

PLAY AREA SAFETY ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT

For Whitley Parish Council

On 18th March 2016

Play Area, Whitley Farm Close, Whitley, Yorkshire



An independent safety assessment of the playground and equipment by

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David Bracey has over twelve year's experience of Play Inspections. Several thousands of sites have been successfully inspected. David has thirty years previous experience in Local Government working in Parks, Playground, Leisure and Environmental Management. He was a Play Inspector for Rospa between 2004 -11, and now concentrates working for his own company.

The company provide convenient and timely inspections undertaken by a Fully Independent Inspector, which guarantees a sensible approach and impartial report with no personal interest other than the safety of the facility. No links to any manufacturer or installer means a Fully Independent Inspection is given.

David Bracey is qualified to Rpii Annual Inspector Standard, which is the highest level. Has passed a Criminal Disclosure Check and holds Full Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurance.

The following forms an integral part of the inspection report

Reading it may save you unnecessary expenditure

SEE ALSO INSURANCE NOTES

1. The equipment has been assessed, as relevant, in accordance with BS EN 1176: "Playground Equipment", BS EN 15312 (Sports Areas) and BS EN 14974 (Wheeled Sports)

The BS EN1176 was published on 1 January 1999 when existing standards were withdrawn. There are a number of areas where existing equipment may fail the standard. **This does not mean that equipment has suddenly become dangerous or that remedial action is required. Generally equipment that fails BS EN 1176 but passed the previous standard BS 5696 at time of installation should be considered safe (excluding any maintenance issues).**

Where there is a compliance failure, this is briefly noted and a risk assessment made of the failure. **Where we believe action is required this is indicated in more detail and identified as a medium or high risk.** (See paragraph 13). Where no action is indicated, in our opinion there is no practical economic action that can be taken and the risks do not justify removal of the item.

Low risk items should be monitored and if accidents occur, remedial action will be required (There is no such thing as NO risk).

Standard compliance is not mandatory or retrospective.

2. The inspections cover :

Site safety

Suitability and conditions of ancillary items

Standard compliance, suitability and condition of equipment

Dimensional compliance, suitability and condition of surfacing

The report indicates the condition of the play area at the time of inspection. Subsequent events such as weather conditions, usage, or vandalism etc. may affect the condition of the play area. Routine inspections should be undertaken by the operator to monitor the effects of these.

3. Standard assessment is undertaken where appraisal may be made without dismantling or destruction.
4. The inspections are non-dismantling inspections. Where it is felt that removal of parts for assessment is required, this will be indicated. (See paragraph 13). It is not possible to check for internal corrosion/rot without dismantling the equipment.
5. Surfacing has been assessed solely in terms of the area covered and its condition or security.

6. Where there is open water within easy walking distance of the play area it is recommended that a water safety report be commissioned (David Bracey Play Safety Inspections can undertake this).
7. Where there are trees within falling distance of the play area it is recommended that a report on the integrity of the tree is obtained from a competent arboricultural expert (see www.trees.org.uk for list of qualified consultants)
8. Where no protective surface is provided with items which have a fall height in excess of 600mm, the installation of a protective surface should be considered. Such surfacing is not mandatory but does represent good practice. It should be noted that BS EN 1176 and BS EN 1177 allow well-maintained grass for fall heights of up to 1500mm.
9. Surfacing up to a fall height of 600mm does not require testing for impact absorbency.
10. In addition to inspecting the equipment and surfacing, the inspection also looked at ancillary items and general design features where relevant to safety.
11. Wear to shackle pins and bushes on swings is difficult to detect on non-dismantling inspections. Checks are made to identify excessive movement in the 'D' shackle and where dry bearings are obvious. Whilst this action can often identify serious defects it does not preclude the possibility of shackle pin failure in rare circumstances. It is recommended that random inspection by removal of the 'D' shackle and pin is carried out as a regular maintenance feature in the site owner's work programme.
12. It should be noted that this is a safety report, not a standard compliance report, and compliance/non compliance with EN1176 is normally indicated. However failures may not be mentioned where they are very minor, or of a technical nature, and have no noticeable effect on safety.
13. A risk assessment of faults and Standard failures is given in terms of low, medium and high. **As a general principle items marked as "low" only require monitoring.** Items marked as "medium" require appropriate action within resources and individual site assessment. **Items marked as "high" require urgent action.** In rare cases where an item is likely to result in major injury or death, the operator or appropriate representative will be notified from the site by telephone. This will be indicated on the report.
14. There can be problems with assessing ground decay where synthetic surfaces have been installed. Similar problems may occur with sub-surface degradation. While care is taken to check ground decay and corrosion in supports, this cannot be done fully without removal and destruction of the surface.
15. In order to provide economic reports, standard wording is used for most common standard/maintenance failures. The inspector also works using previous year's reports (where available). **This may mean that where there have been few changes to the site, the current report may be similar to the previous year's report.**
16. The Disability Discrimination Act applies to play areas. There is a duty, where practicable, to make reasonable provision for equal opportunities for disabled people. David Bracey Play Safety Inspections can advise on this.

17. The Management of Health and Safety Regulations require a risk assessment of the play area for risks to users. This is a highly specialised subject. A risk assessment is included in the report, although it is normally recommended that such formal risk assessments be undertaken every 4-5 years

INSURANCE NOTES

The HSE and the courts state that where practical risks should be reduced to 'an acceptable level'. It is worth noting that the courts are being reasonably robust regarding claims and recent instances show that courts have thrown out speculative claims and also at the same time awarded costs against the claimant.

Successful litigation depends upon being able to prove negligence on behalf of the operator. Just because someone has an accident it does not mean that the operator was negligent. It could however be deemed that the failure of the operator to reduce the risk to an acceptable level is negligent. Some items of equipment, by the very nature of the activity that takes place on them, are deemed to be medium or high risk. This may be deemed to be an unacceptable level. For instance any sports facility (including Multi Use Games Areas etc.) will normally be at least medium risk. This is because by playing sport there is always a risk of injury (torn ligaments, sprains and contact injuries etc.). Someone cannot successfully sue just because they got an injury. They have to prove that they got the injury as a result of the negligence of the site operator. Similarly Wheeled Sports (Skateboard etc.) facilities, even in perfect condition, are high risk. This acknowledges that some 'nasty' injuries occur when a skateboarder, for instance, tries a complex trick and gets it wrong with subsequent injury. The only time the operator could be held responsible is if the accident could be caused by their negligence and 'getting a trick wrong' by the skateboarder is nothing to do with the operator.

It should be appreciated that there is no such thing as 'no risk'. There is a risk associated with everything we do and Low Risk is as low as you can get. Therefore as you cannot get lower than low risk, it is reasonable that remedial work on items indicated with low risk failures in this report *and where some remedial action is suggested* is only undertaken when resources are available. Very low cost work is recommended to be completed within 12 months but in all

other circumstances a much longer time cycle is acceptable and in the case of equipment nearing the end of its useful working life any action may not be considered necessary.

Finally, Professor David Ball, an adviser to the HSE, has estimated that the risk of a life threatening injury on any form of play area is less than 1:30,000,000. The HSE consider a 1:10,000,000 chance is negligible so the risk of any life threatening injury on an area where children and young people play is insignificant.

In spite of this, it is recommended that all site operators carry a minimum of £5,000,000 public liability insurance for their own protection and that they undertake routine documented inspections of their own in addition to the annual report.

Name of site: Whitley Farm Close, Whitley, Yorkshire
Owner: Whitley Parish Council
Date: 18th March 2016
Inspector: David Bracey

Site Comments

The playground is well equipped on a large landscaped open space serving housing areas.

The playground is in good condition and appears to be well-maintained.

Site and Ancillary Items

The following items have been inspected and found to be in good order:

Cleanliness

Minimum Space - equipment

Traffic Clashes - users

Fence – Perimeter timber

Signs – ‘Clean it up’, Anti drinking, Dog Advice, Ownership





Dog Bins x 2
 Pathways –Hogging/Bit- mac
 Seats – Metal x 1, Picnic x 2, Recycled Plastic x2, Timber x 1

Self Closer Gates x 2
Maintenance Gate x1 – Locked
General Surface –Wet-pour/Grass
Litter Bins x 3
Propane Calorgas Station –Locked, signs, fenced.



Planting
Cleanliness

Work is required on the following:

Bow-top Fence (1000mm) – Recommend replace missing bolts x 2, tighten loose bolts x 2, Replace missing bracket x 2. One bracket has no hole for bolt –Low to Medium Risk.



Recommend file off metal burrs found under some of the 'bow tops' – Low to Medium risk.



Kissing Gate x 1 – To eliminated possible entrapment when gate and posts meet –Recommend to add rubber buffers (door stops) on posts –Low risk



Road signs recommended.

Where play area is near a road the use of Road Signs to warn motorists of the presence of a playground should be considered (contact your local Highways Authority for provision of these).

Access –Recommend build up edge of roadside path to eliminate trip hazard – Low to Medium risk.



EQUIPMENT:

Item: Rubber Step Posts - Manufacturer: Record



EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

Repair / Maintenance recommended

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing: Wet-pour

EN 1176 Compliance

The surface conforms to the dimensional requirements of EN1176.

Repair / Maintenance recommended

The safety surface is in good condition and no remedial work is required.

Item: 1 Bay 2 Cradle Seat 'Swingmaster' Swing (1850mm) -
Manufacturer : Record



EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

Repair / Maintenance recommended

The swing seat has been damaged but does not require immediate replacement. Monitor and replace when hard material is exposed.



Surfacing: Wet-pour

EN 1176 Compliance

The surface conforms to the dimensional requirements of EN1176.

Repair / Maintenance recommended

The surfacing is in satisfactory condition and no work is required at this time.

Item: Multiplay 'Sprite Playtime Unit' - Manufacturer : Record



EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

Repair / Maintenance

Recommend repair loose steps x 2 – Tighten and add washers –Low Risk.



Surfacing: Wet-pour

EN 1176 Compliance

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of EN 1176.

Repair / Maintenance recommended

The surfacing is in satisfactory condition and no work is required at this time.

Item: Small Goals x2 - Manufacturer : Record



EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

Repair / Maintenance

Paintwork is in poor condition. Recommend De-scale and coat with lead free paint, using appropriate precautions.



Surfacing: Grass

EN 1176 Compliance

The surface meets the dimensional requirements of EN1176.

Repair / Maintenance recommended

The surfacing is in satisfactory condition and no work is required at this time.

Item: Large Logs X17



EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

Repair / Maintenance recommended

Recommend clean off fungi - Low to Medium risk.



Surfacing: Grass

EN 1176 Compliance

The surface conforms to the dimensional requirements of EN1176.

Suitably well maintained grass and topsoil, with at least 150mm of soil beneath, is acceptable to EN1176 for items with a fall height of up to 1500mm subject to a risk assessment.

Repair / Maintenance recommended

The surfacing is in satisfactory condition and no work is required at this time.

Item: Boulders x 12



EN 1176 Compliance

The item fails to meet the requirements of EN1176 in the following respects:

Edges not radiused or chamfered. Recommend Monitor only – Low Risk.



Repair / Maintenance recommended

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing: Grass

EN 1176 Compliance

The surface conforms to the dimensional requirements of EN1176.

Suitably well maintained grass and topsoil, with at least 150mm of soil beneath, is acceptable to EN1176 for items with a fall height of up to 1500mm subject to a risk assessment.

Repair / Maintenance recommended

The surfacing is in satisfactory condition and no work is required at this time.

Item: Pod Swing - Manufacturer : Playdale



EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

Repair / Maintenance recommended

Recommend replace two missing fixings that cover the gaps in the outer rubber 'rim' –Low risk.



Surfacing: Matting

EN 1176 Compliance

The surface conforms to the dimensional requirements of EN1176.

Repair / Maintenance recommended

The surfacing is in satisfactory condition and no work is required at this time.

Risk Assessment Evaluation

Client: Whitley PC Site: Play Area, Whitley Farm Close

Date: 18th March 2016

Type: Toddler/Junior

Risk Score	Risk Categories
1 -3	Very Low Risk -Monitor
4 -7	Low Risk – Monitor and take reasonable action if possible
8 - 12	Medium Risk – Take action to reduce if possible, or available
13 - 20	High Risk – Take Action immediately and access control measures
21 +	Unacceptable Risk – Remove or immobilise before taking immediate action and assessment of control measures

Ancillary Items and Environmental or Other Hazards

Ancillary Items	Risk Score	Comments	Action or Control
Access	7		See Report
Fences	6		See Report
Gates	5		See Report
Seats	2		
Signs	4		See Report
Cleanliness	2		
General Surface	3		
Pathways	3		
Litter Bins	2		
Dog Bins	3		
Planting	3		
Propane Calor Gas	5		

Environmental Hazards	Risk Score	Action, Comment or Control Recommended
Free/Fall Space	2	
Traffic Clashes	2	
Design Defects	2	

Equipment and Surfacing

Equipment Items	Surface	Risk Score	Action, Control or Comments
Step Posts	Wet-pour	3	
1 Bay Cradle Seat Swing	"	3	See Report
Multiplay	"	4	See Report
Small Goals	Grass	4	See Report
Large Logs	"	3	See Report
Boulders	"	4	See Report
Pod Swing	"	4	See Report

Risk assessment evaluation should be read in conjunction with Annual or Post Installation reports. Where action or control relates to maintenance, non-compliance or minor defects read Annual Inspection or Post Installation reports for detailed comments. Serious or high risk failures should, however, be noted. Failure to comply with the standards will be identified in the reports.

Design, location and physical site factors may determine the overall risk of the site. These may be difficult to change economically, However, where maintenance or control methods are undertaken the site could be reduced to **Low** Risk subject to a future inspection and reassessment.

ASSESSED LEVEL OF RISK FOR THE SITE / PLAYGROUND AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION WAS LOW TO MEDIUM RISK

PLAY AREA SAFETY ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT

For Whitley Parish Council

On 18th March 2016

Play Area, Lee View, Whitley, Yorkshire



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Name of site: Lee View, Whitley, Yorkshire
Owner: Whitley Parish Council
Date: 18th March 2016
Inspector: David Bracey

Site Comments

The playground is well equipped serving housing areas.
The playground is in good condition and appears to be well-maintained.

Site and Ancillary Items

The following items have been inspected and found to be in good order:

Access
Bow top Fence – (1050mm)
Cleanliness
Minimum Space - equipment
Traffic Clashes – users
Pathways – Bit-mac
Seats – Metal x 1
Self Closer Gates x 2
Maintenance Gate x1 – Locked
Self Closer Gates x 2
Planting
Litter Bin x 1
Signs –Ownership, 'Clean it up'
General surface -Bitmac



Utility Area – Locked and Fenced



Work is required on the following:

Signs – Recommend cut back bolt threads x 8 and file –Low to Medium risk.



EQUIPMENT:

Item: Rubber Step Posts x3 and Mushrooms x 4
- Manufacturer: Record



EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

Repair / Maintenance recommended

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing: Bitmac

EN 1176 Compliance

The surface conforms to the dimensional requirements of EN1176.

Repair / Maintenance recommended

Recommend remove algae –slippery when wet –Low Risk.



Item: Springy Aeroplane - Manufacturer : Record



EN 1176 Compliance

The item fails to meet the requirements of EN1176 in the following respects:

Protruding handles/foot rests not conforming to the requirements of EN1176 – Recommend Monitor only– Low risk.



Repair / Maintenance recommended

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing: Wet-pour

EN 1176 Compliance

The surface conforms to the dimensional requirements of EN1176.

Repair / Maintenance recommended

The surfacing is in satisfactory condition and no work is required at this time.

Item: Puppy Springy - Manufacturer : Record



EN 1176 Compliance

The item fails to meet the requirements of EN1176 in the following respects:

Protruding handles/foot rests not conforming to the requirements of EN1176 – Recommend Monitor only– Low risk.



Repair / Maintenance

Recommend replace missing cap x 1 –Low risk.



Surfacing: Wet-pour

EN 1176 Compliance

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of EN 1176.

Repair / Maintenance recommended

The surfacing is in satisfactory condition and no work is required at this time.

Item: Playdome - Manufacturer : Record



EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

Repair / Maintenance

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing: Matting

EN 1176 Compliance

The surface meets the dimensional requirements of EN1176.

Repair / Maintenance recommended

The surfacing is in satisfactory condition and no work is required at this time.

**Item: 1 Bay 1 Flat/1 Cradle Seat Swing (2400mm) - Manufacturer :
Record**



EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

Repair / Maintenance

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing: Wet pour

EN 1176 Compliance

The surface meets the dimensional requirements of EN1176.

Repair / Maintenance recommended

Recommend infill cracks in bitmac –Low risk



Risk Assessment Evaluation

Client: Whitley PC Site: Play Area, Lee View, Whitley

Date: 18th March 2016

Type: Toddler

Risk Score	Risk Categories
1 -3	Very Low Risk -Monitor
4 -7	Low Risk – Monitor and take reasonable action if possible
8 - 12	Medium Risk – Take action to reduce if possible, or available
13 - 20	High Risk – Take Action immediately and access control measures
21 +	Unacceptable Risk – Remove or immobilise before taking immediate action and assessment of control measures

Ancillary Items and Environmental or Other Hazards

Ancillary Items	Risk Score	Comments	Action or Control
Fences	3		
Gates	2		
Seat	2		
Signs	5		See Report
Cleanliness	3		
General Surface	3		
Pathways	2		
Litter Bin	3		
Planting	3		
Utility Area	5		

Environmental Hazards	Risk Score	Action, Comment or Control Recommended
Free/Fall Space	2	
Traffic Clashes	2	
Design Defects	2	

Equipment and Surfacing

Equipment Items	Surface	Risk Score	Action, Control or Comments
Step Posts/Mushrooms	Bit-mac	5	SeeReport
Aeroplane Springy	Wet pour	5	See Report
Puppy Springy	"	4	See Report
Playdome	Grass	3	
1 Bay Swing	Wet pour	3	

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Design, location and physical site factors may determine the overall risk of the site. These may be difficult to change economically, However, where maintenance or control methods are undertaken the site could be reduced to **N/A** Risk subject to a future inspection and reassessment.

ASSESSED LEVEL OF RISK FOR THE SITE / PLAYGROUND AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION WAS LOW RISK

PLAY AREA SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT

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Name of site: Blackthorn Close, Whitley, Yorkshire
Owner: Whitley Parish Council
Date: 18th March 2016
Inspector: David Bracey

Site Comments

The playground is well equipped serving housing areas.
The playground is in good condition and appears to be well-maintained.

Site and Ancillary Items

The following items have been inspected and found to be in good order:

Access
Bow top Fence – (1200mm)
Cleanliness
Minimum Space - equipment
Traffic Clashes – users
Litter Bins x 2
Pathways – Bit-mac
Seats – Timber x 1, Picnic x1
Self Closer Gates x 2
Maintenance Gate x1 – Locked
Self Closer Gates x 2
Planting
General surface
Signs - No Dogs, Anti Drinking, Ownership



Work is required on the following:

Mature tree in play area – Recommend to inspect annually by qualified arboriculturist and to remove any dead, diseased and damaged wood.



Sign –Recommend cut back bolt threads x 8 and file down –Low to Medium risk.



EQUIPMENT:

Item: 'Toni Turtle' Springy - Manufacturer : Wicksteed Playscapes



EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

Repair / Maintenance recommended

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing: Wet-pour

EN 1176 Compliance

The surface conforms to the dimensional requirements of EN1176.

Repair / Maintenance recommended

The surfacing is in satisfactory condition and no work is required at this time.

Item: 1 Bay 2 Flat Seat Swing (2400mm)
- Manufacturer : Wicksteed Playscapes



EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

Repair / Maintenance

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing: Wet-pour

EN 1176 Compliance

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of EN 1176.

Repair / Maintenance recommended

Surface is lifting. Recommend re-glue and fill gaps and joints as necessary
– Low risk.



Item: Mushrooms x 2 - Manufacturer : Wicksteed Playscapes



EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

Repair / Maintenance

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing: Bit-mac

EN 1176 Compliance

The surface meets the dimensional requirements of EN1176.

Repair / Maintenance recommended

The surfacing is in satisfactory condition and no work is required at this time.

Item: Springy Platform

- Manufacturer : Wicksteed Playscapes?



EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

Repair / Maintenance

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing: Bit-mac

EN 1176 Compliance

A protective surface is recommended for this item due to forced movement. EN1176 (4.2.8.5.2) states that 'Beneath all playground equipment with a free height of fall of more than 600mm and/or equipment causing a forced movement on the body of the user(e.g. swings, slides, rocking equipment, cableways,carousals etc.), there shall be impact attenuating surfacing over the entire impact area - Recommend Monitor – Low Risk



Repair / Maintenance recommended

The surfacing is in satisfactory condition and no work is required at this time.

Item: 'Talking Flowers' x 2
- Manufacturer : Wicksteed Playscapes



EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

Repair / Maintenance

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing: Bit-mac

EN 1176 Compliance

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of EN 1176.

Repair / Maintenance recommended

The surfacing is in satisfactory condition and no work is required at this time.

Item: 'Tropica' Double slide with Platform
- Manufacturer : Wicksteed Playscapes



EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

Repair / Maintenance

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing: Wet-pour

EN 1176 Compliance

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of EN 1176.

Repair / Maintenance recommended

Recommend repair hole in surface –Low risk.



Item: Rubber Step Logs with 'Stepping Stone Gorge'
- Manufacturer : Wicksteed Playscapes



EN 1176 Compliance

The item meets the requirements of EN1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

Repair / Maintenance

No remedial maintenance work is required at this time.

Surfacing: Bit-mac

EN 1176 Compliance

A protective surface is recommended for this item due to forced movement. EN1176)4.2.8.5.2) states that Beneath all playground equipment with a free height of fall of more than 600mm and/or equipment causing a forced movement on the body of the user(e.g. swings, slides, rocking equipment, cableways,carousals etc.), there shall be impact attenuating surfacing over the entire impact area.- Recommend Monitor – Low Risk.



Repair / Maintenance recommended

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Ancillary Items and Environmental or Other Hazards

Ancillary Items	Risk Score	Comments	Action or Control
Fences	3		
Gates	3		
Seats	2		
Signs	5		See Report
Cleanliness	3		
General Surface	3		
Pathways	2		
Litter Bins x 2	2		
Planting	3		

Environmental Hazards	Risk Score	Action, Comment or Control Recommended
Free/Fall Space	2	
Traffic Clashes	2	
Design Defects	2	
Mature Tree	7	See Report

Equipment and Surfacing

Equipment Items	Surface	Risk Score	Action, Control or Comments
'Toni Turtle' Springy	Wet pour	3	
1 Bay Flat Seat Swing	"	4	See Report
Mushrooms	Bit-mac	2	
Springy Platform	"	4	See Report
Talking Flowers	"	2	
'Tropica' Double Slide with Platform	Wet pour	5	See Report
Step Logs with 'Stepping Stone Gorge'	Bitmac	4	See Report

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