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The Chairman & Gentlemen  
of the Parks & Gardens Committee

Gentlemen

Proposed Children's Playground, The Level.

To your instructions, I submit herewith a report and plan on the proposed children's playcentre for the Southern Section of The Level.

The area of the ground for proposed treatment is approx. 3 acres, and is practically a continuation of the Valley Gardens; therefore to secure that dominant note of continuity, a design has been prepared adding enormously to the value of vistas - an important point considering the large number of the public who pass daily through the valley.

This plan of symmetrical proportions affords a full view on the central axis and endeavours to combine children's amusements with attractiveness, difficult though it may seem to combine the two. The whole has been arranged so as to obtain as much of the picturesque as possible, and with assistance of the very fine belt of Elms, which encircle the whole of the Level, you will find it clearly expressed on the plan that the proposed children's playcentre unites in one of the best possible points for health and beauty.

The scheme allows of an ornamental boating pool in the centre 1' 6" deep, with two stone bridges, and to secure a dignified effect at this point I have

introduced a stone pergola in order to camouflage the playground appliances. On the East and West of the pool are two ornamental shelters for the children, and for cleanliness the whole is paved.

The design of this centre feature has cut up the proposed site into four sections which suggestively makes ideal sites for playgrounds for children of different ages, and I would suggest that the Northern sections be given up - one to boys and one to girls over the age of fourteen years, and the smaller Southern sections for children under the age of fourteen and infants.

There is good variety in up-to-date playground equipment and the following I find in great demand in Queens Park and Lewes Road Recreation Grounds.

Joy wheel, Merry-go-round, Whirling platform, Ocean wave, Pendulum see-saws, Plank swings, non-bumper see-saws, slides, See-saw ladders, swings, Horizontal and parallel bars etc.

It is a good thing to have plenty of variety, then no one tires.

It is proposed to tarmac the playgrounds, leaving out landing places in sand where necessary and to provide ample seating accommodation for parents and spectators.

The whole of the scheme now before you I estimate to cost Five thousand pounds (£5,000)

I am, Gentleman,  
Your obedient Servant,  
*B. M. [initials]*

Superintendent *[Signature]*