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**BABERGH ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE SUDBURY ESTATE PLAY AREA
PROBLEMS**

Babergh District Council is calling on a developer to improve the quality of life of residents on a new Sudbury estate by partially relocating some play equipment it installed on a children's play area. Babergh is asking Bovis Homes to consider partial relocation to an adjoining site on its new development just off Waldingfield Road.

The Council has received a number of complaints from local residents about the noise coming from the play area.

"We are very sympathetic to the concerns of local residents" said Richard Watson, Babergh's Head of Planning Control. "Babergh is in discussion with Bovis Homes about responsibility for the play area and its equipment on this basis. We have come up with a suggested solution that would involve Bovis Homes applying to re-locate some of the equipment to adjoining land that is further away from the homes, but near enough to be used by local children. Under this proposal, the remainder of the play area could remain at its current location."

Babergh has written to local residents outlining the rationale for this solution and advising that if a revised proposal comes forward they will be consulted on it. "Firstly, we have asked Bovis to meet with us on February 3rd at which we hope to agree a solution based upon moving some of the equipment to the other side of a nearby footpath. Secondly providing we can agree a way forward, Bovis will have to apply for permission to move the equipment to the new site and an opportunity will be given to residents to have their say. Hopefully, these measures will address current concerns and improve the quality of life for residents" explained Richard Watson.
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