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Cllr Drew Tarmey  
Elected Member

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Dear Cllr Tarmey

**Question to Council – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024. I have set out the question and my response below.

***Residents in Anston have complained to me about the poor state of play equipment in Greenlands Park. What plans does the administration have to ensure rolling replacement of deteriorating equipment in RMBC owned parks this financial year?***

During the Council's budget setting process for 2021/22, a two-year programme of play area improvements was agreed to improve play areas in at least 13 play locations across the borough, with a total investment of £100k. This programme enhanced 23 play areas.

As part of the two-year play area improvement programme, Greenlands Park saw the replacement of 2 pieces of play equipment and a multi play unit totalling £12,875.

To ensure play areas remain accessible and enjoyable for the community, the Council has committed to a further 3-year investment from 2024/25 for the Children's Playgrounds Programme totalling £919k. This includes:

- The creation of new play facilities at Rother Valley Country Park
- The creation of new play facilities at Thrybergh Country Park
- Complete refurbishments and modernisation of six existing playgrounds across the Borough (sites to be agreed).

In addition, the service will continue to work with Ward Members and local developers to implement further play area improvements via Section 106, ward budgets and Community Infrastructure Levy.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



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