

Playful Communities

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Playgrounds feature in all our lives



From Childhood



To Parenthood



and
grandparenthood

They are where we learned to manage risk



Although some of us were destined to be lawyers



Dangerous playgrounds



Danger in North Road Park Playground, Sheen.

Sir, — Further to recent comments that local children's playgrounds are unsafe, I carried out an investigation in Kew to check the facts.

At the Kew War Memorial Playground there were five metal rides, but all were set in concrete and tarmac, rather than the modern rubberised asphalt. The metal rocking horse was in use, although it is banned by many other councils because of accidents.

I then visited the North Road Park to find fourteen metal rides and a paddling pool. Full marks to the council as an attendant was in charge until 8.30 p.m., but no marks for the dangerous corroded support to the climbing rocket and missing bars to the square climbing frame.

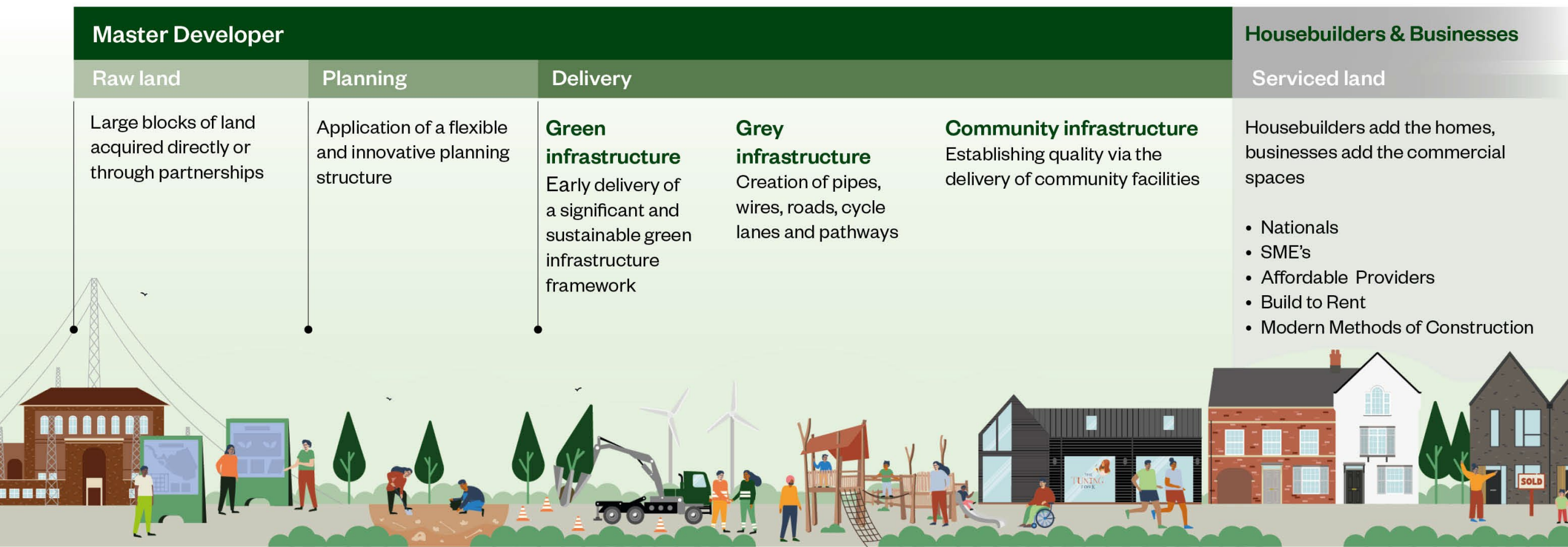
All rides were built too close to the paddling pool, so that toddlers wet feet could easily slip on the metal bars.

More money needs to be spent on modernising our local playgrounds as they were all built more than twenty years ago and are now worn out.

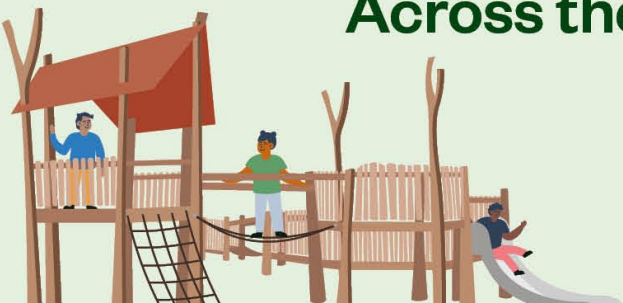
James Scott, age 11, Kings House School, Kings Rd., Richmond.



Playgrounds as part of the Master Developer Model



Across the portfolio we will be delivering a LOT of playgrounds.
So we want to know how to do it well.



Play on the way



Themes and activation



Skate Parks, MUGAs and Playing fields



Part of the landscape



Specifically Curated Landscape



Carbon Positive Safety Mat



Biodiversity in action



Accessible Play



Feature Tree Designed into Street Furniture



Solar Lighting



Involving the community - Resident Engagement

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