

Scheme Title: Petanque Court

Description of Scheme:

Parks and Coastal Services have been invited to develop a capital scheme to design and install a Petanque Court. Petanque is classified as a French boules game which involves a ball being thrown or bowled and is like other boules games such as bocca and lawn bowls. They all share the commonality that the players aim their balls towards a target ball. Petanque specifically uses metal balls which are thrown as near as possible to a target ball. There are usually three teams which have one, two or three players.

Court Specification and Construction

The play court is known as the 'terrain'. The appeal of the game is that it can be played virtually anywhere where there is an adequately flat and well drained space.

There are no formal dimensions of a petanque court. However, the FIPJP (the international petanque federation) specifies that for national competitions, the court must be a minimum of 13ft (4m) wide and 50ft (15m) long and features a suitable surface such as thin compacted gravel or sand enclosed by a low wooden surround. The proposal and costings within this report adhere to this specification. The court will need to be constructed when ground conditions and weather permit – it is expected that construction will occur in spring 2022.



Court Location

The location for the proposed court is north of the Mini links Putting Green, Promenade Gardens, St. Annes (see map). The location is easily accessible from the adjacent highway and promenade footpath, making use of flat, well-drained and unused public green space.

The court has a small footprint and can be constructed within permitted development rights as advised by the Council's Planning Department. The discrete nature of the game should prevent undue disturbance or disruption to neighbouring hotels and residents.



Court Management

The design of the Petanque court will include user seating and a single public sign with instructions for use. The court will be promoted by the Friends of the Promenade Gardens and on the Council's website and social media channels.

The facility will be self-managing and unstaffed, however the court will be maintained to an excellent standard by the Promenade Gardens grounds team. The lifespan of the court infrastructure is expected to be in the region of 10 years. Some wear and tear of the facility is expected over time, with the requirement to undertake annual grass repairs, additional grass cutting, herbicide spraying and periodic repairs to the stone surface. Users will be advised to bring their own balls, as it the case with other bowling green and ball court facilities across the borough.

Capital Cost Plan:

Cost Heading	Description	Total £
Move pulhamite rocks to gain access.	Court construction	£10,050
Cut out turf and set aside for reuse.	Court Construction	
Excavate to a depth of 200mm and dispose of soil.	Court construction	
Inset 200mm x 100mm tanalised timber sleepers to the full perimeter.	Court construction	
200mm depth of compacted MOT stone.	Court construction	
12mm rolled top dressing of 6mm to dust grano stone	Court construction	
Relay turf around the perimeter.	Court construction	
Reset pulhamite rocks and clear up.	Court construction	
Seating	Integrated seating	
Information sign	Design/ manufacture of 1xuser sign	£950
Total Project Costs		£13,000

Outputs (i.e., details of what the investment will specifically deliver):

- Installation of quality, national standard Petanque court.
- Add to the diverse range of leisure activities

Outcomes (i.e. details of the broader benefits achieved by the investment, for example community or environmental benefit, health and safety compliance, or statutory obligations):

- Improved Fylde tourism and sports offer.
- Inclusive facility for people of all ages, gender and fitness abilities.

Contribution to corporate objectives (i.e., how does the project achieve or help deliver priorities within the corporate plan):

- Provide high quality parks and open spaces.
- Provide high quality leisure, tourism, art, sports and recreation facilities.
- Develop our leisure offer along the coast to cater for residents and visitors all year round.

Budget Resource Requirements

Breakdown of initial capital costs and future revenue implications

Estimated total capital costs of bid: £13,000

Annual **additional Revenue costs** arising from the bid: Nil**Value and phasing of bid:**

2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Additional capital investment required (i.e. the value of the bid)
£13,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	

Existing resources in the Capital Programme relating to this scheme:

2022/23	2023/ 24	2024/ 25	2025/ 26	Existing capital resources in the approved Capital Programme
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	

Estimated timescales for the bid:

Start Date: April 2022

Completion Date: June 2022

Project Risks (outline any risks to delivery of the project and how these will be mitigated)

Risk	Impact	Mitigating Action
➤ Damage to Promenade Gardens during construction phase.	Low. Some damage to surrounding landscape expected during construction phase.	Designated Clerk of Works to oversee construction. Contract specification and works method statement to be agreed in advance. Remedial grounds works to ensure adequate completion.
➤ Low usage	Medium. Low key sporting activity in the UK which will require promotion.	Work in partnership with the Friends of the Promenade Gardens and Sports Development Officer to promote use.