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Post Installation Report

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Inspection Scope for RPII Inspection Methodology

This document outlines the RPII scope for inspections undertaken by the Inspectors listed as Annual Inspectors on the RPII Register of Inspectors when undertaking Indoor Annual, Outdoor Annual, Outdoor Operational and Outdoor Routine 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.

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 but any comments concerning compliance will follow the requirements and recommendations of BS EN 1176.

When water play items, including spray parks, are inspected any comments concerning compliance within the inspection will refer to BS EN 1176. We have not assessed these against the requirements of BS 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 manual test for stability 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. 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.

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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.

Inspection recommendations of relevant standards Refer to relevant standards for full text	Annual Main	RPII Annual/ Post Installation Inspection
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 Annual Main Inspection as detailed in the relevant standards.

[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.

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Risk Assessment Matrix

			Scores in the report are multiplication factors of Likelihood x Severity					
			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 multipication 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).

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Inspection Ref: 2390397 Site Ref: 110382

Inspected: 12-June-2024 - 08:40 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:
Generally accessible; an area accessible to most.

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5 - Very 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: 2



Finding 1

It is recommended that signage, with information including the site address, contact information for maintenance issues and emergency contact details are provided for the facility - Provide in accordance with the recommendations

Finding 2

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 and / or ensure that the appropriate risk assessment is in place

8 - Low Risk

Item: Fence
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Grass
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

The design of the fencing may encourage climbing leading to falls from height (1200mm) onto the surrounding surfaces; the open design will also not prevent animals from entering the area - Refer to the designer for a design risk assessment

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6 - Low Risk

Item: Barrier
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Mixed Surface
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

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

8 - Low Risk

Item: Planting Area
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Resin Bound Stone
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

The design of the planter surrounds may encourage climbing leading to falls from height (870mm) onto the surrounding surfaces - Refer to the designer

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6 - Low Risk

Item: Bench
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Bonded Rubber Mulch
Item Quantity: 4
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

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

0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken

Item: Picnic Table
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Soil
Item Quantity: 2
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

The surface around the items was not reinstated at the time of inspection and could not be fully assessed - Complete surface reinstatements

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4 - Very Low Risk

Item: 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)
Manufacturer: Spiel Art
Surface Type: Bonded Rubber Mulch
Surface Nominal Depth: 60mm
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

8 - Low Risk

Item: Bouncing Facility
Manufacturer: Eurotramp
Surface Type: Bonded Rubber Mulch
Surface Nominal Depth: 60mm
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

On site visits it is not possible to test the ground clearance of the Bouncing Facility bed as specified in BS EN 1176; ensure that the clearance between the Bouncing Facility Bed and the ground underneath is in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations (recorded nominal depth at time of inspection 340mm measured unloaded). - Refer to the manufacturers recommendations

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4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Inclusive Roundabout
Manufacturer: Kompan Ltd
Surface Type: Bonded Rubber Mulch
Surface Nominal Depth: 60mm
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: Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Spiel Art
Surface Type: Bonded Rubber Mulch
Surface Nominal Depth: 60mm
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1
This item is satisfactory - no work required -

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8 - Low Risk

Item: 3 Bay Swing
Manufacturer: Spiel Art
Surface Type: Bonded Rubber Mulch
Surface Nominal Depth: 80mm
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1
The basket seat has incorrectly aligned seat eye fixings which may lead to accelerated wear. - Refer to the manufacturer

8 - Low Risk

Item: Cable Runway
Manufacturer: Spiel Art
Surface Type: Mixed Surface
Surface Nominal Depth: 80mm
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1
The height of the seat is less than 350mm (300mm) when loaded and does not meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 4 - Ensure the seat is a minimum of 350mm above ground level when loaded with 69.5kg

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8 - Low Risk

Item: Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Spiel Art
Surface Type: Bonded Rubber Mulch
Surface Nominal Depth: 80mm
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: Net Climber
Manufacturer: Spiel Art
Surface Type: Bonded Rubber Mulch
Surface Nominal Depth: 60mm
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1
This item is satisfactory - no work required -

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8 - Low Risk

Item: Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Spiel Art
Surface Type: Bonded Rubber Mulch
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

The main route through the play area passes beneath the bridge of the unit (height to underside of the bridge 1880mm) and the net openings are large enough for users to pass through, resulting in a risk of collisions with any falling users and other people accessing the area - Refer to the designer for a design risk assessment

4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Balance Beam
Manufacturer: Spiel Art
Surface Type: Mixed Surface
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

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8 - Low Risk

Item: Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)
Manufacturer: Russell Leisure Ltd
Surface Type: Tarmac
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: N/A

Total Findings: 4



Finding 1

Shear nuts have not been fully tightened and are still present on hinge fixings - Tighten heads on nuts to shear off and secure

Finding 2

The centre bolts have not been fitted to the gate hinges and the gates can be lifted off. - Provide missing fixings

Finding 3

There is no padlock on the maintenance gate - Provide a padlock to secure the gate

Finding 4

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

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Findings information

5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Ancillary Items - Site General
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: N/A





Finding: It is recommended that signage, with information including the site address, contact information for maintenance issues and emergency contact details are provided for the facility

Action: Signs are fitted

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0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 2)

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 and / or ensure that the appropriate risk assessment is in place

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8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Fences - Fence
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass







Finding: The design of the fencing may encourage climbing leading to falls from height (1200mm) onto the surrounding surfaces; the open design will also not prevent animals from entering the area

Action: Refer to the designer for a design risk assessment

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6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Ancillary Items - Barrier
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Mixed Surface





Finding: Parts of the timber are rough or splintered

Action: Remove all rough or sharp edges

8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Other - Planting Area
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Resin Bound Stone





Finding: The design of the planter surrounds may encourage climbing leading to falls from height (870mm) onto the surrounding surfaces

Action: Refer to the designer

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6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Ancillary Items - Bench
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Bonded Rubber Mulch







Finding: Parts of the timber are rough or splintered

Action: Remove all rough or sharp edges

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0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 1)

Item: Ancillary Items - Picnic Table
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Risk Level: N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken
Surface: Soil





Finding: The surface around the items was not reinstated at the time of inspection and could not be fully assessed

Action: Complete surface reinstatements

8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Other - Bouncing Facility
Manufacturer: Eurotramp
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Bonded Rubber Mulch





Finding: On site visits it is not possible to test the ground clearance of the Bouncing Facility bed as specified in BS EN 1176; ensure that the clearance between the Bouncing Facility Bed and the ground underneath is in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations (recorded nominal depth at time of inspection 340mm measured unloaded).

Action: Refer to the manufacturers recommendations

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8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Swings - 3 Bay Swing
Manufacturer: Spiel Art
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Bonded Rubber Mulch







Finding: The basket seat has incorrectly aligned seat eye fixings which may lead to accelerated wear.

Action: Refer to the manufacturer

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8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Other - Cable Runway
Manufacturer: Spiel Art
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Mixed Surface







Finding: The height of the seat is less than 350mm (300mm) when loaded and does not meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 4

Action: Ensure the seat is a minimum of 350mm above ground level when loaded with 69.5kg

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8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)
Manufacturer: Spiel Art
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Bonded Rubber Mulch







Finding: The main route through the play area passes beneath the bridge of the unit (height to underside of the bridge 1880mm) and the net openings are large enough for users to pass through, resulting in a risk of collisions with any falling users and other people accessing the area

Action: Refer to the designer for a design risk assessment

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4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item:	Multi Use Games Area - Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)	**Risk Level:**	V - Very Low Risk
Manufacturer:	Russell Leisure Ltd	**Surface:**	Tarmac







Finding: Shear nuts have not been fully tightened and are still present on hinge fixings

Action: Tighten heads on nuts to shear off and secure

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8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item:	Multi Use Games Area - Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)	**Risk Level:**	L - Low Risk
Manufacturer:	Russell Leisure Ltd	**Surface:**	Tarmac






Finding: The centre bolts have not been fitted to the gate hinges and the gates can be lifted off.

Action: Provide missing fixings

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6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item:	Multi Use Games Area - Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)	**Risk Level:**	L - Low Risk
Manufacturer:	Russell Leisure Ltd	**Surface:**	Tarmac





Finding: There is no padlock on the maintenance gate

Action: Provide a padlock to secure the gate

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5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item:	Multi Use Games Area - Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)	**Risk Level:**	V - Very Low Risk
Manufacturer:	Russell Leisure Ltd	**Surface:**	Tarmac





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

5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item:	Multi Use Games Area - Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)	**Risk Level:**	V - Very Low Risk
Manufacturer:	Russell Leisure Ltd	**Surface:**	Tarmac





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

Action: No action required signs are present.

Evidenced completion:







FIGURE 1: DOG PROOF FENCING HAS BEEN INSTALLED TO STOP ANIMALS AND CHILDREN CLIMBING THROUGH.

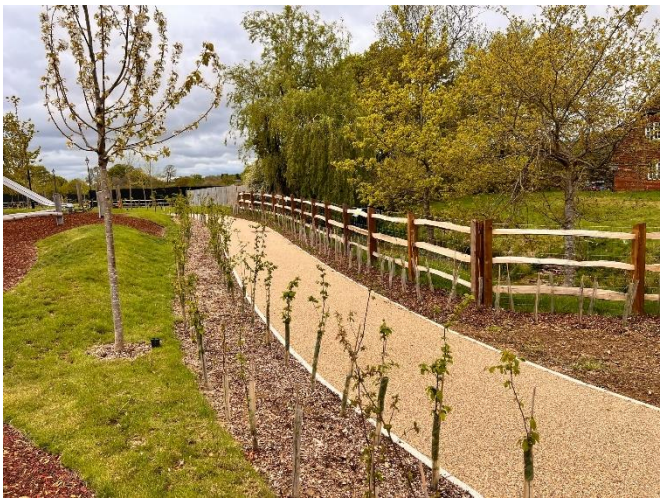

FIGURE 2: DOG PROOF FENCING AND CHESTNUT FENCING HAS BEEN INSTALLED TO STOP CHILDREN FALLING INTO WATER.

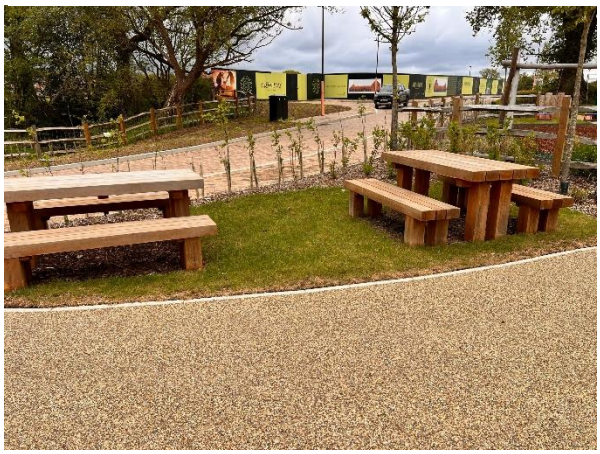

FIGURE 3: LANDSCAPE COMPLETED





FIGURE 3&4: SECURITY BOLTS, PADLOCKS AND SIGNS ALL INSTALLED AROUND THE MULTI-USE GAMES AREA.