



Annual Playground Inspection – undertaken October 2018

Summary of Findings – November 2018

On 25 October 2018 Inspector Matt Clay (RPII Annual Inspector) from the Play Inspection Company inspected all five play areas within the Worplesdon parish. This is a summary of findings from all five reports. All sites were classified as Low Risk, and highlighted that monitoring and minor maintenance is required.

The following comment was made at all play sites, including Wood Street and Worplesdon teen area - Disabled Access: Severely limited access – an area that presents serious barriers to disabled people, even when skilled help is at hand.

Some of our play equipment was installed several years ago, and since then recommendations have changed, leading to findings on the swings and climbing equipment.

Fairlands Play Area

The **safety surface** adjoining the edging surround has gaps opening - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required.

Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)

- 1) The chain openings are in excess of the 8.6mm as recommended by BS EN 1176 - Monitor use
- 2) 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 use.
- 3) There is some notable evidence of chain wear – monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn.

Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)

- 1) The chain openings are in excess of the 8.6mm as recommended by BS EN 1176 - Monitor use.
- 2) There is some notable evidence of chain wear – Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn.

White House Lane, Jacobs Well Play Area

- 1) The **surface** is worn around the site - Reinstate surface levels as required.

Fence - Bow Top

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

Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)

- 1) The swing seat connectors are loose - Tighten to secure.



Basket swing

- 1) The surfacing dimensions do not meet with the requirements of the current applicable standard

Roundabout

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

Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)

- 1) All the post caps are missing – Install as required.

Wood Street Green Play Seat Area

- 1) It is recommended that information signs with emergency contact details are installed at each entrance/exit point to the playground - Provide in accordance with the recommendations set out in BS EN 1176.

Rocking Equipment - Three Way Springer

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

Worplesdon Play Area

- 1) There are gaps opening between the **wet pour surfacing** and the edging surround or between the joints in the surfacing - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required.

Wooden bench

- 1) There is/are bolt cap covers missing or damaged on the item – Replace missing or damaged bolt cap covers.

Fence – Bow Top

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

Rotor Play - Rotating Chairs

- 1) Parts of the steel structure protrude beyond the protected elements of the seat and fail to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176:2008 Part 5 - We consider this to be a low risk failure and no remedial action is required.
- 2) 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.
- 3) The surface is lifting at the edges and creating trip points – Repair perimeter of surfacing to remove trip points.



Activity Equipment – Climbing Frame [this is scheduled for replacement in 2019]

- 1) There is some wear to the shackles – Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn.
- 2) The ropes/nets are worn/damaged in places - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair or replace as required.
- 3) Cable ties form a finger trap – Remove as required.

Swings - 2 Bay (2 Flat, 2 Cradle)

- 1) The chain openings are in excess of the 8.6mm as recommended by BS EN 1176 - Monitor use and replace with compliant chains during next maintenance cycle.
- 2) There is some chain wear – Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn
- 3) The bushes are showing signs of wear – Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required.
- 4) 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.

Worplesdon Teen Area

Picnic table

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

Rotor Play - Overhead Rotator [Typhoon]

- 1) The surface is lifting at the edges and creating trip points – Repair perimeter surfacing to remove trip points.
- 2) 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.

Swings - Basket Swing - Type 1

- 1) The connecting links are in excess of 8.6mm and less than 12mm and fail the requirements of BS EN 1176: 2008 Part 1; clause 4.2.13, Chains - Monitor use.
- 2) The seat connection cannot be inspected without dismantling the seat – Dismantle the seat to inspect the connection for wear.
- 3) The fixings for this item were in excess of 2.5m above the standing surface and could not be fully accessed by the inspector. We have completed a visual inspection of the fixings from ground level but a maintenance inspection should be undertaken to assess the security and wear of the components at intervals in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations – Inspect in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations.

Multi Use Games Area - Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

- 1) A clearly visible 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.

- 2) The item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 15312 4.4.2.1 head and neck entrapment between the goal end barriers - Monitor use.
- 3) The panel is damaged – Monitor use and replace as required.
- 4) There is/are finger entrapments in the frame and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 15312 Clause 4.4.2.2 Entrapment of fingers – Monitor use.