh Country Park Play area

Mr Sylvester,

I'm sorry to be so tardy with this reply but I've been on holiday from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November inclusive. But I'm back now, so, to the answer to your question at Council on 31 October.

The play area at Thrybergh Country Park was closed off at the end of the school holidays because the timbers on the bridge were thought unsafe. It hasn't been possible to isolate the bridge so access to the whole area has been restricted. The timbers are being tested to determine the extent of any problem and quotes would then be sought for repair, or replacement with new equipment. I will ask officers for a timescale for any such work and get back to you.

We are also keen to ensure that any changes to the play area fit into future plans for development of the whole Park.

I do appreciate the disappointment this situation may cause some users and I apologise for that. I would only point out that there are three other play areas within two miles of the Country Park, namely:-

- Bill Winder Play Area, Thrybergh
- Victoria Gardens, Kilnhurst and
- Kilnhurst Recreation Ground

Thank you for taking the time to raise the issue and please don't hesitate to ask if there's anything else I can help with, Yours sincerely,

Councillor Sarah Allen Wingfield Ward Rotherham MBC

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