Via email: 25 October 2026 15:43
Subject: St James Play area Grafitti

Dear Torpoint Town Council,

I am writing to express my concern about the condition of the play park at Cambridge Field (St James Park).

Today I took my four year old daughter there, and I was shocked by the amount of graffiti and vandalism present throughout the park. Some of the images and markings are completely inappropriate for young children to be exposed to. What should be a safe and welcoming place for families instead feels neglected and unsuitable.

I appreciate that graffiti can be removed, but this appears to be an ongoing issue rather than a one off incident. Simply cleaning it up each time does not address the root cause. As a parent, it is frustrating to take a child to a community play area only to find it covered in offensive markings.

I would urge the council to consider longer term solutions. For example:

• Installing CCTV cameras in the park to act as a deterrent and assist in identifying offenders.
• Increasing patrols by local enforcement officers where possible.
• Working with local schools and youth groups to educate young people about the impact of vandalism on community spaces.
• Using anti graffiti coatings on equipment and surfaces to make removal quicker and easier.
• Improving lighting in areas that may currently attract antisocial behaviour.

The recent investment in improving play facilities for local children is greatly appreciated, and it would be a shame to see these facilities continually damaged and made unpleasant for families to use.

I would be grateful if you could advise what action is currently being taken and whether any longer term measures are being considered.

Kind regards,

Ms.Jordan Glasspool

For information: Photos were attached, these can be shared at the meeting.