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## COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2026 AT 7.30 PM AT THE STEYPING CENTRE

**Present:** Cllrs I Alexander (Chair), Johnson, Hanson, Norcross and Sharp.

**Clerk:** John Fullbrook

**Members of the public:** 9

**Meeting Commenced :** 7.30 pm

# DRAFT MINUTES

### C/25/53 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

53.1 Apologies received from Cllrs Linfield, Young and S Alexander. Cllr Lloyd absent.

### ACTIONS

### C/25/54 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

54.1 Cllr I Alexander declared an interest in agenda item 6.2, as uses Grammar School astroturf.

### C/25/55 QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR {in summary}

55.1 **None** – The Chair suggested that residents in attendance could join in with the discussion under agenda item 6.2, in consideration of planned astroturf removal at the Grammar School.

### C/25/56 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - To agree 3<sup>rd</sup> February draft minutes.

56.1 Cllr I Alexander **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Hanson to agree as a true and fair record, the draft minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026. **Agreed 4 For, 1 Abstained**

### C/25/57 MATTERS ARISING AND ACTIONS - These items were taken as read.

57.1 Clerk to meet with Abbey Rd Lead Volunteer for update and consider future tree locations – **Actioned**

57.2 Clerk's office to purchase Dog Bin, Grasscrete frames and Bollard for MPF project, and arrange installation date and scope of works – **Actioned**

57.3 210 free plants delivered from woodland trust in prep. for 13<sup>th</sup> March Sch. planting day – **Actioned**

57.4 Play Area inspectors to double check South Ash slide framework integrity – **Actioned**

57.5 Clock Tower bell hammer replacement works to be completed, and chime restored – **Actioned**

57.6 Pot Hole Repairs to Health Centre access road and High St reported – **Actioned / See item 60.1**

57.7 Clerk's office to give assistance to Charlton St residents seeking TRO to alleviate issues – **Actioned**

57.8 Clerk's office & DMMO reps to continue prep. for 'Hearing' via Teams meeting attendance – **Actioned**

57.9 Clerk to send out Car Park prompting email to members in preparation for the next Community meeting – **Actioned**

- 57.10 Clerk to ensure next Community meeting is primarily to discuss the options for potential future Steyning Car Park management – **Actioned/ See item 60.2**
- 57.11 Allotment proposed rent increases to be brought back to this meeting – **Actioned/ See item 59.2**

## **C/25/58 COMMUNITY MATTERS AND OPEN SPACE PROJECTS**

*The Chair moved item 6.2 forward on the agenda so that residents did not have to wait for it to come up later.*

### **58.1 To consider a request from Steyning residents to act upon the news that the Grammar School's Astroturf pitch facility is to be removed.**

58.1.1 The Grammar School are proposing not to replace the astroturf pitch, rather install a 3G pitch. The second issue is that it is the first facility to be removed as part of their redevelopment, and the last to be reinstated, a potential timespan nearing 5 years. This is particularly relevant for hockey teams who cannot play on 3G pitches, only astroturf pitches, and the residents spoke at length about the many ways that this decision would be devastating to their clubs and extensive club membership (4 clubs, 8 teams, over 200 members), the clubs having been in existence for well over a hundred years.

58.1.2 There are knock-on effects as the club members use the Steyning pubs and cricket club after games and practice sessions. It was noted that the primary focus should be to avoid a loss of facility and this could be taken up with Sport England if the school and WSCC were not keen on reconsidering the matter, and because the wider community was being affected it becomes something that the parish council should attempt to help resolve.

58.1.3 Cllr I Alexander **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Norcross that the Clerk and Chair be delegated to write to Sport England and copied to the school, to spell out the details discussed at this meeting, including loss of facility, the planning issue, likely loss of clubs, and the effects on the wider community. **Agreed**

**CLERK &  
Chair**

### **58.2 Report on the 2025/26 SPC Tree and Hedge works**

58.2.1 At the Community meeting in November this committee discussed at length the *Tree Condition Report* – initially received at the end of September 2025. There were eight pages of recommendations to be considered for action over a three to four year period – These were divided into varying priority matters from urgent/ emergency issues to general maintenance advisories and amounting to 41 different jobs. The jobs themselves varied from removal of portions of fairly simple basal ivy growth on trees through to felling of dead or dying trees. Individual jobs costing between say £50 up to £1500, and it was agreed to initially aim to achieve 24 jobs or 60% within the first of the 3 years. In addition to this it was proposed to complete the now extensive annual hedge works, and spend time, effort and money on bringing up to a higher level of appearance the Memorial Gardens on the MPF.

58.2.2 To do all this SPC decided at F&GP that it would put money not spent on tree and hedge works from 2024 into Earmarked Reserves – this was part of SPC's long term preplanning, and knowing that a Tree Report was imminent. So on top of the annual budget available for these works which amounted to £7,400, an additional £9,750 from Earmarked Reserves was also available.

58.2.3 Indeed so far this year SPC have used all of the annual budget available plus £4,000 from the £9,750 in Earmarked Reserves, and will probably use another £1,000 within this financial year. This nearly 12 and a half thousand pounds worth of work has taken a huge amount of time to both coordinate and to complete and this was delegated to the office, as it is classified as a maintenance job, and therefore it is not mentioned as a project on the *SPC Action Plan*.

**CLERK**

## **C/25/59 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE**

### **59.1 To accept the I & E Reports.**

Cllr I Alexander **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Sharp that the Community Income and Expenditure report for January 2026 be accepted as a true and fair record. **Agreed.**

- 59.2 To consider Allotment rent increases this year, and annual clearance period details.**
- 59.2.1** Members had previously discussed the range of rental charges and compared with other Councils allotment charges (and as per supporting papers). Cllr I Alexander **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Hanson that SPC Allotment charges increase to £22.50 from £21.00 for a half plot, and to £45.00 from £42.00 for a whole plot. **Agreed** **CLERK**
- 59.2.2** Cllr I Alexander **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Johnson that the office be allowed to spend up to £2,000 on skips for the Allotments (as part of the biannual clearance over Easter). **Agreed** **CLERK**
- 59.2.3** Cllr I Alexander **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Johnson that SPC approves that the Allotment tidy day be 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026. **Agreed** **CLERK**
- 59.2.4** The Clerk commented that although the skip price was to increase after April 1<sup>st</sup>, the office had negotiated that the price remains in place at pre 1 April levels until the last skip has been removed

## **C/25/60 HIGHWAYS AND PARKING MATTERS**

- 60.1 To consider the state of the road surfaces on the main Steyning Streets, and an update on Pothole maintenance**
- Recent advisory from WSCC for imminent and extensive roadworks on Mill Road, Charlton Street and St Georges Place. Also members and residents will be well aware of the large potholes on the main carriageway of Steyning High Street and having discussed this with the County Councillor the Clerk can report that this is receiving a priority one maintenance level repair. This is good news, although Cllr Linehan also pointed out that there are currently 80 odd other priority one pothole repairs on WSCC's list. Members will also be interested to learn that the Newmans Garden pothole issue has received some attention from HDC who are responsible for it, but the repair is very poor. The Clerk further advised that although pot holes are not SPC's responsibility, it would be helpful if councillors both reported issues personally, reported back to the office concerning poor repairs, and that members continued to promote residents self-reporting issues to WSCC rather than reporting them to SPC or simply discussing them without doing either. The Deputy Clerk will promote on SPC Socials once more how to report potholes on line. **D Clerk**
- 60.2 To consider future plans for Car Parking in Steyning, should their ownership be transferred from HDC to SPC. And to discuss ways in which SPC would like to develop better parking / traffic arrangements for residents, visitors and those who work on the High Street.** **CLERK**
- 60.2.1** The SPC have expressed an interest in the HDC Car Parks, and have been informed that SPC will likely need to put together a Business Plan which shows that SPC will seek to balance income with expenditure on all assets received. With this in mind members began coming up with solutions to ensure the Business Plan can balance this equation in such a way so that HDC can be convinced that SPC's organisation is competent, ready and highly motivated to receive this mixture of income generators and potential long term liabilities. Members discussed the future management of Steyning Car Parks, and how this could positively affect the Community. **CLERK**
- 60.2.2** The following bullet points are to provide a framework for a draft Business Plan which in the first Instance will be compiled by the Clerk and brought back to this committee before submission: **CLERK**
- *To incorporate some Free Parking spaces/ zones / times to enable a situation whereby less cars are on the streets near the High Street and School and therefore there is a benefit the whole town. 'SPC would be a better steward than any other remote council based operation'.*
  - *Additional Blue badge/ Disabled Bays to be put in place*
  - *Reduced parking rates to be considered as well as potentially a free parking period but just as an option, rather than a basis for a new business case*
  - *Disc Scheme details need to be worked out at a future meeting*
  - *Level and nature of Warden/ Enforcement coverage and administration to be agreed at a later date – Car Reg. recognition would allow for more flexible nature of parking restrictions.*
  - *Sustainable travel could be managed directly from head to tail including proper bike racks placed where SPC want them to be located*

- *HDC Leader suggested each Parish Council comes up with a proposal. Each Council needs to offset income with identified expenditures, with Clerk to compile a full range of current and future liabilities off-set items to include Fletchers Croft trees, grass cutting, stream management, street furniture upkeep, lighting maintenance.*
- *Members thought best to steer clear of Bramber Brooks as its too costly and we are not equipped to manage it – consensus was that it's not mentioned in the first instance*
- *Managing the twittens is a desired outcome, but this needs to be agreed with WSCC and will be a long term target, however we can at least tell HDC that this is our intention/ aspiration*
- *Are we confident that we can offset the existing income – or do we rely on reduced income by making some parking times free-use*
- *The High Street parking could be limited to one hour only – we need to check these ideas with Business Chamber before sending to HDC. Pre-empt HDC by putting a draft plan together before it is requested*
- *All the Parish Councils with HDC Car Parks have expressed an interest in taking on their own Car Parks as transferred assets*
- *Perhaps only introduce some solutions to problems when they are agreed to be SPC assets and not before*
- *Existing Season Ticket information leaflet despite relative cheapness of this option, it is undersubscribed - perhaps Cllrs consider giving away 50 'Free' Season Tickets each year to the most deserving cases as an option to reduce congestion on adjacent streets*
- *Include some blue sky thinking ideas – such as Solar Car Port installations which could if located in Newmans Gardens could double up as a wet weather option for the Farmers Market and is in line with SPC's declaration of a Climate emergency*
- *we wouldn't necessarily be introducing any of the giveaways like free parking until we had managed them for a few months and knew what the actual income was*
- *Improved Resident, Business, Health Centre permit rates and include cost of the administration associated with this and estimates in terms of resultant income generation*

**C/25/61 ONGOING ITEMS** – These items will be taken forward to the next Community Meeting.

**CLERK**

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| <b>61.1</b>  | C/24/68.2 | DIY Dog washing machine to be brought back to future agenda                                                                                                    |
| <b>61.2</b>  | C/24/49.2 | Log seating, lockable gate, trees, hedge and trellis installed at Chandlers Way                                                                                |
| <b>61.3</b>  | C/24/81.1 | River bank management needs to be added to the Abbey Road Management Plan                                                                                      |
| <b>61.4</b>  | C/24/81.1 | Abbey Road volunteers to discuss stream location of willow bundles, potential stream side planting and additional 'scrapes'                                    |
| <b>61.5</b>  | C/24/81.1 | SPC to discuss the need for a Parish Council Flood Plan                                                                                                        |
| <b>61.6</b>  | C/25/18.4 | SPC to discuss potential its future management of Twittens with WSCC at appropriate time                                                                       |
| <b>61.7</b>  | C/25/27.6 | Tanyard TRO project taken forward to next year's Action Plan                                                                                                   |
| <b>61.8</b>  | C/25/37.4 | Coxham Lane TRO project taken forward to next year's Action Plan                                                                                               |
| <b>61.9</b>  | C/25/27.5 | Clerk to obtain pledged donations following completed MPF Planter installations.                                                                               |
| <b>61.10</b> | C/25/37.3 | Clerk's office to commence purchasing plants for Chandlers Way, against agreement which is part of the successful HDC Wilder Horsham £5,000 grant application. |
| <b>61.11</b> | C/25/40.1 | Goring Rd / Clays Hill junction TRO project taken forward to next Years Action Plan                                                                            |
| <b>61.12</b> | C/25/47.2 | Complete installation of MPF improvement project features inc, grasscrete, bin, planters and bollard                                                           |
| <b>61.13</b> | C/25/47.3 | School planting day organised for the 13 <sup>th</sup> March                                                                                                   |
| <b>61.14</b> | C/25/47.4 | Annual Gym inspection moved to the Wickstead engineers team for Winter 2026                                                                                    |
| <b>61.15</b> | C/25/47.6 | Clerk to create a counterargument to attempt to get new waste bins installed after request rebuffed                                                            |
| <b>61.16</b> | C/25/47.6 | Bus Shelter spot lights to be brought forward to next year's Action Plan                                                                                       |
| <b>61.17</b> | C/25/47.6 | Clerk's office to attempt to remove HDC's recycling bin from the Car Park                                                                                      |
| <b>61.18</b> | C/25/48.3 | Clerk to take latest Operation Watershed project idea forward to WSCC engineers and Working party                                                              |

**C/25/62 INFORMATION / CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS**

**62.1** None

**C/25/63** DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7.30 pm.

Meeting ended at 9.08pm

Signed by the Chair: ..... Date: 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026

A recording of this meeting can be found using this link: <https://youtu.be/BI5LCYvraCM>

# Abbey Road Conservation Volunteers

Item 6.1

## Progress Report for Nov 2025 to Apr 2026.

For Communities Committee meeting 5th<sup>h</sup> May 2026

### Summary

This report is backdated to November last year to include the work on the pond and new scrape in November. This was the most significant intervention we have carried out on the site since we started work here in Oct 2020.

We have also carried out a large programme of tree, hedge and shrub planting.

Wildlife surveys continue to show how valuable this site is to nature, with many new species being recorded here for the first time.

We have got to know many local residents quite well through our regular attendance on site.

All the comments are very positive, with just the occasional dog mess issue.

A special mention for Wayne the contract grass cutter. He has a full understanding of the site and its particular requirements, and we are always pleased with his cutting of the grass, pathways and meadow when needed. (Unlike some previous contractors!)

### Pond.

We had an exciting day in late November 2025, with an excavator on site re-profiling the winter pond and creating a scrape next to the stream.

All the work had been previously suggested and discussed with OART (Ouse and Adur Rivers Trust) and the EA (Environment Agency), and a permit obtained from the EA for the scrape just a few days before the work was scheduled. (needed because it is work near a 'Major River' i.e. the Tanyard stream!)

Our neighbour at Gatewick, Guy Sanderson, very generously offered to pay for one of his contractors to do the work for us.

The intention was to make the pond wider and a little deeper, and create a scrape to provide shallow water and mud for birds, insects and amphibians.

This made an instant and dramatic change, with far more standing water than we've had in recent years. The enlarged pond area and new scrape filled very quickly once the winter rains started.



As usual with this site, it flooded completely on two occasions during the winter. This flood water always drains away through the culvert under the A283 within a few days, doing exactly what a flood plain should do; releasing flood water gradually back into the water courses to help alleviate flooding downstream. The work completed this year will help with this.

Interestingly, the huge frog population here decided that the pond was now too deep for them, and they laid their 130+ clumps of frogspawn at the far end of the pond where it was shallower.

The scrape looks like being a big success. Despite being quite shallow, it is holding water longer than expected, even encouraging a few frogs to lay frogspawn in it. We have planted native Osier and Violet Willows around the scrape, making it a far more attractive feature than the bramble thicket it replaced. (The Osier 'basket' willows were collected locally from Phil Clay's Mumbles bird ringing site)



### **Stream**

OART had carried out 2 invertebrate surveys on the Tanyard stream in recent years, but they have now committed to doing 3 surveys per year. The first was carried out in March, with others due in June and September. This should give us a regular health check on the stream and show any changes over time. The March survey showed a wide range of species that we would expect in a chalk stream in good condition. 3 species of fish were also found: Flounder, Stoneloach and Sticklebacks.

### **Hedges**

In January, the **Dead Hedge** was extended and reinforced with another 130 Christmas trees. We had the same number last year. A great way to recycle them.

**Live Hedge!** The hedge we planted in Feb 2025 has established really well with only a few needing replacing. We had 150 plants, so planted them in a single row. This created a 50 metre long hedge. In Feb this year we planted a further 30 metres comprising 100 plants. So, this line of hedging is now complete.

We'll see how a single plant row establishes, as it is usual to plant a new hedge as a double row of plants. We will plant a second row at the back of the first row to thicken it if needed. We plan to trim this hedge to keep it to about 2metres high.

## **Trees**

We planted 4 more Black Poplar trees this February, adding to the 9 added in previous years. Some of the first ones we planted are now over 12' tall. We have 7 of the known 8 clones of Black Poplar in Sussex, with 9 male and 5 female trees. These have all been donated to us by Kew Wakehurst and the local Rivers Trusts, as we fulfil the damp river/stream side habitat this tree requires. These stately trees will become a major feature of this site in future years.

As well as the Black Poplars we also planted 23 other trees (2 Lime, 6 Hornbeam, 6 Field Maple, 4 Silver Birch and 5 Alder), and more than 60 other shrubs including Hazel, Dogwood, Blackthorn, Purging Buckthorn and various Willows. These will add to the already impressive diversity of trees and shrubs growing on site.

## **Meadow**

After several years of trying different cutting regimes, the current schedule of cutting half the meadow in early September, then the other half the following September is working well.

This allows long grasses to flourish for a year before being cut, stopping them from becoming too rampant, and allows insect species to survive the winter in the longer grass. One species that has benefited from this is the Wasp Spider. Not everyone's cup of tea, as the female is a large spider with impressive black and yellow stripes. First seen here in 2023 in small numbers, there were hundreds last summer. They mainly catch grasshoppers in their webs, so there must be a good population of these too. (They also eat the much smaller males after the 'act' unless they are very quick!)

We have been successfully transplanting Meadowsweet across the meadow from a single area near the road. This is a perennial that flourishes in damp meadows and has nectar-rich flowers from June to September. So is loved by flying insects.

## **Wildlife**

There have now been 56 bird species recorded here, including these added so far in 2026. Meadow Pipit, Bullfinch, Mistle Thrush, Yellowhammer, Garden Warbler and most excitingly a fleeting visit from a Cuckoo on 21<sup>st</sup> April, and a single call of a Nightingale on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April.



One of the plants we have introduced to the site are the Buckthorns, both Alder and Purging Buckthorn. These are the food plants of the Brimstone butterfly, so it was great to find a tiny Brimstone butterfly egg on the underside of an Alder Buckthorn leaf in mid-April, showing that we have a breeding colony of Brimstones here for the first time.

## **Orchard**

Steyning Community Orchard planted a further 3 apple trees into the Orchard in February, attended by the tree donors and their families. There are now 12 trees in this small Orchard. The last 3 trees (as agreed previously agreed with Council) will be planted next February.

## **Working Parties/Volunteers.**

We currently have 19 people on our volunteers' list, plus 3 more who help with bird and botany surveys. We held 6 working parties in this period on the third Saturday each month, plus a few ad hoc sessions to deal with particular jobs. 16 different volunteers were involved in at least one of them, contributing over 100hrs work between them.

**Roger Brown. Abbey Rd Conservation Volunteer Coordinator.**

**24th Apr 2026**

## Proposed Draft Projects List for 2026 / 27

This is a brief and very draft potential list of projects for the next year for members to begin to consider and prioritise. There is a need to reduce **Community** projects to no more than 6

1. **Small Play Area** – Consider less able-bodied equipment. Attempt to get grant for these works.
2. **Glebe Fields ongoing management** – Regular liaison and continual positive influence / feedback with Vistry and HDC.
3. **Chandlers Way** - Complete South and West borders including 6 Trees plus Bulbs via School Eco Council & Volunteers. Start hedgerow planting of East border. Complete Trellis tunnel planting, base of Mega Bug Hotel. Purchase and continue to grow other plants for Plant islands.
4. **Armistice Day Event** – appoint gardener and find contacts earlier in year to secure more support if possible from services.
5. **High Street Christmas Lights** – Manage project as in previous years, seeking all appropriate permissions.
6. **Cricket Club** - Lease agreement and monitor demolition of existing structures and start of reconstruction process ensuring appropriate risk assessments and contractors management arrangements in place and being overseen.
7. **Emergency Plan** – Complete and sign off on plan having undergone training day – trial emergency scenarios.
8. **Operation Watershed** – Assuming there is agreement for grant application – Oversee project installation
9. **Traffic Regulation Orders** – submit schemes having gained agreement on 7 potential projects
10. **Sports Centre / School Community Use Agreement broker** – Potentially submit joint Astro pitch installation project proposal
11. **Neighbourhood Plan** – Complete Phase II and ensure new reviewed plan is 'Made'.
12. **Twittens** – Submit plan to WSCC for long term management of the twittens.
13. **Car Park Management** - Project / Business model and associated agreements mapped out with view to possibly taking them on board in April 2027.
14. **Complete Community Governance Review**
15. **MPF Access improvements phase III** – Third Trough, Interpretation Board complete both installations, and consider bin placement and further finger signs
16. **Assets from HDC** – Negotiate any Asset Transfers - Add any possible Land Acquisitions from HDC to SPC Register and put draft plans in place for long term management of these areas.
17. **Bus Shelter Improvements** – Wheelchair access, additional Christmas lights installation, improved scheme for internal fittings, Posters / Art installation, CCTV installation.
18. **Phase II CCTV Installation** – MPF & Fletchers Croft?
19. **Steyning Centre upgrades** - Energy cost & Carbon saving measures in line with Climate Action targets
20. **Begin to plan for what projects future Cil Monies might be used for.**



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## Annual Inspection

Steypning Parish Council

Fletchers Croft Play Area

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## Inspection Scope for RPII Annual Inspectors

This document outlines the RPII scope for inspections undertaken by the Inspectors listed as Indoor and Outdoor Annual Inspectors (where relevant) on the RPII Register of Inspectors when undertaking inspections.

Inspections are undertaken with reference to the standards listed in this preamble only; where no date for the standard is given it will be the standard that is current at the time of inspection except where overlap periods are granted by the standards committee when standards are updated. The information contained in reports is provided to assist the owner/operator in fulfilling their responsibilities as detailed in the relevant standard. Other standards referenced within the listed standards do not form part of the inspection, unless they are also explicitly listed here.

For the avoidance of doubt, references to compliance relate only to those aspects that can be assessed visually or manually, within the limitations of a non-dismantling, non-destructive inspection, and without the use of specialist equipment.

The following standards define the technical framework within which inspections are carried out; not all requirements within these standards can be verified during an inspection. The following standards are relevant to all installations of equipment that are publicly accessible to users; this includes public parks, pay and play parks, schools, nurseries, public houses, holiday parks, indoor play centres, farm parks etc. All equipment used or employed in publicly accessible areas should meet with the requirements of the relevant standards (listed below):

BS EN 1176 Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 & 11 Playground equipment intended for permanent installation outdoors & indoors.

BS EN 1176 Part 7 - 'Guidance on Installation, Inspection, Maintenance and Operation' (this document gives guidance to the owners/operators of the facility on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of playground equipment, excluding ancillary items).

In the United Kingdom the National Foreword forms an important part to the understanding and implementation of the recommendations set out in this document. It clarifies the application of the document within the UK as best practice guidance, as the document has been used since its initial publication. Therefore, in the UK this standard (BS EN 1176 – Part 7) contains no requirements and needs to be read and implemented as guidance, with the use of the term 'shall' therefore becoming a recommendation, as in the term 'should'.

Domestic play equipment falls outside of the scope of BS EN 1176 and has its own standards (BS EN 71 series – Safety of Toys). Where domestic equipment can be identified this will be acknowledged in the report; any comments will be made using the principles of BS EN 1176 as guidance only, rather than as a formal assessment of compliance.

When water play items, including spray parks, are inspected any comments concerning compliance within the inspection will refer to EN 1176. We have not assessed these against the requirements of EN 17232 (Water play equipment and features).

Other equipment that is not clearly identified as unsupervised or domestic (natural play, self-build equipment etc.) will be assessed for compliance with the relevant standard listed below:

- BS EN 15312** Free access multi-sports equipment
- BS EN 14974** Skateparks
- BS EN 16630** Permanently installed outdoor fitness equipment
- BS EN 16899** Parkour equipment (plus RPII/API guidance notes)

Annual and Post Installation inspections will take into consideration compliance with these current standards, and defects related to wear and vandalism. Items not listed in the report have not been included in the inspection. The inspection will cover the playground equipment and the active area (that area which is obviously part of the playground), nominally up to three metres around, the fence line if closer, or other areas as agreed.

Operational inspections only take into consideration defects related to cleanliness, equipment ground clearances, ground surface finishes, exposed foundations, sharp edges, missing parts, excessive wear (of moving parts) structural integrity, wear and vandalism. Routine visual inspections relate only to the most obvious defects such as broken or missing parts, litter, vandalism and issues created by severe weather conditions (the intention is to identify hazards created by storm damage).

All inspections are non-dismantling, non-destructive and do not include any structural, toxicology or impact assessments defined in the standard; however, the inspector will undertake a basic manual stability check appropriate to a visual

inspection and if equipment fails under manual load, or any other hazard is identified as an unacceptable risk, the owner/operator will be notified as soon as practicably possible.

The inspector will access all reasonably accessible equipment and will assess all reasonably accessible parts above the standing surface. For the purposes of this inspection, “reasonably accessible” means accessible without the use of specialist access equipment, tools, or unsafe working practices. Where it is not possible to access parts of the equipment without employing an alternative means of access the report will record the action required by the owner/operator to ensure the continued safe use of the equipment.

Ancillary equipment will be assessed using the inspector’s knowledge and experience of the standards named in this document. (Note: Ancillary items are not included in the specific equipment-type parts of the EN 1176 series; hence they are not assessed for compliance with EN 1176 series and are subject to a general safety assessment).

The owner/operator is responsible for the overall safety of the equipment and area.

The inspector will not undertake any of the following works unless specifically agreed in writing at the time of order:

Checking the depth and underlying structural integrity of any surface areas and/or carrying out any testing of the impact attenuating properties of any surfaces; the identification of any corrosion, rot or other deterioration in any apparatus or equipment other than by an external inspection; the inspection of any equipment (or part thereof) that is beneath the playing surface (loose-fill materials may be moved to expose foundations); tightening any bolts, hinges or other fixing devices on any apparatus or equipment; assessing or inspecting any electrical installations contained on any site and/or apparatus and/or equipment; assessing or inspecting any water supplies and/or water features and/or any associated computerised systems (including carrying out any programming); where planting or trees are mentioned in the report no assessments of toxicity, suitability or condition are undertaken – the owner/operator should have suitable inspections provided by a competent person.

The owner/operator should have a ‘design risk assessment’ provided by the manufacturer/designer of the area for the equipment and location in which the facility is installed.

The operator is responsible for managing risks of their provision and is required by law to carry out a ‘suitable and sufficient assessment’ of the risks associated with a site or activity. This inspection shall be considered as contributing to the operator's discharge of this responsibility.

The details contained within the report are a snapshot of the condition at the time of inspection only and subsequent events may affect the condition of the facility. Suggested remedial actions are based on the knowledge and experience of the inspector and/or that of the inspection company. The owner/operator should always seek the advice of the manufacturer or a competent person when undertaking repairs and/or modifications to equipment.

**Responsibility of the Owner/Operator** The owner/operator has overall responsibility for the safety, management, and ongoing maintenance of the play equipment and surrounding area. This includes ensuring that equipment is appropriately installed, inspected, maintained, repaired, and managed in accordance with the relevant standards, manufacturer guidance, and applicable legislation

Inspections undertaken by RPII Annual Inspectors contribute to the owner/operator’s discharge of these responsibilities but do not replace the requirement for the owner/operator to carry out suitable and sufficient risk assessments, routine monitoring, and maintenance, or to act on identified defects and recommendations. Responsibility for initiating or undertaking any actions arising from this report rests solely with the Client.

The operator is responsible for following the guidance of the relevant standards. The standards give guidance on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of the various types of facilities. The inspection guidance is listed in Table 1, with an indication of which parts will be included in an RPII Annual or Post-Installation Inspection. The relevant standards also contain additional parts which the operator should follow.

| <b>Inspection recommendations of relevant standards</b><br><b>Inclusion or exclusion within this table does not imply an exhaustive assessment; all inspections and checks are subject to the limitations described within this methodology. Refer to relevant standards for full text</b> | <b>Annual Main</b> | <b>RPII Annual/<br/>Post<br/>Installation<br/>Inspection</b> |
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| 6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of equipment (see note 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ✓                  | ✓ [1]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of foundations (see note 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | ✓                  | ✓ [1]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of playing surfaces (see note 2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | ✓                  | ✓ [2]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Compliance with the relevant parts of the standard and or risk assessment (see note 3)                                                                                                                                                                                              | ✓                  | ✓ [3]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Effects of weather                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ✓                  | ✓                                                            |
| 6.1 d) Presence of rot, decay or corrosion (see note 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ✓                  | ✓ [1]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Assessment of repairs made or added or replaced components (see note 4)                                                                                                                                                                                                             | ✓                  | ✓ [4]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Excavation or dismantling/additional measures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ✓                  | ✗                                                            |
| 6.2.1 Assessment of glass reinforced plastics (see note 5)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ✓                  | ✓ [5]                                                        |
| 6.2.1 Inspection of one post equipment (see note 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | ✓                  | ✓ [1]                                                        |
| 6.2.4 Undertaking the Operators inspection protocol                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | ✓                  | ✗                                                            |

NB: The clause numbers in table 1 are taken from BS EN 1176 - Part 7:2020. The content is equally applicable to all other relevant standards listed herein. Playgrounds contain a range of equipment from different manufacturers and installed over a number of years; operators should implement any guidance provided by the manufacturer. Item specific detail is not readily available to RPII Playground Inspectors, whose report contributes to the operator's overall inspection responsibilities as detailed in the relevant standards. RPII Annual Inspectors may, where readily available, refer to manufacturer installation instructions for general context, but do not check against these in full on any item as inspections are focused on compliance with relevant standards and maintenance defects; the responsibility for ensuring that installation instructions are adhered to lies with the owner and the installer.

[1] A manual test only is undertaken for stability. Wear and instability are only detectable where readily apparent without dismantling or destruction and without the use of tools, excavation or specialist equipment. Rot and corrosion are tested or with a hammer and/or steel rod. Decay in timber may exist which can only be found with specialist equipment.

[2] Only the visible condition and dimensional compliance of surface extent is considered. Neither testing of impact attenuating properties nor measurement of the thickness of bound surfaces are undertaken on RPII annual inspections.

[3] The inspection assesses compliance where this can be tested on site using manual methods without dismantling, destruction and without the use of tools or specialist equipment.

[4] The operator should use manufacturer's recommended parts, or equivalent. We are unable to verify if such parts have been used, and any subsequent change in quality or performance.

[5] Visible glass fibres will be noted in reports. The operator is responsible for repairs or replacement.

# Risk Assessment Matrix

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   | Scores in the report are multiplication factors of Likelihood x Severity |                                                                             |                                                               |                                                                       |                                                                |                                                                      |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   | Severity>>                                                               |                                                                             |                                                               |                                                                       |                                                                |                                                                      |
| Likelihood                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Very High probability, if the situation is not addressed an accident is almost certain. | 5 | Very High                                                                | VL (5)                                                                      | L (10)                                                        | M (15)                                                                | H (20)                                                         | VH (25)                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | High probability an accident is probable without any added factor.                      | 4 | High                                                                     | VL (4)                                                                      | L (8)                                                         | M (12)                                                                | H (16)                                                         | H (20)                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Moderate probability an incident is foreseeable.                                        | 3 | Moderate                                                                 | VL (3)                                                                      | L (6)                                                         | L (9)                                                                 | M (12)                                                         | M (15)                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Some probability, requires a combination of factors to take place.                      | 2 | Low                                                                      | VL (2)                                                                      | VL (4)                                                        | L (6)                                                                 | L (8)                                                          | L (10)                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | No significant probability; lightning strike, freak accident.                           | 1 | Very Low                                                                 | VL (1)                                                                      | VL (2)                                                        | VL (3)                                                                | VL (4)                                                         | VL (5)                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          | Very Low                                                                    | Low                                                           | Moderate                                                              | High                                                           | Very High                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          | 1                                                                           | 2                                                             | 3                                                                     | 4                                                              | 5                                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          | No injury likely<br>e.g. damaged or soiled clothing, minor bruising, grazes | Minor injury, laceration or bruising requiring first aid only | Injury requiring medical intervention<br>e.g. cuts requiring stitches | Serious injury including concussions or fracture of long bones | Severe injury involving a potential life changing injury or fatality |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          | Severity>>                                                                  |                                                               |                                                                       |                                                                |                                                                      |
| <p>Note 1: The total risk scores included within our reports are a multiplication factor of the calculated Likelihood and Severity of each finding. Both Likelihood and Severity are given a number between 1 - 5 as shown on the matrix above and these two numbers are then multiplied together to give the total risk score that is shown against defects on the report. Total risk scores can be divided in both directions, i.e. a total risk score of 12 could be a Likelihood (3) x Severity (4) or Likelihood (4) x Severity (3).</p> <p>Note 2: When we inspect we only see a snapshot of the current condition of the equipment. It is the operators responsibility to ensure that there is a continuing level of maintenance to keep the equipment in good working order and the site fit for use.</p> |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          |                                                                             |                                                               |                                                                       |                                                                |                                                                      |

## Equipment has been assessed to the following standards where relevant:

BS EN 1176 Parts 1-11 (Playground equipment and surfacing)  
BS EN 14974 (Facilities for users of roller sports equipment)  
BS EN 15312 (Free access multi-sports equipment)  
BS EN 16899 (Parkour Equipment)  
BS EN 16630 (Outdoor Fitness Equipment).

## Fletchers Croft Play Area

Inspection Ref: 2993337  
Property Ref: 1264128-423088

Site Ref: 81411  
Service Object Ref:

Inspected: 26-February-2026 - 09:56 by Robert Baldock (RPII Annual Inspector)

Risk Assessment: 10 Low Risk

**Location:**

The site is partially overlooked by properties in the local community

**Disabled Access:**

Generally accessible - The area provides access to a range of users, including some people with disabilities; however, certain features may require reasonable assistance or adjustment to enable full use.

## 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator  
**Surface Type:** N/A  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 5



### Finding 1

There is algae, silt or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions - Clean and treat appropriately

### Finding 3

There are trip hazards at the edges of the surface - Remove trip hazard

### Finding 5

There is some tree debris on the surfacing - Remove and maintain

### Finding 2

The surface is lifting at the edges and creating trip points - Repair perimeter of surfacing to remove trip points

### Finding 4

NOTE - There is a body of water or a water basin in close proximity to the playground. Risk assessment of this is a specialist field and outside the scope of our inspection. - Contact our official water safety partner the RLSS (Royal Life Saving Society) at [www.rlss.org.uk](http://www.rlss.org.uk) and / or ensure that the appropriate risk assessment is in place

## 4 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Playground Sign  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** N/A  
**Item Quantity:** 2  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 1



### Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

### 10 - Low Risk

**Item:** Gate - Self Closing  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 2  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 2



#### Finding 1

There are openings that are less than 12mm that could trap or crush fingers - Provide a 12mm gap throughout full range of motion at both sides of gate

#### Finding 2

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint

### 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Bench  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Concrete  
**Item Quantity:** 2  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 1



#### Finding 1

There are trip hazards present - Remove trip hazard

## 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Seating Area  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 1



### Finding 1

There is some evidence of fire damage to the item - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

## 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Fencing - Timber  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 2



### Finding 1

There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

### Finding 2

A number of posts have rotted - Replace all affected timber

### 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Litter Bin  
**Manufacturer:** Glasdon  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 1



#### Finding 1

The bin is not securely fixed to the surface and there is some possibility of the item tipping or rolling over - Secure the bin to the ground

### 10 - Low Risk

**Item:** 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 5



#### Finding 1

A number of fixing(s) have worked loose on the suspension mounts - Secure all loose fixings

#### Finding 3

There is some minor damage to the surface - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

#### Finding 5

There is some notable evidence of chain wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

#### Finding 2

There is/are bolt cap covers missing or damaged on the item - Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers

#### Finding 4

The seat has minor damage or wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Misc Item  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 1



#### Finding 1

A number of fixing(s) have worked loose - Secure all loose fixings

### 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 2



#### Finding 1

There is some notable evidence of chain wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

#### Finding 2

The seat has minor damage or wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

## 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Tractor  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 5



### Finding 1

There is some evidence of rot in the timber - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### Finding 3

Parts of the timber are rough or splintered - Remove all rough or sharp edges

### Finding 5

The unit is easily accessible and should have the appropriate barriers installed to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 as the height of the unit exceeds 600mm - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

### Finding 2

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint

### Finding 4

There are a number of dents in the slide surface - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

## 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Spring Dog  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 2



### Finding 1

Parts of the timber are rough or splintered - Remove all rough or sharp edges

### Finding 2

The paintwork on the spring has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting - Treat any rusting components and repaint

## 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Spring Duck  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 3



### Finding 1

Parts of the timber are rough or splintered - Remove all rough or sharp edges

### Finding 3

The paintwork on the spring has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting - Treat any rusting components and repaint

### Finding 2

The main body profile has a radius of less than 20mm in places, in contravention of BS EN 1176 Part 6 - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

## 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Play Panel  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 1



### Finding 1

There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

## 9 - Low Risk

**Item:** See Saw  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 2



### Finding 1

The seat has been severely damaged - Repair / replace the seat as required

### Finding 2

A number of fixing(s) have worked loose - Secure all loose fixings

## 10 - Low Risk

**Item:** Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 11



### Finding 1

There are a number of dents in the slide surface - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

### Finding 3

There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment - Clean and treat appropriately

### Finding 5

BS EN 1176 Part 3 recommends that slides should be constructed to ensure that gaps between joints are eliminated and sharp objects cannot become lodged - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

### Finding 7

The slide bar rotates unexpectedly - Tighten fixings to secure

### Finding 9

A number of fixing(s) have worked loose on the rope connectors - Secure all loose fixings

### Finding 11

There are areas or parts of the timber on the structure that have rotted - Replace all affected timbers

### Finding 2

Parts of the timber are rough or splintered - Remove all rough or sharp edges

### Finding 4

There is some wear to the shackles. - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

### Finding 6

There is some evidence of rot in the timber - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### Finding 8

There are areas or parts of the timber at the top of the slide that have rotted - Replace all affected timbers

### Finding 10

There are areas or parts of the timber on the platforms that have rotted - Replace all affected timbers

### 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Bench  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 2  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 1



#### Finding 1

There are trip hazards at the edges of the surface - Remove trip hazard

### 4 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Sign  
**Manufacturer:** The Great Outdoor Gym Company  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 1



#### Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

### 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Calisthenics Unit  
**Manufacturer:** Kenguru Fitness  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 1



#### Finding 1

There is a head and neck entrapment in the framework in contravention of the requirements of BS EN 16630:2015 clause 4.3.6.1 - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

### 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Pull Up Station  
**Manufacturer:** The Great Outdoor Gym Company  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 1



#### Finding 1

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint

## 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Leg Press  
**Manufacturer:** The Great Outdoor Gym Company  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 1



### Finding 1

The item has been damaged - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

## 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Sit Up Station  
**Manufacturer:** The Great Outdoor Gym Company  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 1



### Finding 1

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint

## 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Cross Trainer  
**Manufacturer:** The Great Outdoor Gym Company  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 2



### Finding 1

The bearing is showing signs of wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### Finding 2

The LED panel is not operating correctly - Repair or replace as required

## 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Cycle  
**Manufacturer:** The Great Outdoor Gym Company  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 1



### Finding 1

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint

#### 4 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Recumbent Bike  
**Manufacturer:** The Great Outdoor Gym Company  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 1



#### Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

#### 4 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Step Up Station  
**Manufacturer:** The Great Outdoor Gym Company  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 1



#### Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

## 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Double Fitness Station  
**Manufacturer:** The Great Outdoor Gym Company  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 1



### Finding 1

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint

## 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Double Fitness Station  
**Manufacturer:** The Great Outdoor Gym Company  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 3



### Finding 1

The bushes are showing signs of wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### Finding 3

BS EN 16630 - 4.3.1 states that fitness equipment shall be designed so when at rest, the equipment shall automatically adjust so that the equipment is ready for the next user - Service the item

### Finding 2

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint

## Findings information

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** There is algae, silt or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions  
**Action:** Clean and treat appropriately

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** The surface is lifting at the edges and creating trip points **Action:** Repair perimeter of surfacing to remove trip points

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** There are trip hazards at the edges of the surface **Action:** Remove trip hazard

### 0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 4)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** NOTE - There is a body of water or a water basin in close proximity to the playground. Risk assessment of this is a specialist field and outside the scope of our inspection. **Action:** Contact our official water safety partner the RLSS (Royal Life Saving Society) at [www.rlss.org.uk](http://www.rlss.org.uk) and / or ensure that the appropriate risk assessment is in place

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** There is some tree debris on the surfacing

**Action:** Remove and maintain

**i** 10 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Self Closing  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There are openings that are less than 12mm that could trap or crush fingers

**Action:** Provide a 12mm gap throughout full range of motion at both sides of gate

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Self Closing  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding

**Action:** Treat affected areas and repaint

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Bench  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Concrete



**Finding:** There are trip hazards present

**Action:** Remove trip hazard

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Seating Area  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is some evidence of fire damage to the item **Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Fences - Fencing - Timber  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process **Action:** Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Fences - Fencing - Timber  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** A number of posts have rotted

**Action:** Replace all affected timber

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Litter Bin  
**Manufacturer:** Glasdon

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The bin is not securely fixed to the surface and there is some possibility of the item tipping or rolling over

**Action:** Secure the bin to the ground

**i** 10 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** A number of fixing(s) have worked loose on the suspension mounts

**Action:** Secure all loose fixings

**i** 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is/are bolt cap covers missing or damaged on the item

**Action:** Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers

#### 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is some minor damage to the surface

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

#### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The seat has minor damage or wear

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is some notable evidence of chain wear

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Rotor Play - Misc Item  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** A number of fixing(s) have worked loose

**Action:** Secure all loose fixings

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



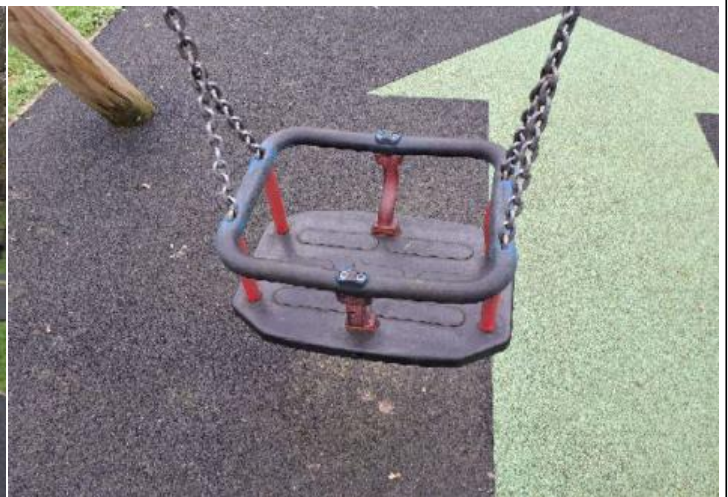
**Finding:** There is some notable evidence of chain wear

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The seat has minor damage or wear

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Tractor  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is some evidence of rot in the timber

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Tractor  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding

**Action:** Treat affected areas and repaint

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Tractor  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



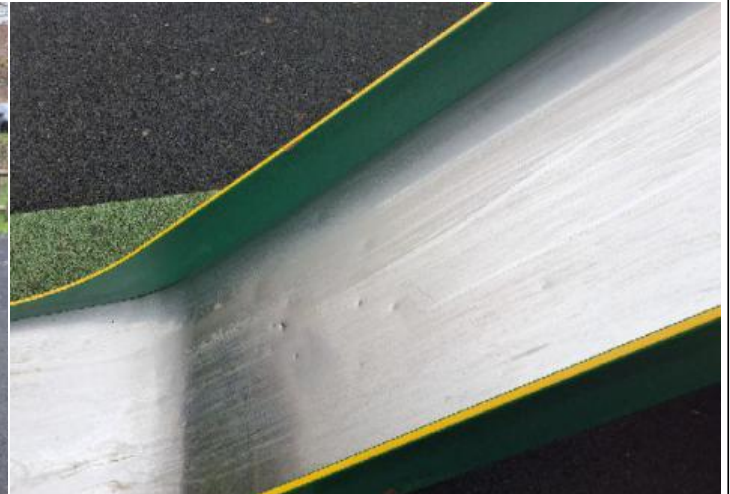
**Finding:** Parts of the timber are rough or splintered

**Action:** Remove all rough or sharp edges

### 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Tractor  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There are a number of dents in the slide surface

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

# 6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Tractor  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The unit is easily accessible and should have the appropriate barriers installed to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 as the height of the unit exceeds 600mm

**Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

# 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Rocking Equipment - Spring Dog  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** Parts of the timber are rough or splintered

**Action:** Remove all rough or sharp edges

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Rocking Equipment - Spring Dog  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The paintwork on the spring has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting  
**Action:** Treat any rusting components and repaint

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Rocking Equipment - Spring Duck  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** Parts of the timber are rough or splintered  
**Action:** Remove all rough or sharp edges

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Rocking Equipment - Spring Duck  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The main body profile has a radius of less than 20mm in places, in contravention of BS EN 1176 Part 6

**Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Rocking Equipment - Spring Duck  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The paintwork on the spring has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting

**Action:** Treat any rusting components and repaint

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Other - Play Panel  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process

**Action:** Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

**i** 9 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Rocking Equipment - See Saw  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The seat has been severely damaged

**Action:** Repair / replace the seat as required

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Rocking Equipment - See Saw  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** A number of fixing(s) have worked loose

**Action:** Secure all loose fixings

### 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There are a number of dents in the slide surface

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** Parts of the timber are rough or splintered

**Action:** Remove all rough or sharp edges

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment

**Action:** Clean and treat appropriately

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is some wear to the shackles.

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** BS EN 1176 Part 3 recommends that slides should be constructed to ensure that gaps between joints are eliminated and sharp objects cannot become lodged

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 6)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is some evidence of rot in the timber

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 7)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The slide bar rotates unexpectedly

**Action:** Tighten fixings to secure

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 8)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There are areas or parts of the timber at the top of the slide that have rotted  
**Action:** Replace all affected timbers

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 9)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** A number of fixing(s) have worked loose on the rope connectors  
**Action:** Secure all loose fixings

**i** 10 - Low Risk (Finding 10)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There are areas or parts of the timber on the platforms that have rotted

**Action:** Replace all affected timbers

**i** 10 - Low Risk (Finding 11)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Creative Play

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There are areas or parts of the timber on the structure that have rotted

**Action:** Replace all affected timbers

**i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)**

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Bench  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There are trip hazards at the edges of the surface **Action:** Remove trip hazard

**i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)**

**Item:** Outdoor Fitness Equipment - Calisthenics Unit  
**Manufacturer:** Kenguru Fitness

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is a head and neck entrapment in the framework in contravention of the requirements of BS EN 16630:2015 clause 4.3.6.1

**Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Outdoor Fitness Equipment - Pull Up Station  
**Manufacturer:** The Great Outdoor Gym Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding

**Action:** Treat affected areas and repaint

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Outdoor Fitness Equipment - Leg Press  
**Manufacturer:** The Great Outdoor Gym Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The item has been damaged

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Outdoor Fitness Equipment - Sit Up Station  
**Manufacturer:** The Great Outdoor Gym Company  
**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding  
**Action:** Treat affected areas and repaint

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Outdoor Fitness Equipment - Cross Trainer  
**Manufacturer:** The Great Outdoor Gym Company  
**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The bearing is showing signs of wear  
**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

#### 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Outdoor Fitness Equipment - Cross Trainer  
**Manufacturer:** The Great Outdoor Gym Company  
**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The LED panel is not operating correctly

**Action:** Repair or replace as required

#### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Outdoor Fitness Equipment - Cycle  
**Manufacturer:** The Great Outdoor Gym Company  
**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding

**Action:** Treat affected areas and repaint

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Outdoor Fitness Equipment - Double Fitness Station  
**Manufacturer:** The Great Outdoor Gym Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding

**Action:** Treat affected areas and repaint

### 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Outdoor Fitness Equipment - Double Fitness Station  
**Manufacturer:** The Great Outdoor Gym Company

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The bushes are showing signs of wear

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Outdoor Fitness Equipment - Double Fitness Station  
**Manufacturer:** The Great Outdoor Gym Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding

**Action:** Treat affected areas and repaint

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Outdoor Fitness Equipment - Double Fitness Station  
**Manufacturer:** The Great Outdoor Gym Company

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** BS EN 16630 - 4.3.1 states that fitness equipment shall be designed so when at rest, the equipment shall automatically adjust so that the equipment is ready for the next user  
**Action:** Service the item



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## Annual Inspection

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## Inspection Scope for RPII Annual Inspectors

This document outlines the RPII scope for inspections undertaken by the Inspectors listed as Indoor and Outdoor Annual Inspectors (where relevant) on the RPII Register of Inspectors when undertaking inspections.

Inspections are undertaken with reference to the standards listed in this preamble only; where no date for the standard is given it will be the standard that is current at the time of inspection except where overlap periods are granted by the standards committee when standards are updated. The information contained in reports is provided to assist the owner/operator in fulfilling their responsibilities as detailed in the relevant standard. Other standards referenced within the listed standards do not form part of the inspection, unless they are also explicitly listed here.

For the avoidance of doubt, references to compliance relate only to those aspects that can be assessed visually or manually, within the limitations of a non-dismantling, non-destructive inspection, and without the use of specialist equipment.

The following standards define the technical framework within which inspections are carried out; not all requirements within these standards can be verified during an inspection. The following standards are relevant to all installations of equipment that are publicly accessible to users; this includes public parks, pay and play parks, schools, nurseries, public houses, holiday parks, indoor play centres, farm parks etc. All equipment used or employed in publicly accessible areas should meet with the requirements of the relevant standards (listed below):

BS EN 1176 Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 & 11 Playground equipment intended for permanent installation outdoors & indoors.

BS EN 1176 Part 7 - 'Guidance on Installation, Inspection, Maintenance and Operation' (this document gives guidance to the owners/operators of the facility on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of playground equipment, excluding ancillary items).

In the United Kingdom the National Foreword forms an important part to the understanding and implementation of the recommendations set out in this document. It clarifies the application of the document within the UK as best practice guidance, as the document has been used since its initial publication. Therefore, in the UK this standard (BS EN 1176 – Part 7) contains no requirements and needs to be read and implemented as guidance, with the use of the term 'shall' therefore becoming a recommendation, as in the term 'should'.

Domestic play equipment falls outside of the scope of BS EN 1176 and has its own standards (BS EN 71 series – Safety of Toys). Where domestic equipment can be identified this will be acknowledged in the report; any comments will be made using the principles of BS EN 1176 as guidance only, rather than as a formal assessment of compliance.

When water play items, including spray parks, are inspected any comments concerning compliance within the inspection will refer to EN 1176. We have not assessed these against the requirements of EN 17232 (Water play equipment and features).

Other equipment that is not clearly identified as unsupervised or domestic (natural play, self-build equipment etc.) will be assessed for compliance with the relevant standard listed below:

- BS EN 15312** Free access multi-sports equipment
- BS EN 14974** Skateparks
- BS EN 16630** Permanently installed outdoor fitness equipment
- BS EN 16899** Parkour equipment (plus RPII/API guidance notes)

Annual and Post Installation inspections will take into consideration compliance with these current standards, and defects related to wear and vandalism. Items not listed in the report have not been included in the inspection. The inspection will cover the playground equipment and the active area (that area which is obviously part of the playground), nominally up to three metres around, the fence line if closer, or other areas as agreed.

Operational inspections only take into consideration defects related to cleanliness, equipment ground clearances, ground surface finishes, exposed foundations, sharp edges, missing parts, excessive wear (of moving parts) structural integrity, wear and vandalism. Routine visual inspections relate only to the most obvious defects such as broken or missing parts, litter, vandalism and issues created by severe weather conditions (the intention is to identify hazards created by storm damage).

All inspections are non-dismantling, non-destructive and do not include any structural, toxicology or impact assessments defined in the standard; however, the inspector will undertake a basic manual stability check appropriate to a visual

inspection and if equipment fails under manual load, or any other hazard is identified as an unacceptable risk, the owner/operator will be notified as soon as practicably possible.

The inspector will access all reasonably accessible equipment and will assess all reasonably accessible parts above the standing surface. For the purposes of this inspection, “reasonably accessible” means accessible without the use of specialist access equipment, tools, or unsafe working practices. Where it is not possible to access parts of the equipment without employing an alternative means of access the report will record the action required by the owner/operator to ensure the continued safe use of the equipment.

Ancillary equipment will be assessed using the inspector’s knowledge and experience of the standards named in this document. (Note: Ancillary items are not included in the specific equipment-type parts of the EN 1176 series; hence they are not assessed for compliance with EN 1176 series and are subject to a general safety assessment).

The owner/operator is responsible for the overall safety of the equipment and area.

The inspector will not undertake any of the following works unless specifically agreed in writing at the time of order:

Checking the depth and underlying structural integrity of any surface areas and/or carrying out any testing of the impact attenuating properties of any surfaces; the identification of any corrosion, rot or other deterioration in any apparatus or equipment other than by an external inspection; the inspection of any equipment (or part thereof) that is beneath the playing surface (loose-fill materials may be moved to expose foundations); tightening any bolts, hinges or other fixing devices on any apparatus or equipment; assessing or inspecting any electrical installations contained on any site and/or apparatus and/or equipment; assessing or inspecting any water supplies and/or water features and/or any associated computerised systems (including carrying out any programming); where planting or trees are mentioned in the report no assessments of toxicity, suitability or condition are undertaken – the owner/operator should have suitable inspections provided by a competent person.

The owner/operator should have a ‘design risk assessment’ provided by the manufacturer/designer of the area for the equipment and location in which the facility is installed.

The operator is responsible for managing risks of their provision and is required by law to carry out a ‘suitable and sufficient assessment’ of the risks associated with a site or activity. This inspection shall be considered as contributing to the operator's discharge of this responsibility.

The details contained within the report are a snapshot of the condition at the time of inspection only and subsequent events may affect the condition of the facility. Suggested remedial actions are based on the knowledge and experience of the inspector and/or that of the inspection company. The owner/operator should always seek the advice of the manufacturer or a competent person when undertaking repairs and/or modifications to equipment.

**Responsibility of the Owner/Operator** The owner/operator has overall responsibility for the safety, management, and ongoing maintenance of the play equipment and surrounding area. This includes ensuring that equipment is appropriately installed, inspected, maintained, repaired, and managed in accordance with the relevant standards, manufacturer guidance, and applicable legislation

Inspections undertaken by RPII Annual Inspectors contribute to the owner/operator’s discharge of these responsibilities but do not replace the requirement for the owner/operator to carry out suitable and sufficient risk assessments, routine monitoring, and maintenance, or to act on identified defects and recommendations. Responsibility for initiating or undertaking any actions arising from this report rests solely with the Client.

The operator is responsible for following the guidance of the relevant standards. The standards give guidance on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of the various types of facilities. The inspection guidance is listed in Table 1, with an indication of which parts will be included in an RPII Annual or Post-Installation Inspection. The relevant standards also contain additional parts which the operator should follow.

| <b>Inspection recommendations of relevant standards</b><br><b>Inclusion or exclusion within this table does not imply an exhaustive assessment; all inspections and checks are subject to the limitations described within this methodology. Refer to relevant standards for full text</b> | <b>Annual Main</b> | <b>RPII Annual/<br/>Post<br/>Installation<br/>Inspection</b> |
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| 6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of equipment (see note 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ✓                  | ✓ [1]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of foundations (see note 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | ✓                  | ✓ [1]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of playing surfaces (see note 2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | ✓                  | ✓ [2]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Compliance with the relevant parts of the standard and or risk assessment (see note 3)                                                                                                                                                                                              | ✓                  | ✓ [3]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Effects of weather                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ✓                  | ✓                                                            |
| 6.1 d) Presence of rot, decay or corrosion (see note 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ✓                  | ✓ [1]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Assessment of repairs made or added or replaced components (see note 4)                                                                                                                                                                                                             | ✓                  | ✓ [4]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Excavation or dismantling/additional measures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ✓                  | ✗                                                            |
| 6.2.1 Assessment of glass reinforced plastics (see note 5)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ✓                  | ✓ [5]                                                        |
| 6.2.1 Inspection of one post equipment (see note 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | ✓                  | ✓ [1]                                                        |
| 6.2.4 Undertaking the Operators inspection protocol                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | ✓                  | ✗                                                            |

NB: The clause numbers in table 1 are taken from BS EN 1176 - Part 7:2020. The content is equally applicable to all other relevant standards listed herein. Playgrounds contain a range of equipment from different manufacturers and installed over a number of years; operators should implement any guidance provided by the manufacturer. Item specific detail is not readily available to RPII Playground Inspectors, whose report contributes to the operator's overall inspection responsibilities as detailed in the relevant standards. RPII Annual Inspectors may, where readily available, refer to manufacturer installation instructions for general context, but do not check against these in full on any item as inspections are focused on compliance with relevant standards and maintenance defects; the responsibility for ensuring that installation instructions are adhered to lies with the owner and the installer.

[1] A manual test only is undertaken for stability. Wear and instability are only detectable where readily apparent without dismantling or destruction and without the use of tools, excavation or specialist equipment. Rot and corrosion are tested or with a hammer and/or steel rod. Decay in timber may exist which can only be found with specialist equipment.

[2] Only the visible condition and dimensional compliance of surface extent is considered. Neither testing of impact attenuating properties nor measurement of the thickness of bound surfaces are undertaken on RPII annual inspections.

[3] The inspection assesses compliance where this can be tested on site using manual methods without dismantling, destruction and without the use of tools or specialist equipment.

[4] The operator should use manufacturer's recommended parts, or equivalent. We are unable to verify if such parts have been used, and any subsequent change in quality or performance.

[5] Visible glass fibres will be noted in reports. The operator is responsible for repairs or replacement.

# Risk Assessment Matrix

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   | Scores in the report are multiplication factors of Likelihood x Severity |                                                                          |                                                               |                                                                    |                                                                |                                                                      |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   | Severity>>                                                               |                                                                          |                                                               |                                                                    |                                                                |                                                                      |
| Likelihood                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Very High probability, if the situation is not addressed an accident is almost certain. | 5 | Very High                                                                | VL (5)                                                                   | L (10)                                                        | M (15)                                                             | H (20)                                                         | VH (25)                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | High probability an accident is probable without any added factor.                      | 4 | High                                                                     | VL (4)                                                                   | L (8)                                                         | M (12)                                                             | H (16)                                                         | H (20)                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Moderate probability an incident is foreseeable.                                        | 3 | Moderate                                                                 | VL (3)                                                                   | L (6)                                                         | L (9)                                                              | M (12)                                                         | M (15)                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Some probability, requires a combination of factors to take place.                      | 2 | Low                                                                      | VL (2)                                                                   | VL (4)                                                        | L (6)                                                              | L (8)                                                          | L (10)                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | No significant probability; lightning strike, freak accident.                           | 1 | Very Low                                                                 | VL (1)                                                                   | VL (2)                                                        | VL (3)                                                             | VL (4)                                                         | VL (5)                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          | Very Low                                                                 | Low                                                           | Moderate                                                           | High                                                           | Very High                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          | 1                                                                        | 2                                                             | 3                                                                  | 4                                                              | 5                                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          | No injury likely e.g. damaged or soiled clothing, minor bruising, grazes | Minor injury, laceration or bruising requiring first aid only | Injury requiring medical intervention e.g. cuts requiring stitches | Serious injury including concussions or fracture of long bones | Severe injury involving a potential life changing injury or fatality |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          | Severity>>                                                               |                                                               |                                                                    |                                                                |                                                                      |
| <p>Note 1: The total risk scores included within our reports are a multiplication factor of the calculated Likelihood and Severity of each finding. Both Likelihood and Severity are given a number between 1 - 5 as shown on the matrix above and these two numbers are then multiplied together to give the total risk score that is shown against defects on the report. Total risk scores can be divided in both directions, i.e. a total risk score of 12 could be a Likelihood (3) x Severity (4) or Likelihood (4) x Severity (3).</p> <p>Note 2: When we inspect we only see a snapshot of the current condition of the equipment. It is the operators responsibility to ensure that there is a continuing level of maintenance to keep the equipment in good working order and the site fit for use.</p> |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          |                                                                          |                                                               |                                                                    |                                                                |                                                                      |

## Equipment has been assessed to the following standards where relevant:

BS EN 1176 Parts 1-11 (Playground equipment and surfacing)  
 BS EN 14974 (Facilities for users of roller sports equipment)  
 BS EN 15312 (Free access multi-sports equipment)  
 BS EN 16899 (Parkour Equipment)  
 BS EN 16630 (Outdoor Fitness Equipment).

## Chandlers Way Play Area

Inspection Ref: 2993339  
Property Ref: 1264128-423088

Site Ref: 81413  
Service Object Ref:

Inspected: 26-February-2026 - 11:30 by Robert Baldock (RPII Annual Inspector)

Risk Assessment: 9 Low Risk

**Location:**

The site is partially overlooked by properties in the local community

**Disabled Access:**

Some accessible features - The area includes limited accessible elements; however, aspects of the layout, surfacing, or equipment may present barriers to use for some people with disabilities without reasonable adjustments or assistance.

## 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator  
**Surface Type:** N/A  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 1



### Finding 1

The depth of the loose fill surfacing is lower than the recommended depth specified in BS EN 1176; the free height of fall of the equipment is less than 2.0m and a minimum of 300mm depth should be provided (including an extra 100mm to allow for compaction and displacement as per BS EN 1176 Part 1 - Table 4) - Top up loose fill surfacing to recommended levels

## 4 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Playground Sign  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** N/A  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 1



### Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

## 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Gate - Pedestrian  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Tarmac  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 4



### Finding 1

A number of fixing(s) have worked loose - Secure all loose fixings

### Finding 3

The gate is closing too quickly (less than 4 seconds) - Take corrective action to ensure that the gate closes in 4-8 seconds from 90 degrees

### Finding 2

There are areas or parts of the timber on the structure that have rotted - Replace all affected timbers

### Finding 4

There are openings that are less than 12mm that could trap or crush fingers - Provide a 12mm gap throughout full range of motion at both sides of gate

## 9 - Low Risk

**Item:** Fencing - Timber  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 4



### Finding 1

There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

### Finding 3

There are projecting nail ends present - Remove and provide more appropriate fixings if required

### Finding 2

A number of posts have rotted at ground level - Replace all affected timber

### Finding 4

The fence is severely damaged in places - Repair or replace all affected sections

#### 4 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Hedge  
**Manufacturer:** Natural Feature  
**Surface Type:** Soil  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 1



##### **Finding 1**

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

#### 9 - Low Risk

**Item:** Litter Bin  
**Manufacturer:** Glasdon  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 3



##### **Finding 1**

The item has been severely damaged - Repair or replace the item / affected part

##### **Finding 3**

The adjacent foliage is overhanging - Cut back and maintain

##### **Finding 2**

The lid or door of the litter bin is not secured - Ensure the lid or door is kept locked

## 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** 1 Bay Mixed Seat, 1 Cradle, 1 Flat  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Woodchip  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 10



### Finding 1

The seat clearance from finished surface level to the underside of the seat is too low and does not meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 2 (350mm minimum clearance required) - Adjust seat height/s (400mm-500mm is recommended)

### Finding 3

The seats are too close to each other as defined in BS EN 1176 Part 2; this is a low risk failure and no remedial action is required - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

### Finding 5

There is some notable evidence of chain wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

### Finding 7

The swing seat connectors have some wear present - Monitor for further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

### Finding 9

There is some wear to the shackles. - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

### Finding 2

The seat/s is / are too close to the frame as defined in BS EN 1176 Part 2 - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

### Finding 4

The fixings have corroded excessively - Replace all corroded fixings

### Finding 6

The chain openings are in excess of the 8.6mm as recommended by BS EN 1176 - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

### Finding 8

The bush / bushes is / are worn or missing - Replace worn or missing bushes

### Finding 10

The seat has minor damage or wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

## 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Dylan Group Ltd  
**Surface Type:** Woodchip  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 2



### Finding 1

The slide runout is inclined at more than the 10 degrees recommended by BS EN 1176 Part 3 for a Type 1 slide - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

### Finding 2

The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process. Timber splits may also create rough / splintering edges. - Monitor, sand down any rough edges and ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability

## 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Play Panel  
**Manufacturer:** Dylan Group Ltd  
**Surface Type:** Woodchip  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** No

**Total Findings:** 1



### Finding 1

A spring board has been used as the seat and the play panel forms a hard object within the falling space of the board - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

#### 4 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Crawling Tunnel  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 1



#### Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

## Findings information

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** The depth of the loose fill surfacing is lower than the recommended depth specified in BS EN 1176; the free height of fall of the equipment is less than 2.0m and a minimum of 300mm depth should be provided (including an extra 100mm to allow for compaction and displacement as per BS EN 1176 Part 1 - Table 4)

**Action:** Top up loose fill surfacing to recommended levels

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Pedestrian  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** A number of fixing(s) have worked loose

**Action:** Secure all loose fixings

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Pedestrian  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** There are areas or parts of the timber on the structure that have rotted

**Action:** Replace all affected timbers

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Pedestrian  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** The gate is closing too quickly (less than 4 seconds)

**Action:** Take corrective action to ensure that the gate closes in 4-8 seconds from 90 degrees

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Pedestrian  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** There are openings that are less than 12mm that could trap or crush fingers

**Action:** Provide a 12mm gap throughout full range of motion at both sides of gate

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Fences - Fencing - Timber  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process

**Action:** Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Fences - Fencing - Timber  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** A number of posts have rotted at ground level

**Action:** Replace all affected timber

**i** 9 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Fences - Fencing - Timber  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There are projecting nail ends present

**Action:** Remove and provide more appropriate fixings if required

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Fences - Fencing - Timber  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The fence is severely damaged in places

**Action:** Repair or replace all affected sections

**i** 9 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Litter Bin  
**Manufacturer:** Glasdon

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The item has been severely damaged

**Action:** Repair or replace the item / affected part

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Litter Bin  
**Manufacturer:** Glasdon

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The lid or door of the litter bin is not secured

**Action:** Ensure the lid or door is kept locked

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Litter Bin  
**Manufacturer:** Glasdon

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The adjacent foliage is overhanging

**Action:** Cut back and maintain

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay Mixed Seat, 1 Cradle, 1 Flat  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Woodchip



**Finding:** The seat clearance from finished surface level to the underside of the seat is too low and does not meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 2 (350mm minimum clearance required)

**Action:** Adjust seat height/s (400mm-500mm is recommended)

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay Mixed Seat, 1 Cradle, 1 Flat  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Woodchip



**Finding:** The seat/s is / are too close to the frame as defined in BS EN 1176 Part 2

**Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay Mixed Seat, 1 Cradle, 1 Flat  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Woodchip



**Finding:** The seats are too close to each other as defined in BS EN 1176 Part 2; this is a low risk failure and no remedial action is required  
**Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay Mixed Seat, 1 Cradle, 1 Flat  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Woodchip



**Finding:** The fixings have corroded excessively  
**Action:** Replace all corroded fixings

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay Mixed Seat, 1 Cradle, 1 Flat  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Woodchip



**Finding:** There is some notable evidence of chain wear

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

### 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 6)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay Mixed Seat, 1 Cradle, 1 Flat  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Woodchip



**Finding:** The chain openings are in excess of the 8.6mm as recommended by BS EN 1176

**Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 7)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay Mixed Seat, 1 Cradle, 1 Flat  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Woodchip



**Finding:** The swing seat connectors have some wear present

**Action:** Monitor for further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 8)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay Mixed Seat, 1 Cradle, 1 Flat  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Woodchip



**Finding:** The bush / bushes is / are worn or missing

**Action:** Replace worn or missing bushes

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 9)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay Mixed Seat, 1 Cradle, 1 Flat  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Woodchip



**Finding:** There is some wear to the shackles.

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 10)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay Mixed Seat, 1 Cradle, 1 Flat  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Woodchip



**Finding:** The seat has minor damage or wear

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Dylan Group Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Woodchip



**Finding:** The slide runout is inclined at more than the 10 degrees recommended by BS EN 1176 Part 3 for a Type 1 slide

**Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Dylan Group Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Woodchip



**Finding:** The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process. Timber splits may also create rough / splintering edges.

**Action:** Monitor, sand down any rough edges and ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Play Panel  
**Manufacturer:** Dylan Group Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Woodchip



**Finding:** A spring board has been used as the seat and the play panel forms a hard object within the falling space of the board

**Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment



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## Annual Inspection

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## Inspection Scope for RPII Annual Inspectors

This document outlines the RPII scope for inspections undertaken by the Inspectors listed as Indoor and Outdoor Annual Inspectors (where relevant) on the RPII Register of Inspectors when undertaking inspections.

Inspections are undertaken with reference to the standards listed in this preamble only; where no date for the standard is given it will be the standard that is current at the time of inspection except where overlap periods are granted by the standards committee when standards are updated. The information contained in reports is provided to assist the owner/operator in fulfilling their responsibilities as detailed in the relevant standard. Other standards referenced within the listed standards do not form part of the inspection, unless they are also explicitly listed here.

For the avoidance of doubt, references to compliance relate only to those aspects that can be assessed visually or manually, within the limitations of a non-dismantling, non-destructive inspection, and without the use of specialist equipment.

The following standards define the technical framework within which inspections are carried out; not all requirements within these standards can be verified during an inspection. The following standards are relevant to all installations of equipment that are publicly accessible to users; this includes public parks, pay and play parks, schools, nurseries, public houses, holiday parks, indoor play centres, farm parks etc. All equipment used or employed in publicly accessible areas should meet with the requirements of the relevant standards (listed below):

BS EN 1176 Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 & 11 Playground equipment intended for permanent installation outdoors & indoors.

BS EN 1176 Part 7 - 'Guidance on Installation, Inspection, Maintenance and Operation' (this document gives guidance to the owners/operators of the facility on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of playground equipment, excluding ancillary items).

In the United Kingdom the National Foreword forms an important part to the understanding and implementation of the recommendations set out in this document. It clarifies the application of the document within the UK as best practice guidance, as the document has been used since its initial publication. Therefore, in the UK this standard (BS EN 1176 – Part 7) contains no requirements and needs to be read and implemented as guidance, with the use of the term 'shall' therefore becoming a recommendation, as in the term 'should'.

Domestic play equipment falls outside of the scope of BS EN 1176 and has its own standards (BS EN 71 series – Safety of Toys). Where domestic equipment can be identified this will be acknowledged in the report; any comments will be made using the principles of BS EN 1176 as guidance only, rather than as a formal assessment of compliance.

When water play items, including spray parks, are inspected any comments concerning compliance within the inspection will refer to EN 1176. We have not assessed these against the requirements of EN 17232 (Water play equipment and features).

Other equipment that is not clearly identified as unsupervised or domestic (natural play, self-build equipment etc.) will be assessed for compliance with the relevant standard listed below:

- BS EN 15312** Free access multi-sports equipment
- BS EN 14974** Skateparks
- BS EN 16630** Permanently installed outdoor fitness equipment
- BS EN 16899** Parkour equipment (plus RPII/API guidance notes)

Annual and Post Installation inspections will take into consideration compliance with these current standards, and defects related to wear and vandalism. Items not listed in the report have not been included in the inspection. The inspection will cover the playground equipment and the active area (that area which is obviously part of the playground), nominally up to three metres around, the fence line if closer, or other areas as agreed.

Operational inspections only take into consideration defects related to cleanliness, equipment ground clearances, ground surface finishes, exposed foundations, sharp edges, missing parts, excessive wear (of moving parts) structural integrity, wear and vandalism. Routine visual inspections relate only to the most obvious defects such as broken or missing parts, litter, vandalism and issues created by severe weather conditions (the intention is to identify hazards created by storm damage).

All inspections are non-dismantling, non-destructive and do not include any structural, toxicology or impact assessments defined in the standard; however, the inspector will undertake a basic manual stability check appropriate to a visual

inspection and if equipment fails under manual load, or any other hazard is identified as an unacceptable risk, the owner/operator will be notified as soon as practicably possible.

The inspector will access all reasonably accessible equipment and will assess all reasonably accessible parts above the standing surface. For the purposes of this inspection, “reasonably accessible” means accessible without the use of specialist access equipment, tools, or unsafe working practices. Where it is not possible to access parts of the equipment without employing an alternative means of access the report will record the action required by the owner/operator to ensure the continued safe use of the equipment.

Ancillary equipment will be assessed using the inspector’s knowledge and experience of the standards named in this document. (Note: Ancillary items are not included in the specific equipment-type parts of the EN 1176 series; hence they are not assessed for compliance with EN 1176 series and are subject to a general safety assessment).

The owner/operator is responsible for the overall safety of the equipment and area.

The inspector will not undertake any of the following works unless specifically agreed in writing at the time of order:

Checking the depth and underlying structural integrity of any surface areas and/or carrying out any testing of the impact attenuating properties of any surfaces; the identification of any corrosion, rot or other deterioration in any apparatus or equipment other than by an external inspection; the inspection of any equipment (or part thereof) that is beneath the playing surface (loose-fill materials may be moved to expose foundations); tightening any bolts, hinges or other fixing devices on any apparatus or equipment; assessing or inspecting any electrical installations contained on any site and/or apparatus and/or equipment; assessing or inspecting any water supplies and/or water features and/or any associated computerised systems (including carrying out any programming); where planting or trees are mentioned in the report no assessments of toxicity, suitability or condition are undertaken – the owner/operator should have suitable inspections provided by a competent person.

The owner/operator should have a ‘design risk assessment’ provided by the manufacturer/designer of the area for the equipment and location in which the facility is installed.

The operator is responsible for managing risks of their provision and is required by law to carry out a ‘suitable and sufficient assessment’ of the risks associated with a site or activity. This inspection shall be considered as contributing to the operator's discharge of this responsibility.

The details contained within the report are a snapshot of the condition at the time of inspection only and subsequent events may affect the condition of the facility. Suggested remedial actions are based on the knowledge and experience of the inspector and/or that of the inspection company. The owner/operator should always seek the advice of the manufacturer or a competent person when undertaking repairs and/or modifications to equipment.

**Responsibility of the Owner/Operator** The owner/operator has overall responsibility for the safety, management, and ongoing maintenance of the play equipment and surrounding area. This includes ensuring that equipment is appropriately installed, inspected, maintained, repaired, and managed in accordance with the relevant standards, manufacturer guidance, and applicable legislation

Inspections undertaken by RPII Annual Inspectors contribute to the owner/operator’s discharge of these responsibilities but do not replace the requirement for the owner/operator to carry out suitable and sufficient risk assessments, routine monitoring, and maintenance, or to act on identified defects and recommendations. Responsibility for initiating or undertaking any actions arising from this report rests solely with the Client.

The operator is responsible for following the guidance of the relevant standards. The standards give guidance on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of the various types of facilities. The inspection guidance is listed in Table 1, with an indication of which parts will be included in an RPII Annual or Post-Installation Inspection. The relevant standards also contain additional parts which the operator should follow.

| <b>Inspection recommendations of relevant standards</b><br><b>Inclusion or exclusion within this table does not imply an exhaustive assessment; all inspections and checks are subject to the limitations described within this methodology. Refer to relevant standards for full text</b> | <b>Annual Main</b> | <b>RPII Annual/<br/>Post<br/>Installation<br/>Inspection</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of equipment (see note 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ✓                  | ✓ [1]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of foundations (see note 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | ✓                  | ✓ [1]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of playing surfaces (see note 2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | ✓                  | ✓ [2]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Compliance with the relevant parts of the standard and or risk assessment (see note 3)                                                                                                                                                                                              | ✓                  | ✓ [3]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Effects of weather                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ✓                  | ✓                                                            |
| 6.1 d) Presence of rot, decay or corrosion (see note 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ✓                  | ✓ [1]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Assessment of repairs made or added or replaced components (see note 4)                                                                                                                                                                                                             | ✓                  | ✓ [4]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Excavation or dismantling/additional measures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ✓                  | ✗                                                            |
| 6.2.1 Assessment of glass reinforced plastics (see note 5)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ✓                  | ✓ [5]                                                        |
| 6.2.1 Inspection of one post equipment (see note 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | ✓                  | ✓ [1]                                                        |
| 6.2.4 Undertaking the Operators inspection protocol                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | ✓                  | ✗                                                            |

NB: The clause numbers in table 1 are taken from BS EN 1176 - Part 7:2020. The content is equally applicable to all other relevant standards listed herein. Playgrounds contain a range of equipment from different manufacturers and installed over a number of years; operators should implement any guidance provided by the manufacturer. Item specific detail is not readily available to RPII Playground Inspectors, whose report contributes to the operator's overall inspection responsibilities as detailed in the relevant standards. RPII Annual Inspectors may, where readily available, refer to manufacturer installation instructions for general context, but do not check against these in full on any item as inspections are focused on compliance with relevant standards and maintenance defects; the responsibility for ensuring that installation instructions are adhered to lies with the owner and the installer.

[1] A manual test only is undertaken for stability. Wear and instability are only detectable where readily apparent without dismantling or destruction and without the use of tools, excavation or specialist equipment. Rot and corrosion are tested or with a hammer and/or steel rod. Decay in timber may exist which can only be found with specialist equipment.

[2] Only the visible condition and dimensional compliance of surface extent is considered. Neither testing of impact attenuating properties nor measurement of the thickness of bound surfaces are undertaken on RPII annual inspections.

[3] The inspection assesses compliance where this can be tested on site using manual methods without dismantling, destruction and without the use of tools or specialist equipment.

[4] The operator should use manufacturer's recommended parts, or equivalent. We are unable to verify if such parts have been used, and any subsequent change in quality or performance.

[5] Visible glass fibres will be noted in reports. The operator is responsible for repairs or replacement.

# Risk Assessment Matrix

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   | Scores in the report are multiplication factors of Likelihood x Severity |                                                                          |                                                               |                                                                    |                                                                |                                                                      |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   | Severity>>                                                               |                                                                          |                                                               |                                                                    |                                                                |                                                                      |
| Likelihood                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Very High probability, if the situation is not addressed an accident is almost certain. | 5 | Very High                                                                | VL (5)                                                                   | L (10)                                                        | M (15)                                                             | H (20)                                                         | VH (25)                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | High probability an accident is probable without any added factor.                      | 4 | High                                                                     | VL (4)                                                                   | L (8)                                                         | M (12)                                                             | H (16)                                                         | H (20)                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Moderate probability an incident is foreseeable.                                        | 3 | Moderate                                                                 | VL (3)                                                                   | L (6)                                                         | L (9)                                                              | M (12)                                                         | M (15)                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Some probability, requires a combination of factors to take place.                      | 2 | Low                                                                      | VL (2)                                                                   | VL (4)                                                        | L (6)                                                              | L (8)                                                          | L (10)                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | No significant probability; lightning strike, freak accident.                           | 1 | Very Low                                                                 | VL (1)                                                                   | VL (2)                                                        | VL (3)                                                             | VL (4)                                                         | VL (5)                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          | Very Low                                                                 | Low                                                           | Moderate                                                           | High                                                           | Very High                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          | 1                                                                        | 2                                                             | 3                                                                  | 4                                                              | 5                                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          | No injury likely e.g. damaged or soiled clothing, minor bruising, grazes | Minor injury, laceration or bruising requiring first aid only | Injury requiring medical intervention e.g. cuts requiring stitches | Serious injury including concussions or fracture of long bones | Severe injury involving a potential life changing injury or fatality |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          | Severity>>                                                               |                                                               |                                                                    |                                                                |                                                                      |
| <p>Note 1: The total risk scores included within our reports are a multiplication factor of the calculated Likelihood and Severity of each finding. Both Likelihood and Severity are given a number between 1 - 5 as shown on the matrix above and these two numbers are then multiplied together to give the total risk score that is shown against defects on the report. Total risk scores can be divided in both directions, i.e. a total risk score of 12 could be a Likelihood (3) x Severity (4) or Likelihood (4) x Severity (3).</p> <p>Note 2: When we inspect we only see a snapshot of the current condition of the equipment. It is the operators responsibility to ensure that there is a continuing level of maintenance to keep the equipment in good working order and the site fit for use.</p> |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          |                                                                          |                                                               |                                                                    |                                                                |                                                                      |

## Equipment has been assessed to the following standards where relevant:

BS EN 1176 Parts 1-11 (Playground equipment and surfacing)  
BS EN 14974 (Facilities for users of roller sports equipment)  
BS EN 15312 (Free access multi-sports equipment)  
BS EN 16899 (Parkour Equipment)  
BS EN 16630 (Outdoor Fitness Equipment).

## Abbey Road Play Area

Inspection Ref: 2993336  
Property Ref: 1264128-423088

Site Ref: 81410  
Service Object Ref:

Inspected: 26-February-2026 - 09:36 by Robert Baldock (RPII Annual Inspector)

Risk Assessment: 10 Low Risk

**Location:**

The site is partially overlooked by properties in the local community

**Disabled Access:**

Some accessible features - The area includes limited accessible elements; however, aspects of the layout, surfacing, or equipment may present barriers to use for some people with disabilities without reasonable adjustments or assistance.

### 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator  
**Surface Type:** N/A  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 3



#### Finding 1

There are trip hazards at the edges of the surface - Remove trip hazard

#### Finding 3

The tiles can easily be lifted or are lifting along the edges of the area - Lift and re-glue tiles to secure

#### Finding 2

There is algae, silt or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions - Clean and treat appropriately

### 4 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Playground Sign  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** N/A  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 1



#### Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

### 9 - Low Risk

**Item:** Gate - Self Closing  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Tarmac  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 5



#### Finding 1

There is some evidence of rot in the timber - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

#### Finding 2

The gate is closing too quickly (less than 4 seconds) - Take corrective action to ensure that the gate closes in 4-8 seconds from 90 degrees

#### Finding 3

The mesh is damaged and there are sharp wire strands protruding - Repair or replace

#### Finding 4

There are areas or parts of the timber on the structure that have rotted - Replace all affected timbers

#### Finding 5

The item is slightly loose in its foundations - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

### 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Fence - Timber & Mesh Infill  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 4



#### Finding 1

There is some evidence of rot in the timber - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

#### Finding 2

There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

#### Finding 3

The item has been damaged - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

#### Finding 4

There are projecting bolt thread(s) present - Remove excess thread length and deburr or provide cap

## 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Bench  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Bitmac  
**Item Quantity:** 2  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 1



### Finding 1

The timber stain is in poor condition - Prepare all affected parts and re-stain with an appropriate preservative

## 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Rubber Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 4



### Finding 1

The item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.2 head and neck entrapment in the barriers and/or steps - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

### Finding 2

There are areas or parts of the timber on the barriers that have rotted - Replace all affected timbers

### Finding 3

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint

### Finding 4

The item has missing component(s) - Consider replacing missing components

## 10 - Low Risk

**Item:** 1 Bay 1 Seat (Cradle) - Type 1  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Rubber Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 4



### Finding 1

The seat has minor damage or wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### Finding 3

The chain openings are in excess of the 8.6mm as recommended by BS EN 1176 - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

### Finding 2

The chain links are worn excessively and require renewing - Replace worn chains

### Finding 4

Crucifix or T connectors should have at least two complete chain links through the connector to meet with the manufacturers recommendations - Rectify installation to ensure at least two complete links are through the connectors

## Findings information

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** There are trip hazards at the edges of the surface **Action:** Remove trip hazard

**i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)**

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** There is algae, silt or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions

**Action:** Clean and treat appropriately

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** The tiles can easily be lifted or are lifting along the edges of the area  
**Action:** Lift and re-glue tiles to secure

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Self Closing  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** There is some evidence of rot in the timber  
**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Self Closing  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** The gate is closing too quickly (less than 4 seconds)

**Action:** Take corrective action to ensure that the gate closes in 4-8 seconds from 90 degrees

**i** 9 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Self Closing  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** The mesh is damaged and there are sharp wire strands protruding

**Action:** Repair or replace

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Self Closing  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** There are areas or parts of the timber on the structure that have rotted

**Action:** Replace all affected timbers

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Self Closing  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** The item is slightly loose in its foundations

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Fences - Fence - Timber & Mesh Infill  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There is some evidence of rot in the timber

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Fences - Fence - Timber & Mesh Infill  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process

**Action:** Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Fences - Fence - Timber & Mesh Infill  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The item has been damaged

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Fences - Fence - Timber & Mesh Infill  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There are projecting bolt thread(s) present

**Action:** Remove excess thread length and deburr or provide cap

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Bench  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Bitmac



**Finding:** The timber stain is in poor condition

**Action:** Prepare all affected parts and re-stain with an appropriate preservative

**i** 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Rubber Tiles



**Finding:** The item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.2 head and neck entrapment in the barriers and/or steps

**Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Rubber Tiles



**Finding:** There are areas or parts of the timber on the barriers that have rotted

**Action:** Replace all affected timbers

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Rubber Tiles



**Finding:** The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding

**Action:** Treat affected areas and repaint

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Rubber Tiles



**Finding:** The item has missing component(s)

**Action:** Consider replacing missing components

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 1 Seat (Cradle) - Type 1  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Rubber Tiles



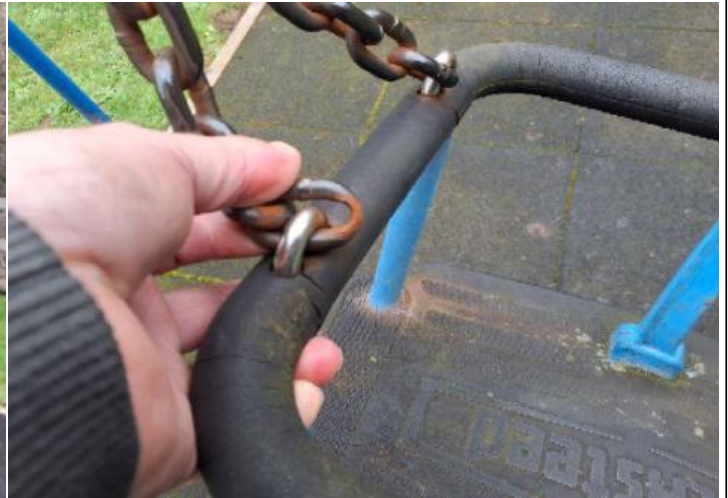
**Finding:** The seat has minor damage or wear

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**i** 10 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 1 Seat (Cradle) - Type 1  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Rubber Tiles



**Finding:** The chain links are worn excessively and require renewing

**Action:** Replace worn chains

**i** 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 1 Seat (Cradle) - Type 1  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Rubber Tiles



**Finding:** The chain openings are in excess of the 8.6mm as recommended by BS EN 1176

**Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 1 Seat (Cradle) - Type 1  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Rubber Tiles



**Finding:** Crucifix or T connectors should have at least two complete chain links through the connector to meet with the manufacturers recommendations

**Action:** Rectify installation to ensure at least two complete links are through the connectors



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## Annual Inspection

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## Inspection Scope for RPII Annual Inspectors

This document outlines the RPII scope for inspections undertaken by the Inspectors listed as Indoor and Outdoor Annual Inspectors (where relevant) on the RPII Register of Inspectors when undertaking inspections.

Inspections are undertaken with reference to the standards listed in this preamble only; where no date for the standard is given it will be the standard that is current at the time of inspection except where overlap periods are granted by the standards committee when standards are updated. The information contained in reports is provided to assist the owner/operator in fulfilling their responsibilities as detailed in the relevant standard. Other standards referenced within the listed standards do not form part of the inspection, unless they are also explicitly listed here.

For the avoidance of doubt, references to compliance relate only to those aspects that can be assessed visually or manually, within the limitations of a non-dismantling, non-destructive inspection, and without the use of specialist equipment.

The following standards define the technical framework within which inspections are carried out; not all requirements within these standards can be verified during an inspection. The following standards are relevant to all installations of equipment that are publicly accessible to users; this includes public parks, pay and play parks, schools, nurseries, public houses, holiday parks, indoor play centres, farm parks etc. All equipment used or employed in publicly accessible areas should meet with the requirements of the relevant standards (listed below):

BS EN 1176 Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 & 11 Playground equipment intended for permanent installation outdoors & indoors.

BS EN 1176 Part 7 - 'Guidance on Installation, Inspection, Maintenance and Operation' (this document gives guidance to the owners/operators of the facility on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of playground equipment, excluding ancillary items).

In the United Kingdom the National Foreword forms an important part to the understanding and implementation of the recommendations set out in this document. It clarifies the application of the document within the UK as best practice guidance, as the document has been used since its initial publication. Therefore, in the UK this standard (BS EN 1176 – Part 7) contains no requirements and needs to be read and implemented as guidance, with the use of the term 'shall' therefore becoming a recommendation, as in the term 'should'.

Domestic play equipment falls outside of the scope of BS EN 1176 and has its own standards (BS EN 71 series – Safety of Toys). Where domestic equipment can be identified this will be acknowledged in the report; any comments will be made using the principles of BS EN 1176 as guidance only, rather than as a formal assessment of compliance.

When water play items, including spray parks, are inspected any comments concerning compliance within the inspection will refer to EN 1176. We have not assessed these against the requirements of EN 17232 (Water play equipment and features).

Other equipment that is not clearly identified as unsupervised or domestic (natural play, self-build equipment etc.) will be assessed for compliance with the relevant standard listed below:

**BS EN 15312** Free access multi-sports equipment

**BS EN 14974** Skateparks

**BS EN 16630** Permanently installed outdoor fitness equipment

**BS EN 16899** Parkour equipment (plus RPII/API guidance notes)

Annual and Post Installation inspections will take into consideration compliance with these current standards, and defects related to wear and vandalism. Items not listed in the report have not been included in the inspection. The inspection will cover the playground equipment and the active area (that area which is obviously part of the playground), nominally up to three metres around, the fence line if closer, or other areas as agreed.

Operational inspections only take into consideration defects related to cleanliness, equipment ground clearances, ground surface finishes, exposed foundations, sharp edges, missing parts, excessive wear (of moving parts) structural integrity, wear and vandalism. Routine visual inspections relate only to the most obvious defects such as broken or missing parts, litter, vandalism and issues created by severe weather conditions (the intention is to identify hazards created by storm damage).

All inspections are non-dismantling, non-destructive and do not include any structural, toxicology or impact assessments defined in the standard; however, the inspector will undertake a basic manual stability check appropriate to a visual

inspection and if equipment fails under manual load, or any other hazard is identified as an unacceptable risk, the owner/operator will be notified as soon as practicably possible.

The inspector will access all reasonably accessible equipment and will assess all reasonably accessible parts above the standing surface. For the purposes of this inspection, “reasonably accessible” means accessible without the use of specialist access equipment, tools, or unsafe working practices. Where it is not possible to access parts of the equipment without employing an alternative means of access the report will record the action required by the owner/operator to ensure the continued safe use of the equipment.

Ancillary equipment will be assessed using the inspector’s knowledge and experience of the standards named in this document. (Note: Ancillary items are not included in the specific equipment-type parts of the EN 1176 series; hence they are not assessed for compliance with EN 1176 series and are subject to a general safety assessment).

The owner/operator is responsible for the overall safety of the equipment and area.

The inspector will not undertake any of the following works unless specifically agreed in writing at the time of order:

Checking the depth and underlying structural integrity of any surface areas and/or carrying out any testing of the impact attenuating properties of any surfaces; the identification of any corrosion, rot or other deterioration in any apparatus or equipment other than by an external inspection; the inspection of any equipment (or part thereof) that is beneath the playing surface (loose-fill materials may be moved to expose foundations); tightening any bolts, hinges or other fixing devices on any apparatus or equipment; assessing or inspecting any electrical installations contained on any site and/or apparatus and/or equipment; assessing or inspecting any water supplies and/or water features and/or any associated computerised systems (including carrying out any programming); where planting or trees are mentioned in the report no assessments of toxicity, suitability or condition are undertaken – the owner/operator should have suitable inspections provided by a competent person.

The owner/operator should have a ‘design risk assessment’ provided by the manufacturer/designer of the area for the equipment and location in which the facility is installed.

The operator is responsible for managing risks of their provision and is required by law to carry out a ‘suitable and sufficient assessment’ of the risks associated with a site or activity. This inspection shall be considered as contributing to the operator's discharge of this responsibility.

The details contained within the report are a snapshot of the condition at the time of inspection only and subsequent events may affect the condition of the facility. Suggested remedial actions are based on the knowledge and experience of the inspector and/or that of the inspection company. The owner/operator should always seek the advice of the manufacturer or a competent person when undertaking repairs and/or modifications to equipment.

**Responsibility of the Owner/Operator** The owner/operator has overall responsibility for the safety, management, and ongoing maintenance of the play equipment and surrounding area. This includes ensuring that equipment is appropriately installed, inspected, maintained, repaired, and managed in accordance with the relevant standards, manufacturer guidance, and applicable legislation

Inspections undertaken by RPII Annual Inspectors contribute to the owner/operator’s discharge of these responsibilities but do not replace the requirement for the owner/operator to carry out suitable and sufficient risk assessments, routine monitoring, and maintenance, or to act on identified defects and recommendations. Responsibility for initiating or undertaking any actions arising from this report rests solely with the Client.

The operator is responsible for following the guidance of the relevant standards. The standards give guidance on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of the various types of facilities. The inspection guidance is listed in Table 1, with an indication of which parts will be included in an RPII Annual or Post-Installation Inspection. The relevant standards also contain additional parts which the operator should follow.

| <b>Inspection recommendations of relevant standards</b><br><b>Inclusion or exclusion within this table does not imply an exhaustive assessment; all inspections and checks are subject to the limitations described within this methodology. Refer to relevant standards for full text</b> | <b>Annual Main</b> | <b>RPII Annual/<br/>Post<br/>Installation<br/>Inspection</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of equipment (see note 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ✓                  | ✓ [1]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of foundations (see note 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | ✓                  | ✓ [1]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of playing surfaces (see note 2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | ✓                  | ✓ [2]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Compliance with the relevant parts of the standard and or risk assessment (see note 3)                                                                                                                                                                                              | ✓                  | ✓ [3]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Effects of weather                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ✓                  | ✓                                                            |
| 6.1 d) Presence of rot, decay or corrosion (see note 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ✓                  | ✓ [1]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Assessment of repairs made or added or replaced components (see note 4)                                                                                                                                                                                                             | ✓                  | ✓ [4]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Excavation or dismantling/additional measures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ✓                  | ✗                                                            |
| 6.2.1 Assessment of glass reinforced plastics (see note 5)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ✓                  | ✓ [5]                                                        |
| 6.2.1 Inspection of one post equipment (see note 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | ✓                  | ✓ [1]                                                        |
| 6.2.4 Undertaking the Operators inspection protocol                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | ✓                  | ✗                                                            |

NB: The clause numbers in table 1 are taken from BS EN 1176 - Part 7:2020. The content is equally applicable to all other relevant standards listed herein. Playgrounds contain a range of equipment from different manufacturers and installed over a number of years; operators should implement any guidance provided by the manufacturer. Item specific detail is not readily available to RPII Playground Inspectors, whose report contributes to the operator's overall inspection responsibilities as detailed in the relevant standards. RPII Annual Inspectors may, where readily available, refer to manufacturer installation instructions for general context, but do not check against these in full on any item as inspections are focused on compliance with relevant standards and maintenance defects; the responsibility for ensuring that installation instructions are adhered to lies with the owner and the installer.

[1] A manual test only is undertaken for stability. Wear and instability are only detectable where readily apparent without dismantling or destruction and without the use of tools, excavation or specialist equipment. Rot and corrosion are tested or with a hammer and/or steel rod. Decay in timber may exist which can only be found with specialist equipment.

[2] Only the visible condition and dimensional compliance of surface extent is considered. Neither testing of impact attenuating properties nor measurement of the thickness of bound surfaces are undertaken on RPII annual inspections.

[3] The inspection assesses compliance where this can be tested on site using manual methods without dismantling, destruction and without the use of tools or specialist equipment.

[4] The operator should use manufacturer's recommended parts, or equivalent. We are unable to verify if such parts have been used, and any subsequent change in quality or performance.

[5] Visible glass fibres will be noted in reports. The operator is responsible for repairs or replacement.

# Risk Assessment Matrix

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                         |   | Scores in the report are multiplication factors of Likelihood x Severity |                                                                          |                                                               |                                                                    |                                                                |                                                                      |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                         |   | Severity>>                                                               |                                                                          |                                                               |                                                                    |                                                                |                                                                      |
| Likelihood                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Very High probability, if the situation is not addressed an accident is almost certain. | 5 | Very High                                                                | VL (5)                                                                   | L (10)                                                        | M (15)                                                             | H (20)                                                         | VH (25)                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | High probability an accident is probable without any added factor.                      | 4 | High                                                                     | VL (4)                                                                   | L (8)                                                         | M (12)                                                             | H (16)                                                         | H (20)                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Moderate probability an incident is foreseeable.                                        | 3 | Moderate                                                                 | VL (3)                                                                   | L (6)                                                         | L (9)                                                              | M (12)                                                         | M (15)                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Some probability, requires a combination of factors to take place.                      | 2 | Low                                                                      | VL (2)                                                                   | VL (4)                                                        | L (6)                                                              | L (8)                                                          | L (10)                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | No significant probability; lightning strike, freak accident.                           | 1 | Very Low                                                                 | VL (1)                                                                   | VL (2)                                                        | VL (3)                                                             | VL (4)                                                         | VL (5)                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          | Very Low                                                                 | Low                                                           | Moderate                                                           | High                                                           | Very High                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          | 1                                                                        | 2                                                             | 3                                                                  | 4                                                              | 5                                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          | No injury likely e.g. damaged or soiled clothing, minor bruising, grazes | Minor injury, laceration or bruising requiring first aid only | Injury requiring medical intervention e.g. cuts requiring stitches | Serious injury including concussions or fracture of long bones | Severe injury involving a potential life changing injury or fatality |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          | Severity>>                                                               |                                                               |                                                                    |                                                                |                                                                      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          |                                                                          |                                                               |                                                                    |                                                                |                                                                      |
| Note 1: The total risk scores included within our reports are a multiplication factor of the calculated Likelihood and Severity of each finding. Both Likelihood and Severity are given a number between 1 - 5 as shown on the matrix above and these two numbers are then multiplied together to give the total risk score that is shown against defects on the report. Total risk scores can be divided in both directions, i.e. a total risk score of 12 could be a Likelihood (3) x Severity (4) or Likelihood (4) x Severity (3). |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          |                                                                          |                                                               |                                                                    |                                                                |                                                                      |
| Note 2: When we inspect we only see a snapshot of the current condition of the equipment. It is the operators responsibility to ensure that there is a continuing level of maintenance to keep the equipment in good working order and the site fit for use.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          |                                                                          |                                                               |                                                                    |                                                                |                                                                      |

## Equipment has been assessed to the following standards where relevant:

BS EN 1176 Parts 1-11 (Playground equipment and surfacing)  
 BS EN 14974 (Facilities for users of roller sports equipment)  
 BS EN 15312 (Free access multi-sports equipment)  
 BS EN 16899 (Parkour Equipment)  
 BS EN 16630 (Outdoor Fitness Equipment).

## South Ash Play Area

Inspection Ref: 2993335  
Property Ref: 1264128-423088

Site Ref: 81409  
Service Object Ref:

Inspected: 26-February-2026 - 09:16 by Robert Baldock (RPII Annual Inspector)

Risk Assessment: 12 Moderate Risk

**Location:**

The site is partially overlooked by properties in the local community

**Disabled Access:**

Generally accessible - The area provides access to a range of users, including some people with disabilities; however, certain features may require reasonable assistance or adjustment to enable full use.

## 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator  
**Surface Type:** N/A  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 7



### Finding 1

There is algae, silt or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions - Clean and treat appropriately

### Finding 3

There are gaps opening between the surfacing and the edging surround or between the joints in the surfacing - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

### Finding 5

There are trip hazards at the edges of the surface - Remove trip hazard

### Finding 7

There is some tree debris on the surfacing - Remove and maintain

### Finding 2

The safety surface around the area is beginning to wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

### Finding 4

The bitumen surface is worn or damaged - Repair the bitumen to provide a uniform surface

### Finding 6

Parts of the timber edging has rotted - Replace all affected timber

## 4 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Playground Sign  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** N/A  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 1



### Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

### 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Gate - Self Closing  
**Manufacturer:** Steelway/Fensecure  
**Surface Type:** Tarmac  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 3



#### Finding 1

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint

#### Finding 3

There are projecting bolt thread(s) present - Remove excess thread length and deburr or provide cap

#### Finding 2

The gate is closing too quickly (less than 4 seconds) - Take corrective action to ensure that the gate closes in 4-8 seconds from 90 degrees

### 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Fence - Bow Top  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Tarmac  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 4



#### Finding 1

There is some damage to the fence sections - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

#### Finding 3

There are projecting bolt thread(s) present - Remove excess thread length and deburr or provide cap

#### Finding 2

Cable ties are present and there are sharp projecting ends - Remove

#### Finding 4

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint

### 9 - Low Risk

**Item:** Fencing - Timber  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Tarmac  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 2



#### Finding 1

A number of posts have rotted at ground level - Replace all affected timber

#### Finding 2

There are projecting nail ends present - Remove and provide more appropriate fixings if required

### 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Litter Bin  
**Manufacturer:** Glasdon  
**Surface Type:** Concrete  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 1



#### Finding 1

The item is slightly loose in its foundations - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

#### 4 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Bench  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Bitmac  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 1



##### Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

#### 12 - Moderate Risk

**Item:** 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** No

**Total Findings:** 6



##### Finding 1

The seat has minor damage or wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

##### Finding 3

The chain openings are in excess of the 8.6mm as recommended by BS EN 1176 - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

##### Finding 5

The seat/s is / are too close to the frame as defined in BS EN 1176 Part 2 - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

##### Finding 2

There is some notable evidence of chain wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

##### Finding 4

The bushes are worn or missing and the shackles and crossbar lugs are severely worn - Replace crossbar and all worn / missing components

##### Finding 6

The surfacing width under the seat/s is / are less than 875mm when measured from the centre of the seat outwards, and fail the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 2 - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

## 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 3



### Finding 1

The end of the slide runout does not turn down into the ground with a radius of at least 50mm or reverse at an angle of at least 100 degrees in contravention of the recommendations of BS EN 1176 for a Type 1 slide - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

### Finding 3

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint

### Finding 2

The surface is lifting at the edges and creating trip points - Repair perimeter of surfacing to remove trip points

## Findings information

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** There is algae, silt or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions  
**Action:** Clean and treat appropriately

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** The safety surface around the area is beginning to wear

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** There are gaps opening between the surfacing and the edging surround or between the joints in the surfacing  
**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 4)**

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** The bitumen surface is worn or damaged

**Action:** Repair the bitumen to provide a uniform surface

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** There are trip hazards at the edges of the surface **Action:** Remove trip hazard

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 6)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** Parts of the timber edging has rotted **Action:** Replace all affected timber

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 7)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** There is some tree debris on the surfacing

**Action:** Remove and maintain

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Self Closing  
**Manufacturer:** Steelway/Fensecure

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding

**Action:** Treat affected areas and repaint

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Self Closing  
**Manufacturer:** Steelway/Fensecure

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** The gate is closing too quickly (less than 4 seconds)

**Action:** Take corrective action to ensure that the gate closes in 4-8 seconds from 90 degrees

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Self Closing  
**Manufacturer:** Steelway/Fensecure

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** There are projecting bolt thread(s) present

**Action:** Remove excess thread length and deburr or provide cap

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Fences - Fence - Bow Top  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** There is some damage to the fence sections

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Fences - Fence - Bow Top  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** Cable ties are present and there are sharp projecting ends

**Action:** Remove

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Fences - Fence - Bow Top  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** There are projecting bolt thread(s) present

**Action:** Remove excess thread length and deburr or provide cap

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Fences - Fence - Bow Top  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding

**Action:** Treat affected areas and repaint

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Fences - Fencing - Timber  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** A number of posts have rotted at ground level

**Action:** Replace all affected timber

**i** 9 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Fences - Fencing - Timber  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Tarmac



**Finding:** There are projecting nail ends present

**Action:** Remove and provide more appropriate fixings if required

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Litter Bin  
**Manufacturer:** Glasdon

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Concrete



**Finding:** The item is slightly loose in its foundations

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The seat has minor damage or wear

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is some notable evidence of chain wear

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

**i** 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The chain openings are in excess of the 8.6mm as recommended by BS EN 1176 **Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

**!** 12 - Moderate Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** M - Moderate Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The bushes are worn or missing and the shackles and crossbar lugs are severely worn

**Action:** Replace crossbar and all worn / missing components

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The seat/s is / are too close to the frame as defined in BS EN 1176 Part 2

**Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

### 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 6)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The surfacing width under the seat/s is / are less than 875mm when measured from the centre of the seat outwards, and fail the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 2

**Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

**i** 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The end of the slide runout does not turn down into the ground with a radius of at least 50mm or reverse at an angle of at least 100 degrees in contravention of the recommendations of BS EN 1176 for a Type 1 slide  
**Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The surface is lifting at the edges and creating trip points  
**Action:** Repair perimeter of surfacing to remove trip points

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding

**Action:** Treat affected areas and repaint



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## Inspection Scope for RPII Annual Inspectors

This document outlines the RPII scope for inspections undertaken by the Inspectors listed as Indoor and Outdoor Annual Inspectors (where relevant) on the RPII Register of Inspectors when undertaking inspections.

Inspections are undertaken with reference to the standards listed in this preamble only; where no date for the standard is given it will be the standard that is current at the time of inspection except where overlap periods are granted by the standards committee when standards are updated. The information contained in reports is provided to assist the owner/operator in fulfilling their responsibilities as detailed in the relevant standard. Other standards referenced within the listed standards do not form part of the inspection, unless they are also explicitly listed here.

For the avoidance of doubt, references to compliance relate only to those aspects that can be assessed visually or manually, within the limitations of a non-dismantling, non-destructive inspection, and without the use of specialist equipment.

The following standards define the technical framework within which inspections are carried out; not all requirements within these standards can be verified during an inspection. The following standards are relevant to all installations of equipment that are publicly accessible to users; this includes public parks, pay and play parks, schools, nurseries, public houses, holiday parks, indoor play centres, farm parks etc. All equipment used or employed in publicly accessible areas should meet with the requirements of the relevant standards (listed below):

BS EN 1176 Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 & 11 Playground equipment intended for permanent installation outdoors & indoors.

BS EN 1176 Part 7 - 'Guidance on Installation, Inspection, Maintenance and Operation' (this document gives guidance to the owners/operators of the facility on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of playground equipment, excluding ancillary items).

In the United Kingdom the National Foreword forms an important part to the understanding and implementation of the recommendations set out in this document. It clarifies the application of the document within the UK as best practice guidance, as the document has been used since its initial publication. Therefore, in the UK this standard (BS EN 1176 – Part 7) contains no requirements and needs to be read and implemented as guidance, with the use of the term 'shall' therefore becoming a recommendation, as in the term 'should'.

Domestic play equipment falls outside of the scope of BS EN 1176 and has its own standards (BS EN 71 series – Safety of Toys). Where domestic equipment can be identified this will be acknowledged in the report; any comments will be made using the principles of BS EN 1176 as guidance only, rather than as a formal assessment of compliance.

When water play items, including spray parks, are inspected any comments concerning compliance within the inspection will refer to EN 1176. We have not assessed these against the requirements of EN 17232 (Water play equipment and features).

Other equipment that is not clearly identified as unsupervised or domestic (natural play, self-build equipment etc.) will be assessed for compliance with the relevant standard listed below:

- BS EN 15312** Free access multi-sports equipment
- BS EN 14974** Skateparks
- BS EN 16630** Permanently installed outdoor fitness equipment
- BS EN 16899** Parkour equipment (plus RPII/API guidance notes)

Annual and Post Installation inspections will take into consideration compliance with these current standards, and defects related to wear and vandalism. Items not listed in the report have not been included in the inspection. The inspection will cover the playground equipment and the active area (that area which is obviously part of the playground), nominally up to three metres around, the fence line if closer, or other areas as agreed.

Operational inspections only take into consideration defects related to cleanliness, equipment ground clearances, ground surface finishes, exposed foundations, sharp edges, missing parts, excessive wear (of moving parts) structural integrity, wear and vandalism. Routine visual inspections relate only to the most obvious defects such as broken or missing parts, litter, vandalism and issues created by severe weather conditions (the intention is to identify hazards created by storm damage).

All inspections are non-dismantling, non-destructive and do not include any structural, toxicology or impact assessments defined in the standard; however, the inspector will undertake a basic manual stability check appropriate to a visual

inspection and if equipment fails under manual load, or any other hazard is identified as an unacceptable risk, the owner/operator will be notified as soon as practicably possible.

The inspector will access all reasonably accessible equipment and will assess all reasonably accessible parts above the standing surface. For the purposes of this inspection, “reasonably accessible” means accessible without the use of specialist access equipment, tools, or unsafe working practices. Where it is not possible to access parts of the equipment without employing an alternative means of access the report will record the action required by the owner/operator to ensure the continued safe use of the equipment.

Ancillary equipment will be assessed using the inspector’s knowledge and experience of the standards named in this document. (Note: Ancillary items are not included in the specific equipment-type parts of the EN 1176 series; hence they are not assessed for compliance with EN 1176 series and are subject to a general safety assessment).

The owner/operator is responsible for the overall safety of the equipment and area.

The inspector will not undertake any of the following works unless specifically agreed in writing at the time of order:

Checking the depth and underlying structural integrity of any surface areas and/or carrying out any testing of the impact attenuating properties of any surfaces; the identification of any corrosion, rot or other deterioration in any apparatus or equipment other than by an external inspection; the inspection of any equipment (or part thereof) that is beneath the playing surface (loose-fill materials may be moved to expose foundations); tightening any bolts, hinges or other fixing devices on any apparatus or equipment; assessing or inspecting any electrical installations contained on any site and/or apparatus and/or equipment; assessing or inspecting any water supplies and/or water features and/or any associated computerised systems (including carrying out any programming); where planting or trees are mentioned in the report no assessments of toxicity, suitability or condition are undertaken – the owner/operator should have suitable inspections provided by a competent person.

The owner/operator should have a ‘design risk assessment’ provided by the manufacturer/designer of the area for the equipment and location in which the facility is installed.

The operator is responsible for managing risks of their provision and is required by law to carry out a ‘suitable and sufficient assessment’ of the risks associated with a site or activity. This inspection shall be considered as contributing to the operator's discharge of this responsibility.

The details contained within the report are a snapshot of the condition at the time of inspection only and subsequent events may affect the condition of the facility. Suggested remedial actions are based on the knowledge and experience of the inspector and/or that of the inspection company. The owner/operator should always seek the advice of the manufacturer or a competent person when undertaking repairs and/or modifications to equipment.

**Responsibility of the Owner/Operator** The owner/operator has overall responsibility for the safety, management, and ongoing maintenance of the play equipment and surrounding area. This includes ensuring that equipment is appropriately installed, inspected, maintained, repaired, and managed in accordance with the relevant standards, manufacturer guidance, and applicable legislation

Inspections undertaken by RPII Annual Inspectors contribute to the owner/operator’s discharge of these responsibilities but do not replace the requirement for the owner/operator to carry out suitable and sufficient risk assessments, routine monitoring, and maintenance, or to act on identified defects and recommendations. Responsibility for initiating or undertaking any actions arising from this report rests solely with the Client.

The operator is responsible for following the guidance of the relevant standards. The standards give guidance on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of the various types of facilities. The inspection guidance is listed in Table 1, with an indication of which parts will be included in an RPII Annual or Post-Installation Inspection. The relevant standards also contain additional parts which the operator should follow.

| <b>Inspection recommendations of relevant standards</b><br><b>Inclusion or exclusion within this table does not imply an exhaustive assessment; all inspections and checks are subject to the limitations described within this methodology. Refer to relevant standards for full text</b> | <b>Annual Main</b> | <b>RPII Annual/<br/>Post<br/>Installation<br/>Inspection</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of equipment (see note 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ✓                  | ✓ [1]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of foundations (see note 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | ✓                  | ✓ [1]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of playing surfaces (see note 2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | ✓                  | ✓ [2]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Compliance with the relevant parts of the standard and or risk assessment (see note 3)                                                                                                                                                                                              | ✓                  | ✓ [3]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Effects of weather                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ✓                  | ✓                                                            |
| 6.1 d) Presence of rot, decay or corrosion (see note 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ✓                  | ✓ [1]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Assessment of repairs made or added or replaced components (see note 4)                                                                                                                                                                                                             | ✓                  | ✓ [4]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Excavation or dismantling/additional measures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ✓                  | ✗                                                            |
| 6.2.1 Assessment of glass reinforced plastics (see note 5)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ✓                  | ✓ [5]                                                        |
| 6.2.1 Inspection of one post equipment (see note 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | ✓                  | ✓ [1]                                                        |
| 6.2.4 Undertaking the Operators inspection protocol                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | ✓                  | ✗                                                            |

NB: The clause numbers in table 1 are taken from BS EN 1176 - Part 7:2020. The content is equally applicable to all other relevant standards listed herein. Playgrounds contain a range of equipment from different manufacturers and installed over a number of years; operators should implement any guidance provided by the manufacturer. Item specific detail is not readily available to RPII Playground Inspectors, whose report contributes to the operator's overall inspection responsibilities as detailed in the relevant standards. RPII Annual Inspectors may, where readily available, refer to manufacturer installation instructions for general context, but do not check against these in full on any item as inspections are focused on compliance with relevant standards and maintenance defects; the responsibility for ensuring that installation instructions are adhered to lies with the owner and the installer.

[1] A manual test only is undertaken for stability. Wear and instability are only detectable where readily apparent without dismantling or destruction and without the use of tools, excavation or specialist equipment. Rot and corrosion are tested or with a hammer and/or steel rod. Decay in timber may exist which can only be found with specialist equipment.

[2] Only the visible condition and dimensional compliance of surface extent is considered. Neither testing of impact attenuating properties nor measurement of the thickness of bound surfaces are undertaken on RPII annual inspections.

[3] The inspection assesses compliance where this can be tested on site using manual methods without dismantling, destruction and without the use of tools or specialist equipment.

[4] The operator should use manufacturer's recommended parts, or equivalent. We are unable to verify if such parts have been used, and any subsequent change in quality or performance.

[5] Visible glass fibres will be noted in reports. The operator is responsible for repairs or replacement.

# Risk Assessment Matrix

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   | Scores in the report are multiplication factors of Likelihood x Severity |                                                                          |                                                               |                                                                    |                                                                |                                                                      |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   | Severity>>                                                               |                                                                          |                                                               |                                                                    |                                                                |                                                                      |
| Likelihood                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Very High probability, if the situation is not addressed an accident is almost certain. | 5 | Very High                                                                | VL (5)                                                                   | L (10)                                                        | M (15)                                                             | H (20)                                                         | VH (25)                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | High probability an accident is probable without any added factor.                      | 4 | High                                                                     | VL (4)                                                                   | L (8)                                                         | M (12)                                                             | H (16)                                                         | H (20)                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Moderate probability an incident is foreseeable.                                        | 3 | Moderate                                                                 | VL (3)                                                                   | L (6)                                                         | L (9)                                                              | M (12)                                                         | M (15)                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Some probability, requires a combination of factors to take place.                      | 2 | Low                                                                      | VL (2)                                                                   | VL (4)                                                        | L (6)                                                              | L (8)                                                          | L (10)                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | No significant probability; lightning strike, freak accident.                           | 1 | Very Low                                                                 | VL (1)                                                                   | VL (2)                                                        | VL (3)                                                             | VL (4)                                                         | VL (5)                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          | Very Low                                                                 | Low                                                           | Moderate                                                           | High                                                           | Very High                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          | 1                                                                        | 2                                                             | 3                                                                  | 4                                                              | 5                                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          | No injury likely e.g. damaged or soiled clothing, minor bruising, grazes | Minor injury, laceration or bruising requiring first aid only | Injury requiring medical intervention e.g. cuts requiring stitches | Serious injury including concussions or fracture of long bones | Severe injury involving a potential life changing injury or fatality |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          | Severity>>                                                               |                                                               |                                                                    |                                                                |                                                                      |
| <p>Note 1: The total risk scores included within our reports are a multiplication factor of the calculated Likelihood and Severity of each finding. Both Likelihood and Severity are given a number between 1 - 5 as shown on the matrix above and these two numbers are then multiplied together to give the total risk score that is shown against defects on the report. Total risk scores can be divided in both directions, i.e. a total risk score of 12 could be a Likelihood (3) x Severity (4) or Likelihood (4) x Severity (3).</p> <p>Note 2: When we inspect we only see a snapshot of the current condition of the equipment. It is the operators responsibility to ensure that there is a continuing level of maintenance to keep the equipment in good working order and the site fit for use.</p> |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          |                                                                          |                                                               |                                                                    |                                                                |                                                                      |

## Equipment has been assessed to the following standards where relevant:

BS EN 1176 Parts 1-11 (Playground equipment and surfacing)  
 BS EN 14974 (Facilities for users of roller sports equipment)  
 BS EN 15312 (Free access multi-sports equipment)  
 BS EN 16899 (Parkour Equipment)  
 BS EN 16630 (Outdoor Fitness Equipment).

## Norman's Way

Inspection Ref: 2993334  
Property Ref: 1264128-423088

Site Ref: 92787  
Service Object Ref:

Inspected: 26-February-2026 - 09:07 by Robert Baldock (RPII Annual Inspector)

Risk Assessment: 8 Low Risk

**Location:**

The site is partially overlooked by properties in the local community

**Disabled Access:**

Some accessible features - The area includes limited accessible elements; however, aspects of the layout, surfacing, or equipment may present barriers to use for some people with disabilities without reasonable adjustments or assistance.

### 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Sign  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** N/A  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 1



#### Finding 1

There are projecting bolt thread(s) present - Remove excess thread length and deburr or provide cap

### 5 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Gate - Pedestrian  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Bitmac  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 1



#### Finding 1

The gate is missing from the site - Replace as required

### 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Fence - Chainlink  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Bitmac  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 2



#### Finding 1

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint

#### Finding 2

The fence is severely damaged in places - Repair or replace all affected sections

### 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Basketball Goal  
**Manufacturer:** Sure Shot  
**Surface Type:** Bitmac  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 3



#### Finding 1

There is some tree debris on the surfacing - Remove and maintain

#### Finding 2

There is moderate damage to the surface - Repair the damaged areas of surfacing

#### Finding 3

There is algae, silt or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions - Clean and treat appropriately

## Findings information

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Sign  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** There are projecting bolt thread(s) present

**Action:** Remove excess thread length and deburr or provide cap

### 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Pedestrian  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Bitmac



**Finding:** The gate is missing from the site

**Action:** Replace as required

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Fences - Fence - Chainlink  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Bitmac



**Finding:** The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding

**Action:** Treat affected areas and repaint

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Fences - Fence - Chainlink  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Bitmac



**Finding:** The fence is severely damaged in places

**Action:** Repair or replace all affected sections

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Multi Use Games Area - Basketball Goal  
**Manufacturer:** Sure Shot

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Bitmac



**Finding:** There is some tree debris on the surfacing

**Action:** Remove and maintain

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Multi Use Games Area - Basketball Goal  
**Manufacturer:** Sure Shot

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Bitmac



**Finding:** There is moderate damage to the surface

**Action:** Repair the damaged areas of surfacing

**i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)**

**Item:** Multi Use Games Area - Basketball Goal  
**Manufacturer:** Sure Shot

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Bitmac



**Finding:** There is algae, silt or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions

**Action:** Clean and treat appropriately



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## Inspection Scope for RPII Annual Inspectors

This document outlines the RPII scope for inspections undertaken by the Inspectors listed as Indoor and Outdoor Annual Inspectors (where relevant) on the RPII Register of Inspectors when undertaking inspections.

Inspections are undertaken with reference to the standards listed in this preamble only; where no date for the standard is given it will be the standard that is current at the time of inspection except where overlap periods are granted by the standards committee when standards are updated. The information contained in reports is provided to assist the owner/operator in fulfilling their responsibilities as detailed in the relevant standard. Other standards referenced within the listed standards do not form part of the inspection, unless they are also explicitly listed here.

For the avoidance of doubt, references to compliance relate only to those aspects that can be assessed visually or manually, within the limitations of a non-dismantling, non-destructive inspection, and without the use of specialist equipment.

The following standards define the technical framework within which inspections are carried out; not all requirements within these standards can be verified during an inspection. The following standards are relevant to all installations of equipment that are publicly accessible to users; this includes public parks, pay and play parks, schools, nurseries, public houses, holiday parks, indoor play centres, farm parks etc. All equipment used or employed in publicly accessible areas should meet with the requirements of the relevant standards (listed below):

BS EN 1176 Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 & 11 Playground equipment intended for permanent installation outdoors & indoors.

BS EN 1176 Part 7 - 'Guidance on Installation, Inspection, Maintenance and Operation' (this document gives guidance to the owners/operators of the facility on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of playground equipment, excluding ancillary items).

In the United Kingdom the National Foreword forms an important part to the understanding and implementation of the recommendations set out in this document. It clarifies the application of the document within the UK as best practice guidance, as the document has been used since its initial publication. Therefore, in the UK this standard (BS EN 1176 – Part 7) contains no requirements and needs to be read and implemented as guidance, with the use of the term 'shall' therefore becoming a recommendation, as in the term 'should'.

Domestic play equipment falls outside of the scope of BS EN 1176 and has its own standards (BS EN 71 series – Safety of Toys). Where domestic equipment can be identified this will be acknowledged in the report; any comments will be made using the principles of BS EN 1176 as guidance only, rather than as a formal assessment of compliance.

When water play items, including spray parks, are inspected any comments concerning compliance within the inspection will refer to EN 1176. We have not assessed these against the requirements of EN 17232 (Water play equipment and features).

Other equipment that is not clearly identified as unsupervised or domestic (natural play, self-build equipment etc.) will be assessed for compliance with the relevant standard listed below:

- BS EN 15312** Free access multi-sports equipment
- BS EN 14974** Skateparks
- BS EN 16630** Permanently installed outdoor fitness equipment
- BS EN 16899** Parkour equipment (plus RPII/API guidance notes)

Annual and Post Installation inspections will take into consideration compliance with these current standards, and defects related to wear and vandalism. Items not listed in the report have not been included in the inspection. The inspection will cover the playground equipment and the active area (that area which is obviously part of the playground), nominally up to three metres around, the fence line if closer, or other areas as agreed.

Operational inspections only take into consideration defects related to cleanliness, equipment ground clearances, ground surface finishes, exposed foundations, sharp edges, missing parts, excessive wear (of moving parts) structural integrity, wear and vandalism. Routine visual inspections relate only to the most obvious defects such as broken or missing parts, litter, vandalism and issues created by severe weather conditions (the intention is to identify hazards created by storm damage).

All inspections are non-dismantling, non-destructive and do not include any structural, toxicology or impact assessments defined in the standard; however, the inspector will undertake a basic manual stability check appropriate to a visual

inspection and if equipment fails under manual load, or any other hazard is identified as an unacceptable risk, the owner/operator will be notified as soon as practicably possible.

The inspector will access all reasonably accessible equipment and will assess all reasonably accessible parts above the standing surface. For the purposes of this inspection, “reasonably accessible” means accessible without the use of specialist access equipment, tools, or unsafe working practices. Where it is not possible to access parts of the equipment without employing an alternative means of access the report will record the action required by the owner/operator to ensure the continued safe use of the equipment.

Ancillary equipment will be assessed using the inspector’s knowledge and experience of the standards named in this document. (Note: Ancillary items are not included in the specific equipment-type parts of the EN 1176 series; hence they are not assessed for compliance with EN 1176 series and are subject to a general safety assessment).

The owner/operator is responsible for the overall safety of the equipment and area.

The inspector will not undertake any of the following works unless specifically agreed in writing at the time of order:

Checking the depth and underlying structural integrity of any surface areas and/or carrying out any testing of the impact attenuating properties of any surfaces; the identification of any corrosion, rot or other deterioration in any apparatus or equipment other than by an external inspection; the inspection of any equipment (or part thereof) that is beneath the playing surface (loose-fill materials may be moved to expose foundations); tightening any bolts, hinges or other fixing devices on any apparatus or equipment; assessing or inspecting any electrical installations contained on any site and/or apparatus and/or equipment; assessing or inspecting any water supplies and/or water features and/or any associated computerised systems (including carrying out any programming); where planting or trees are mentioned in the report no assessments of toxicity, suitability or condition are undertaken – the owner/operator should have suitable inspections provided by a competent person.

The owner/operator should have a ‘design risk assessment’ provided by the manufacturer/designer of the area for the equipment and location in which the facility is installed.

The operator is responsible for managing risks of their provision and is required by law to carry out a ‘suitable and sufficient assessment’ of the risks associated with a site or activity. This inspection shall be considered as contributing to the operator's discharge of this responsibility.

The details contained within the report are a snapshot of the condition at the time of inspection only and subsequent events may affect the condition of the facility. Suggested remedial actions are based on the knowledge and experience of the inspector and/or that of the inspection company. The owner/operator should always seek the advice of the manufacturer or a competent person when undertaking repairs and/or modifications to equipment.

**Responsibility of the Owner/Operator** The owner/operator has overall responsibility for the safety, management, and ongoing maintenance of the play equipment and surrounding area. This includes ensuring that equipment is appropriately installed, inspected, maintained, repaired, and managed in accordance with the relevant standards, manufacturer guidance, and applicable legislation

Inspections undertaken by RPII Annual Inspectors contribute to the owner/operator’s discharge of these responsibilities but do not replace the requirement for the owner/operator to carry out suitable and sufficient risk assessments, routine monitoring, and maintenance, or to act on identified defects and recommendations. Responsibility for initiating or undertaking any actions arising from this report rests solely with the Client.

The operator is responsible for following the guidance of the relevant standards. The standards give guidance on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of the various types of facilities. The inspection guidance is listed in Table 1, with an indication of which parts will be included in an RPII Annual or Post-Installation Inspection. The relevant standards also contain additional parts which the operator should follow.

| <b>Inspection recommendations of relevant standards</b><br><b>Inclusion or exclusion within this table does not imply an exhaustive assessment; all inspections and checks are subject to the limitations described within this methodology. Refer to relevant standards for full text</b> | <b>Annual Main</b> | <b>RPII Annual/<br/>Post<br/>Installation<br/>Inspection</b> |
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| 6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of equipment (see note 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ✓                  | ✓ [1]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of foundations (see note 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | ✓                  | ✓ [1]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of playing surfaces (see note 2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | ✓                  | ✓ [2]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Compliance with the relevant parts of the standard and or risk assessment (see note 3)                                                                                                                                                                                              | ✓                  | ✓ [3]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Effects of weather                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ✓                  | ✓                                                            |
| 6.1 d) Presence of rot, decay or corrosion (see note 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ✓                  | ✓ [1]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Assessment of repairs made or added or replaced components (see note 4)                                                                                                                                                                                                             | ✓                  | ✓ [4]                                                        |
| 6.1 d) Excavation or dismantling/additional measures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | ✓                  | ✗                                                            |
| 6.2.1 Assessment of glass reinforced plastics (see note 5)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ✓                  | ✓ [5]                                                        |
| 6.2.1 Inspection of one post equipment (see note 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | ✓                  | ✓ [1]                                                        |
| 6.2.4 Undertaking the Operators inspection protocol                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | ✓                  | ✗                                                            |

NB: The clause numbers in table 1 are taken from BS EN 1176 - Part 7:2020. The content is equally applicable to all other relevant standards listed herein. Playgrounds contain a range of equipment from different manufacturers and installed over a number of years; operators should implement any guidance provided by the manufacturer. Item specific detail is not readily available to RPII Playground Inspectors, whose report contributes to the operator's overall inspection responsibilities as detailed in the relevant standards. RPII Annual Inspectors may, where readily available, refer to manufacturer installation instructions for general context, but do not check against these in full on any item as inspections are focused on compliance with relevant standards and maintenance defects; the responsibility for ensuring that installation instructions are adhered to lies with the owner and the installer.

[1] A manual test only is undertaken for stability. Wear and instability are only detectable where readily apparent without dismantling or destruction and without the use of tools, excavation or specialist equipment. Rot and corrosion are tested or with a hammer and/or steel rod. Decay in timber may exist which can only be found with specialist equipment.

[2] Only the visible condition and dimensional compliance of surface extent is considered. Neither testing of impact attenuating properties nor measurement of the thickness of bound surfaces are undertaken on RPII annual inspections.

[3] The inspection assesses compliance where this can be tested on site using manual methods without dismantling, destruction and without the use of tools or specialist equipment.

[4] The operator should use manufacturer's recommended parts, or equivalent. We are unable to verify if such parts have been used, and any subsequent change in quality or performance.

[5] Visible glass fibres will be noted in reports. The operator is responsible for repairs or replacement.

# Risk Assessment Matrix

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   | Scores in the report are multiplication factors of Likelihood x Severity |                                                                             |                                                               |                                                                       |                                                                |                                                                      |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   | Severity>>                                                               |                                                                             |                                                               |                                                                       |                                                                |                                                                      |
| Likelihood                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Very High probability, if the situation is not addressed an accident is almost certain. | 5 | Very High                                                                | VL (5)                                                                      | L (10)                                                        | M (15)                                                                | H (20)                                                         | VH (25)                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | High probability an accident is probable without any added factor.                      | 4 | High                                                                     | VL (4)                                                                      | L (8)                                                         | M (12)                                                                | H (16)                                                         | H (20)                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Moderate probability an incident is foreseeable.                                        | 3 | Moderate                                                                 | VL (3)                                                                      | L (6)                                                         | L (9)                                                                 | M (12)                                                         | M (15)                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Some probability, requires a combination of factors to take place.                      | 2 | Low                                                                      | VL (2)                                                                      | VL (4)                                                        | L (6)                                                                 | L (8)                                                          | L (10)                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | No significant probability; lightning strike, freak accident.                           | 1 | Very Low                                                                 | VL (1)                                                                      | VL (2)                                                        | VL (3)                                                                | VL (4)                                                         | VL (5)                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          | Very Low                                                                    | Low                                                           | Moderate                                                              | High                                                           | Very High                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          | 1                                                                           | 2                                                             | 3                                                                     | 4                                                              | 5                                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          | No injury likely<br>e.g. damaged or soiled clothing, minor bruising, grazes | Minor injury, laceration or bruising requiring first aid only | Injury requiring medical intervention<br>e.g. cuts requiring stitches | Serious injury including concussions or fracture of long bones | Severe injury involving a potential life changing injury or fatality |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          | Severity>>                                                                  |                                                               |                                                                       |                                                                |                                                                      |
| <p>Note 1: The total risk scores included within our reports are a multiplication factor of the calculated Likelihood and Severity of each finding. Both Likelihood and Severity are given a number between 1 - 5 as shown on the matrix above and these two numbers are then multiplied together to give the total risk score that is shown against defects on the report. Total risk scores can be divided in both directions, i.e. a total risk score of 12 could be a Likelihood (3) x Severity (4) or Likelihood (4) x Severity (3).</p> <p>Note 2: When we inspect we only see a snapshot of the current condition of the equipment. It is the operators responsibility to ensure that there is a continuing level of maintenance to keep the equipment in good working order and the site fit for use.</p> |                                                                                         |   |                                                                          |                                                                             |                                                               |                                                                       |                                                                |                                                                      |

## Equipment has been assessed to the following standards where relevant:

BS EN 1176 Parts 1-11 (Playground equipment and surfacing)  
BS EN 14974 (Facilities for users of roller sports equipment)  
BS EN 15312 (Free access multi-sports equipment)  
BS EN 16899 (Parkour Equipment)  
BS EN 16630 (Outdoor Fitness Equipment).

## Memorial Playing Field Play Area

Inspection Ref: 2993338  
Property Ref: 1264128-423088

Site Ref: 81412  
Service Object Ref:

Inspected: 26-February-2026 - 10:37 by Robert Baldock (RPII Annual Inspector)

Risk Assessment: 10 Low Risk

**Location:**

The site is located in an area of public open space and is not directly overlooked by any properties in the local community.

**Disabled Access:**

Some accessible features - The area includes limited accessible elements; however, aspects of the layout, surfacing, or equipment may present barriers to use for some people with disabilities without reasonable adjustments or assistance.

## 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator  
**Surface Type:** N/A  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 6



### Finding 1

There is algae, silt or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions - Clean and treat appropriately

### Finding 3

The surface is lifting at the edges and creating trip points - Repair perimeter of surfacing to remove trip points

### Finding 5

There is weed / vegetation growth within the surface - Remove weed / vegetation growth

### Finding 2

There is some tree debris on the surfacing - Remove and maintain

### Finding 4

The safety surface around the area is beginning to wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

### Finding 6

The grass mats are silted up and the soil is compacted; this may have an effect on the impact absorbing properties of the surface. Consideration should be given to HIC testing the surface to verify impact attenuating properties ( <https://playinspections.co.uk/inspection-services/safety-surface-testing/> ) - Contact our office for a quotation for this service

## 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Playground Sign  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** N/A  
**Item Quantity:** 2  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 1



### Finding 1

The plywood has delaminated in some places - Remove all rough or splintered edges.

## 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Gate - Self Closing  
**Manufacturer:** I.A.E. Fencing  
**Surface Type:** Soil  
**Item Quantity:** 2  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 5



### Finding 1

The area around the item has eroded and may become slippery - Reinstate eroded area

### Finding 3

There are projecting bolt thread(s) present - Remove excess thread length and deburr or provide cap

### Finding 5

There are trip hazards at the edges of the surface - Remove trip hazard

### Finding 2

The paint is flaking off the metalwork - Rub down and re-paint

### Finding 4

There are openings that are less than 12mm that could trap or crush fingers - Provide a 12mm gap throughout full range of motion at both sides of gate

## 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Fence - Timber & Mesh Infill  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 3



### Finding 1

The fence is severely damaged in places - Repair or replace all affected sections

### Finding 3

There is some evidence of rot in the timber - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### Finding 2

There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

### 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Bench  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 2  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 2



#### Finding 1

The area around the item has eroded and may become slippery - Reinstate eroded area

#### Finding 2

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint

### 4 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Litter Bin  
**Manufacturer:** Glasdon  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 2  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 1



#### Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

## 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Shelter  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 3



### Finding 1

The area around the item has eroded and may become slippery - Reinstate eroded area

### Finding 3

There is/are inserts missing - Replace missing inserts

### Finding 2

There is surface corrosion / rust present on the item - Consider treating the item

## 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Entrance Feature  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 3



### Finding 1

There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

### Finding 3

The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process. Timber splits may also create rough / splintering edges. - Monitor, sand down any rough edges and ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability

### Finding 2

There is some evidence of rot in the timber - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### 10 - Low Risk

**Item:** Boulders  
**Manufacturer:** Natural Feature  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 2



#### Finding 1

The boulder/s is / are unsecured and are small / light enough to be moved around the area or topple - Secure boulder/s in position

#### Finding 2

The rocks and/or boulders have moss/algae growth apparent - Clean and maintain

### 10 - Low Risk

**Item:** Overhead Rotator  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 3



#### Finding 1

There is moderate damage to the surface - Repair the damaged areas of surfacing

#### Finding 2

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint

#### Finding 3

There are significant gaps (over 30mm) between the surface and the edging or between the joints in the surface; these are large enough for a small foot to enter - Repair surfacing

## 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Rotating Net  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 5



### Finding 1

The clearance to the underside is less than 400mm and fails the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 5 - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

### Finding 3

The ropes on this item have been taped and we are unable to fully assess the condition of the rope, ensure no wire strands are broken beneath the tape - Repair or replace as required

### Finding 5

There is some minor damage to the surface - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

### Finding 2

The surface has subsided in some areas - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

### Finding 4

The ropes/nets are worn/damaged in places - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair or replace as required

## 10 - Low Risk

**Item:** Spinning Pole  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** No

**Total Findings:** 4



### Finding 1

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint

### Finding 3

The surface has subsided in some areas - Repair all damaged areas

### Finding 2

There are gaps opening between the grass mat tiles - Provide additional ties or secure / reinstate surface

### Finding 4

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint

## 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Rock n Cross  
**Manufacturer:** Big Toys  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 1



### Finding 1

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint

## 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 10



### Finding 1

There is some notable evidence of chain wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

### Finding 3

The seat has minor damage or wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### Finding 5

Hard fixing pins have been installed in the grass mat tiles within the impact area of the equipment. Grass mat pins should only be installed at the perimeter of the tiles, and outside of any equipment impact areas. NOTE - where grass mat wear pads have been provided and the impact area includes surrounding surfaces, the grass mats should be tucked into the turf, and not pinned - Remove pins from impact areas

### Finding 7

The surface has subsided in some areas - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

### Finding 9

The grass mat surfacing has numerous stones present within the surface and will not perform as intended in relation to Head Injury Criterion testing - Lift mats and ensure stones are removed and ground is suitable prior to re-laying

### Finding 2

The chain openings are in excess of the 8.6mm as recommended by BS EN 1176 - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

### Finding 4

This design of swing joint has been known to fail on the weld connecting the joint to the threaded stud - We would recommend that the joint be dismantled and checked on a regular basis or consulting with manufacturer on whether a Secondary Safety Device can be fitted

### Finding 6

There is some evidence of rot in the timber - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### Finding 8

There is moderate damage to the surface - Repair the damaged areas of surfacing

### Finding 10

There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

## 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 9



### Finding 1

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint

### Finding 3

There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

### Finding 5

There is some evidence of rot in the timber - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### Finding 7

There is/are finger entrapment/s in the frame and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.6 Entrapment of fingers - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

### Finding 9

There is some graffiti present - Remove the graffiti

### Finding 2

There are a number of dents in the slide surface - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

### Finding 4

The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process. Timber splits may also create rough / splintering edges. - Monitor, sand down any rough edges and ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability

### Finding 6

The fixings have corroded excessively - Replace all corroded fixings

### Finding 8

There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment - Clean and treat appropriately

## 10 - Low Risk

**Item:** Basket Swing - Type 1  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 10



### Finding 1

Hard fixing pins have been installed in the grass mat tiles within the impact area of the equipment. Grass mat pins should only be installed at the perimeter of the tiles, and outside of any equipment impact areas. NOTE - where grass mat wear pads have been provided and the impact area includes surrounding surfaces, the grass mats should be tucked into the turf, and not pinned - Remove pins from impact areas

### Finding 3

There are gaps opening between the grass mat tiles - Provide additional ties or secure / reinstate surface

### Finding 5

There is some evidence of rot in the timber - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### Finding 7

There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

### Finding 9

A number of fixing(s) have worked loose - Secure all loose fixings

### Finding 2

The grass mat surfacing has numerous stones present within the surface and will not perform as intended in relation to Head Injury Criterion testing - Lift mats and ensure stones are removed and ground is suitable prior to re-laying

### Finding 4

The seat has been turned over by users, twisting the chains; this will accelerate wear on the fixtures / connections - Release the chains and check for damage

### Finding 6

A number of fixing(s) have worked loose on the crossbar - Secure all loose fixings

### Finding 8

The ropes/nets are worn/damaged in places - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair or replace as required

### Finding 10

There is offensive graffiti present - Remove as soon as practicable

## 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** No

**Total Findings:** 5



### Finding 1

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint

### Finding 2

A number of fixing(s) have worked loose - Secure all loose fixings

### Finding 3

The fence forms a hard object within the falling space of the equipment and there is also insufficient surfacing provided in contravention of BS EN 1176 Part 1 - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

### Finding 4

The item has been damaged - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### Finding 5

Hard fixing pins have been installed in the grass mat tiles within the impact area of the equipment. Grass mat pins should only be installed at the perimeter of the tiles, and outside of any equipment impact areas. NOTE - where grass mat wear pads have been provided and the impact area includes surrounding surfaces, the grass mats should be tucked into the turf, and not pinned - Remove pins from impact areas

## 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Balance Beam  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 1



### Finding 1

There is some evidence of rot in the timber - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

## 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Balance Beam  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 4



### Finding 1

There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment - Clean and treat appropriately

### Finding 3

There are post protectors around the timber posts that are preventing the inspector from thoroughly testing for signs of decay and we are unable to verify the condition of the posts in these locations. NOTE - timber rot / decay is possible even with the post protectors in place - Refer to manufacturer inspection / maintenance recommendations

### Finding 2

There is some evidence of rot in the timber - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### Finding 4

The surface has eroded and the foundations are exposed - Reinstate surrounding surfaces to cover the foundations

## 10 - Low Risk

**Item:** Parallel Bars  
**Manufacturer:** Fawns Recreational Services Ltd  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 2



### Finding 1

There are post protectors around the timber posts that are preventing the inspector from thoroughly testing for signs of decay and we are unable to verify the condition of the posts in these locations. NOTE - timber rot / decay is possible even with the post protectors in place - Refer to manufacturer inspection / maintenance recommendations

### Finding 2

There are areas or parts of the timber on the structure that have rotted - Replace all affected timbers

## 10 - Low Risk

**Item:** Somersault Bars  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 4



### Finding 1

There are post protectors around the timber posts that are preventing the inspector from thoroughly testing for signs of decay and we are unable to verify the condition of the posts in these locations. NOTE - timber rot / decay is possible even with the post protectors in place - Refer to manufacturer inspection / maintenance recommendations

### Finding 3

There are areas or parts of the timber on the structure that have rotted and the remaining timber is showing signs of rot - Replace all rotted timbers

### Finding 2

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint

### Finding 4

There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

## 10 - Low Risk

**Item:** Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)  
**Manufacturer:** Agorespace  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 9



### Finding 1

A clearly visible facility sign should be provided in a prominent position with the wording as detailed BS EN 15312- the equipment is not intended for children less than 3 years old- the warning - Do not climb on the framework or nets- the warning - Do not hang on the ring (if provided)- the warning - Do not wear rings or other jewellery- name and telephone number of the administrator- number to call in case of accident - Provide signage to BS EN 15312

### Finding 2

The item is loose in its foundations - Reinstall item to secure

### Finding 3

There is some graffiti present - Remove the graffiti

### Finding 4

There is some evidence of fire damage to the surfacing - Repair all damaged areas

### Finding 5

The paint is flaking off the metalwork - Rub down and re-paint

### Finding 6

There is / are post or end caps missing / damaged on the item - Replace missing / damaged post or end caps

### Finding 7

There is/are finger entrapments in the frame due to missing inserts and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 15312 Clause 4.4.2.2 Entrapment of fingers - Replace all missing inserts

### Finding 8

There is or are fixings missing on the item - Replace all missing fixings

### Finding 9

There are trip hazards at the edges of the surface - Remove trip hazard

## Findings information

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** There is algae, silt or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions  
**Action:** Clean and treat appropriately

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** There is some tree debris on the surfacing

**Action:** Remove and maintain

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** The surface is lifting at the edges and creating trip points **Action:** Repair perimeter of surfacing to remove trip points

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** The safety surface around the area is beginning to wear  
**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** There is weed / vegetation growth within the surface

**Action:** Remove weed / vegetation growth

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 6)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** The grass mats are silted up and the soil is compacted; this may have an effect on the impact absorbing properties of the surface. Consideration should be given to HIC testing the surface to verify impact attenuating properties ( <https://playinspections.co.uk/inspection-services/safety-surface-testing/> )

**Action:** Contact our office for a quotation for this service

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Signs - Playground Sign  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** The plywood has delaminated in some places

**Action:** Remove all rough or splintered edges.

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Self Closing  
**Manufacturer:** I.A.E. Fencing

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Soil



**Finding:** The area around the item has eroded and may become slippery

**Action:** Reinstate eroded area

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Self Closing  
**Manufacturer:** I.A.E. Fencing

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Soil



**Finding:** The paint is flaking off the metalwork

**Action:** Rub down and re-paint

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Self Closing  
**Manufacturer:** I.A.E. Fencing

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Soil



**Finding:** There are projecting bolt thread(s) present

**Action:** Remove excess thread length and deburr or provide cap

**i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 4)**

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Self Closing  
**Manufacturer:** I.A.E. Fencing

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Soil



**Finding:** There are openings that are less than 12mm that could trap or crush fingers

**Action:** Provide a 12mm gap throughout full range of motion at both sides of gate

**i 8 - Low Risk (Finding 5)**

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Self Closing  
**Manufacturer:** I.A.E. Fencing

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Soil



**Finding:** There are trip hazards at the edges of the surface

**Action:** Remove trip hazard

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Fences - Fence - Timber & Mesh Infill  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The fence is severely damaged in places

**Action:** Repair or replace all affected sections

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Fences - Fence - Timber & Mesh Infill  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process

**Action:** Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Fences - Fence - Timber & Mesh Infill  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There is some evidence of rot in the timber

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Bench  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The area around the item has eroded and may become slippery

**Action:** Reinstatate eroded area

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Bench  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding

**Action:** Treat affected areas and repaint

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Shelter  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The area around the item has eroded and may become slippery

**Action:** Reinststate eroded area

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Shelter  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There is surface corrosion / rust present on the item

**Action:** Consider treating the item

#### 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Shelter  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There is/are inserts missing

**Action:** Replace missing inserts

#### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Entrance Feature  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process

**Action:** Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Entrance Feature  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There is some evidence of rot in the timber

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Entrance Feature  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process. Timber splits may also create rough / splintering edges.

**Action:** Monitor, sand down any rough edges and ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Other - Boulders  
**Manufacturer:** Natural Feature

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The boulder/s is / are unsecured and are small / light enough to be moved around the area or topple

**Action:** Secure boulder/s in position

**i** 10 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Other - Boulders  
**Manufacturer:** Natural Feature

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The rocks and/or boulders have moss/algae growth apparent

**Action:** Clean and maintain

**i** 10 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Rotor Play - Overhead Rotator  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is moderate damage to the surface

**Action:** Repair the damaged areas of surfacing

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Rotor Play - Overhead Rotator  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding

**Action:** Treat affected areas and repaint

### 9 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Rotor Play - Overhead Rotator  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There are significant gaps (over 30mm) between the surface and the edging or between the joints in the surface; these are large enough for a small foot to enter

**Action:** Repair surfacing

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Rotor Play - Rotating Net  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The clearance to the underside is less than 400mm and fails the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 5

**Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Rotor Play - Rotating Net  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The surface has subsided in some areas

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

### 0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 3)

**Item:** Rotor Play - Rotating Net  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The ropes on this item have been taped and we are unable to fully assess the condition of the rope, ensure no wire strands are broken beneath the tape

**Action:** Repair or replace as required

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Rotor Play - Rotating Net  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The ropes/nets are worn/damaged in places

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair or replace as required

### 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 5)

**Item:** Rotor Play - Rotating Net  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is some minor damage to the surface

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Rotor Play - Spinning Pole  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding

**Action:** Treat affected areas and repaint

### 10 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Rotor Play - Spinning Pole  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There are gaps opening between the grass mat tiles

**Action:** Provide additional ties or secure / reinstate surface

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Rotor Play - Spinning Pole  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The surface has subsided in some areas

**Action:** Repair all damaged areas

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Rotor Play - Spinning Pole  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding

**Action:** Treat affected areas and repaint

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Rocking Equipment - Rock n Cross  
**Manufacturer:** Big Toys

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



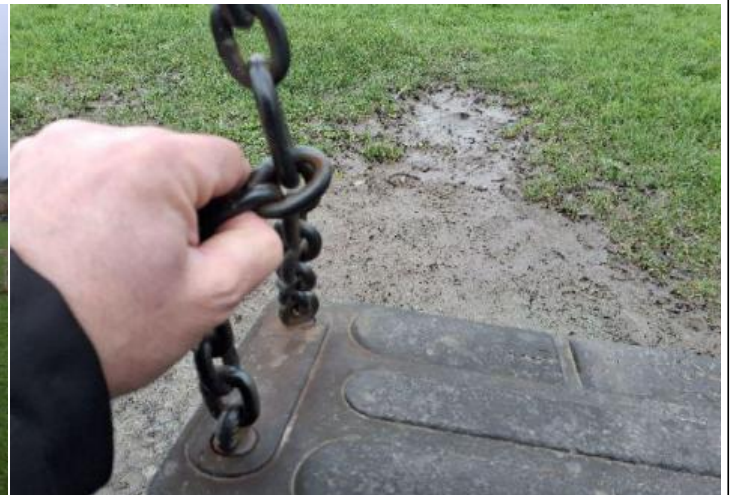
**Finding:** The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding

**Action:** Treat affected areas and repaint

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is some notable evidence of chain wear

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

### 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The chain openings are in excess of the 8.6mm as recommended by BS EN 1176  
**Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The seat has minor damage or wear  
**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**i** 0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 4)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** This design of swing joint has been known to fail on the weld connecting the joint to the threaded stud

**Action:** We would recommend that the joint be dismantled and checked on a regular basis or consulting with manufacturer on whether a Secondary Safety Device can be fitted

**i** 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 5)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** Hard fixing pins have been installed in the grass mat tiles within the impact area of the equipment. Grass mat pins should only be installed at the perimeter of the tiles, and outside of any equipment impact areas. NOTE - where grass mat wear pads have been provided and the impact area includes surrounding surfaces, the grass mats should be tucked into the turf, and not pinned

**Action:** Remove pins from impact areas

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 6)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is some evidence of rot in the timber

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 7)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The surface has subsided in some areas

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 8)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is moderate damage to the surface

**Action:** Repair the damaged areas of surfacing

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 9)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The grass mat surfacing has numerous stones present within the surface and will not perform as intended in relation to Head Injury Criterion testing

**Action:** Lift mats and ensure stones are removed and ground is suitable prior to re-laying

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 10)

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process

**Action:** Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding

**Action:** Treat affected areas and repaint

#### 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There are a number of dents in the slide surface

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

#### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process

**Action:** Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process. Timber splits may also create rough / splintering edges.

**Action:** Monitor, sand down any rough edges and ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is some evidence of rot in the timber

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 6)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The fixings have corroded excessively

**Action:** Replace all corroded fixings

### 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 7)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is/are finger entrapment/s in the frame and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.6 Entrapment of fingers

**Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 8)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment

**Action:** Clean and treat appropriately

**i** 0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 9)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is some graffiti present

**Action:** Remove the graffiti

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Swings - Basket Swing - Type 1  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** Hard fixing pins have been installed in the grass mat tiles within the impact area of the equipment. Grass mat pins should only be installed at the perimeter of the tiles, and outside of any equipment impact areas. NOTE - where grass mat wear pads have been provided and the impact area includes surrounding surfaces, the grass mats should be tucked into the turf, and not pinned

**Action:** Remove pins from impact areas

**i** 10 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Swings - Basket Swing - Type 1  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The grass mat surfacing has numerous stones present within the surface and will not perform as intended in relation to Head Injury Criterion testing

**Action:** Lift mats and ensure stones are removed and ground is suitable prior to re-laying

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Swings - Basket Swing - Type 1  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There are gaps opening between the grass mat tiles

**Action:** Provide additional ties or secure / reinstate surface

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Swings - Basket Swing - Type 1  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The seat has been turned over by users, twisting the chains; this will accelerate wear on the fixtures / connections

**Action:** Release the chains and check for damage

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

**Item:** Swings - Basket Swing - Type 1  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is some evidence of rot in the timber



**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**i** 10 - Low Risk (Finding 6)

**Item:** Swings - Basket Swing - Type 1  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** A number of fixing(s) have worked loose on the crossbar

**Action:** Secure all loose fixings

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 7)

**Item:** Swings - Basket Swing - Type 1  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process

**Action:** Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 8)

**Item:** Swings - Basket Swing - Type 1  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The ropes/nets are worn/damaged in places

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair or replace as required

**i** 10 - Low Risk (Finding 9)

**Item:** Swings - Basket Swing - Type 1  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** A number of fixing(s) have worked loose

**Action:** Secure all loose fixings

**i** 0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 10)

**Item:** Swings - Basket Swing - Type 1  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is offensive graffiti present

**Action:** Remove as soon as practicable

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding

**Action:** Treat affected areas and repaint

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** A number of fixing(s) have worked loose

**Action:** Secure all loose fixings

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The fence forms a hard object within the falling space of the equipment and there is also insufficient surfacing provided in contravention of BS EN 1176 Part 1

**Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The item has been damaged

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**i** 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 5)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** Hard fixing pins have been installed in the grass mat tiles within the impact area of the equipment. Grass mat pins should only be installed at the perimeter of the tiles, and outside of any equipment impact areas. NOTE - where grass mat wear pads have been provided and the impact area includes surrounding surfaces, the grass mats should be tucked into the turf, and not pinned

**Action:** Remove pins from impact areas

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Balance Beam  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There is some evidence of rot in the timber

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Balance Beam  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There is algae or moss on the surface of the equipment

**Action:** Clean and treat appropriately

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Balance Beam  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There is some evidence of rot in the timber

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

### 0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 3)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Balance Beam  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There are post protectors around the timber posts that are preventing the inspector from thoroughly testing for signs of decay and we are unable to verify the condition of the posts in these locations. NOTE - timber rot / decay is possible even with the post protectors in place

**Action:** Refer to manufacturer inspection / maintenance recommendations

### 8 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Balance Beam  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The surface has eroded and the foundations are exposed

**Action:** Reinstate surrounding surfaces to cover the foundations

### 0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 1)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Parallel Bars  
**Manufacturer:** Fawns Recreational Services Ltd

**Risk Level:** N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There are post protectors around the timber posts that are preventing the inspector from thoroughly testing for signs of decay and we are unable to verify the condition of the posts in these locations. NOTE - timber rot / decay is possible even with the post protectors in place

**Action:** Refer to manufacturer inspection / maintenance recommendations

**i** 10 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Parallel Bars  
**Manufacturer:** Fawns Recreational Services Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There are areas or parts of the timber on the structure that have rotted

**Action:** Replace all affected timbers

**i** 0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 1)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Somersault Bars  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There are post protectors around the timber posts that are preventing the inspector from thoroughly testing for signs of decay and we are unable to verify the condition of the posts in these locations. NOTE - timber rot / decay is possible even with the post protectors in place

**Action:** Refer to manufacturer inspection / maintenance recommendations

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Somersault Bars  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding

**Action:** Treat affected areas and repaint

**i** 10 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Somersault Bars  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There are areas or parts of the timber on the structure that have rotted and the remaining timber is showing signs of rot

**Action:** Replace all rotted timbers

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Somersault Bars  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There is some strimmer / machinery damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process

**Action:** Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

**i** 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Multi Use Games Area - Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)  
**Manufacturer:** Agorespace

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



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**Finding:** A clearly visible facility sign should be provided in a prominent position with the wording as detailed BS EN 15312- the equipment is not intended for children less than 3 years old- the warning - Do not climb on the framework or nets- the warning - Do not hang on the ring (if provided)- the warning - Do not wear rings or other jewellery- name and telephone number of the administrator- number to call in case of accident

**Action:** Provide signage to BS EN 15312

**i** 10 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Multi Use Games Area - Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)  
**Manufacturer:** Agorespace

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The item is loose in its foundations

**Action:** Reinstall item to secure

**i** 0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 3)

**Item:** Multi Use Games Area - Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)  
**Manufacturer:** Agorespace  
**Risk Level:** N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is some graffiti present

**Action:** Remove the graffiti

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**Item:** Multi Use Games Area - Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)  
**Manufacturer:** Agorespace  
**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is some evidence of fire damage to the surfacing

**Action:** Repair all damaged areas

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

**Item:** Multi Use Games Area - Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)  
**Manufacturer:** Agorespace  
**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The paint is flaking off the metalwork

**Action:** Rub down and re-paint

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 6)

**Item:** Multi Use Games Area - Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)  
**Manufacturer:** Agorespace  
**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is / are post or end caps missing / damaged on the item

**Action:** Replace missing / damaged post or end caps

**i** 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 7)

**Item:** Multi Use Games Area - Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)  
**Manufacturer:** Agorespace

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is/are finger entrapments in the frame due to missing inserts and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 15312 Clause 4.4.2.2 Entrapment of fingers  
**Action:** Replace all missing inserts

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 8)

**Item:** Multi Use Games Area - Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)  
**Manufacturer:** Agorespace

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is or are fixings missing on the item  
**Action:** Replace all missing fixings

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 9)

**Item:** Multi Use Games Area - Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)  
**Manufacturer:** Agorespace

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk

**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There are trip hazards at the edges of the surface **Action:** Remove trip hazard

*FEBRUARY*

## Detailed Income &amp; Expenditure by Budget Heading 01/03/2026

Month No: 11

## Committee Report

**Amenities Cttee****201 Highways & Lighting**

|                                             | Actual Year<br>To Date | Current<br>Annual Bud | Variance<br>Annual Total | Committed<br>Expenditure | Funds<br>Available | % Spent       | Transfer<br>to/from EMR |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 1001 HDC Cleaning Grant                     | 30,491                 | 30,500                | 9                        |                          |                    | 100.0%        |                         |
| Highways & Lighting :- Income               | <b>30,491</b>          | <b>30,500</b>         | <b>9</b>                 |                          |                    | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>0</b>                |
| 4200 Street Light Energy                    | 1,303                  | 1,800                 | 497                      |                          | 497                | 72.4%         |                         |
| 4201 Street Light Maintenance               | 2,479                  | 2,450                 | (29)                     |                          | (29)               | 101.2%        |                         |
| 4202 Lamp Post Testing                      | 1,500                  | 1,500                 | 0                        |                          | 0                  | 100.0%        |                         |
| 4210 Road Sweeping                          | 23,673                 | 31,900                | 8,227                    |                          | 8,227              | 74.2%         |                         |
| 4211 Town Improvements                      | 1,027                  | 1,500                 | 473                      |                          | 473                | 68.5%         | 333                     |
| 4259 Grit                                   | 0                      | 200                   | 200                      |                          | 200                | 0.0%          |                         |
| 4260 Pressure wash High St                  | 0                      | 120                   | 120                      |                          | 120                | 0.0%          |                         |
| Highways & Lighting :- Indirect Expenditure | <b>29,982</b>          | <b>39,470</b>         | <b>9,488</b>             | <b>0</b>                 | <b>9,488</b>       | <b>76.0%</b>  | <b>333</b>              |
| <b>Net Income over Expenditure</b>          | <b>509</b>             | <b>(8,970)</b>        | <b>(9,479)</b>           |                          |                    |               |                         |
| 6000 plus Transfer from EMR                 | 333                    | 0                     | (333)                    |                          |                    |               |                         |
| <b>Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve</b>       | <b>843</b>             | <b>(8,970)</b>        | <b>(9,813)</b>           |                          |                    |               |                         |

**301 Playing Fields**

|                                        |                 |                 |                |          |              |               |              |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1004 Reimbursed Charges & donations    | 578             | 500             | (78)           |          |              | 115.6%        |              |
| 1014 Memorial Donations                | 1,232           | 1,000           | (232)          |          |              | 123.2%        |              |
| Playing Fields :- Income               | <b>1,810</b>    | <b>1,500</b>    | <b>(310)</b>   |          |              | <b>120.7%</b> | <b>0</b>     |
| 4276 Tree and Hedge Cutting            | 8,500           | 5,000           | (3,500)        |          | (3,500)      | 170.0%        | 3,570        |
| 4300 Grass Cutting                     | 8,440           | 8,250           | (190)          |          | (190)        | 102.3%        |              |
| 4309 Tree Reports & Essential works    | 1,630           | 2,000           | 370            |          | 370          | 81.5%         |              |
| 4310 Grounds Maintenance               | 2,240           | 4,400           | 2,160          |          | 2,160        | 50.9%         |              |
| 4312 Waste Removal                     | 1,686           | 2,250           | 564            |          | 564          | 74.9%         |              |
| 4320 Play & Gym Equip Inspections      | 2,648           | 2,550           | (98)           |          | (98)         | 103.9%        |              |
| 4321 Play Equipment & Maintenance      | 4,714           | 4,900           | 186            |          | 186          | 96.2%         |              |
| 4322 Memorial Tributes                 | 1,498           | 1,000           | (498)          |          | (498)        | 149.8%        |              |
| 4352 Litter and Bins                   | 3,528           | 4,250           | 722            |          | 722          | 83.0%         |              |
| 4360 Allotment Maintenance             | 1,287           | 3,250           | 1,963          |          | 1,963        | 39.6%         |              |
| Playing Fields :- Indirect Expenditure | <b>36,171</b>   | <b>37,850</b>   | <b>1,679</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>1,679</b> | <b>95.6%</b>  | <b>3,570</b> |
| <b>Net Income over Expenditure</b>     | <b>(34,361)</b> | <b>(36,350)</b> | <b>(1,989)</b> |          |              |               |              |
| 6000 plus Transfer from EMR            | 3,570           | 0               | (3,570)        |          |              |               |              |
| <b>Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve</b>  | <b>(30,791)</b> | <b>(36,350)</b> | <b>(5,559)</b> |          |              |               |              |

## Detailed Income &amp; Expenditure by Budget Heading 01/03/2026

Month No: 11

## Committee Report

|                                       | Actual Year<br>To Date | Current<br>Annual Bud | Variance<br>Annual Total | Committed<br>Expenditure | Funds<br>Available | % Spent       | Transfer<br>to/from EMR |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| <b>302 Allotments</b>                 |                        |                       |                          |                          |                    |               |                         |
| 1005 Allotment Rents                  | 6,147                  | 5,550                 | (597)                    |                          |                    | 110.8%        |                         |
| Allotments :- Income                  | <u>6,147</u>           | <u>5,550</u>          | <u>(597)</u>             |                          |                    | <u>110.8%</u> | <u>0</u>                |
| 4253 Water Charges                    | 5,058                  | 1,350                 | (3,708)                  |                          | (3,708)            | 374.7%        |                         |
| Allotments :- Indirect Expenditure    | <u>5,058</u>           | <u>1,350</u>          | <u>(3,708)</u>           | <u>0</u>                 | <u>(3,708)</u>     | <u>374.7%</u> | <u>0</u>                |
| <b>Net Income over Expenditure</b>    | <u>1,089</u>           | <u>4,200</u>          | <u>3,111</u>             |                          |                    |               |                         |
| Amenities Cttee :- Income             | 38,449                 | 37,550                | (899)                    |                          |                    | 102.4%        |                         |
| Expenditure                           | 71,212                 | 78,670                | 7,458                    | 0                        | 7,458              | 90.5%         |                         |
| <b>Net Income over Expenditure</b>    | <u>(32,763)</u>        | <u>(41,120)</u>       | <u>(8,357)</u>           |                          |                    |               |                         |
| plus Transfer from EMR                | 3,903                  | 0                     | (3,903)                  |                          |                    |               |                         |
| <b>Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve</b> | <u>(28,860)</u>        | <u>(41,120)</u>       | <u>(12,260)</u>          |                          |                    |               |                         |

