Windmill Street Park and Playing Field
Playspace - Sketch Design

Historical Notes;

Early records show King George’s Playing Fields was part of a wider local area of common land known as Macclesfield ‘The Wild West’. During the 18th century the land began to be developed and exploited for coal, clay and other uses. This gave rise to light industry expansion of the railway and development of the canal network. The boom in employment also meant the building of new streets of terraces to house the workers.

Windmill Street gained its name from a Windmill built during this period to grind copper ore mined locally.

Later in this period our site became a clay pit and by 1871 a brick works is shown on OS maps. It is not known when the brickworks closed but the buildings were not demolished until between 1953 and 1966. It is believed the demolished buildings were used to infill the clay pits.

This play equipment has been selected to relate to the history of the site and will tell the story using interpretation boards. The Blox climbing unit represents the former brick works which once stood on the playing field and the toddler unit is a workers cottage. Lastly the retention is to refurbish the very popular existing slide which will be turned into a windmill (not working). The exact location of the original windmill is not known but was located somewhere behind the playing fields and gave Windmill Street its name.

Furniture and Materials Palette

These plans are indicative of improvements we would like to carry out to enhance Windmill Street Park. The work is likely to be phased as budgets become available. The play area refurbishment is the top priority and will be the first phase of the development. This work will start in winter 2019/20.

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King George’s Playing Field Masterplan - location of playspace

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