

## **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 14 MARCH 2018**

### **MEMBERS ITEMS – COUNCILLOR ZINKIN**

#### **BASING HILL PARK**

Basing Hill Park is located in Childs Hill sandwiched between the A41 and Wayside. It is mainly grassed with a Children's Play Area sited next to the A41, the park also benefits from a hard court sports area laid out for Tennis, 5 a side and basketball.

The Children's Play Area equipment is outdated, the play areas location suffers from localised flooding issues and with its proximity to the A41 it doesn't create an inviting location to play. In contrast the recently refurbished play area in Childs Hill Park is well used and much loved by the parks users. It should also be noted that the play value on offer at Basing Hill Park is restricted by the equipment and the play areas size and so does not offer facilities and equipment for a mix of ages. Due to the age of the equipment in the existing play area it is not possible to relocate the equipment as it would be non-compliant and instead should be disposed of completely and the existing area re-designated for an alternative use.

I request officers consider the feasibility of the proposal and the options for funding

for a new Children's Play Area which should be relocated on the Wayside side of the park, away from the A41 and closer to the residential roads making it convenient for parents and children to access and more enjoyable away from the noise and pollution of the busy main road.