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Annual Inspection

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Risk Assessment Matrix

Probability>>	5	Very High	VL	L	M	H	VH
	4	High	VL	L	M	H	H
	3	Moderate	VL	L	L	M	M
	2	Low	VL	L	L	L	L
	1	Very Low	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL
			Very Low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High
			1	2	3	4	5

Severity>>

Probability Score	Probability of Occurrence
1 – Very Low	No significant probability; lightning Strike
2 – Low	Minimal probability of occurrence. Requires significant factor or combination of factors to take place. Significant increase in intensity of use.
3 – Moderate	Moderate probability. An added factor is needed to cause an accident. Designed use is unlikely to be problematic, additional factor is required. Covers or guards loose, removed or vandalised. Absent guard rail or barrier at high levels
4 – High	High probability. Accident is probable without any added factor. Glass contaminant in loose fill surface. Exposed sharp edges on equipment.
5 – Very High	Very High probability. If the situation is not addressed an accident is almost certain. Severely worn chains/shackles. Severely damaged surfacing within impact area

Severity Score	Severity of injury
1 – Very Low	No injury likely e.g. damaged or soiled clothing, minor bruising
2 – Low	Minor injury – Laceration or bruising requiring first aid only
3 – Moderate	Injury requiring medical intervention e.g. laceration requiring stitches, sprain, fracture of small bones of hand or foot.
4 – High	Serious injury including hospitalisation for observation e.g. concussion, fracture of long bones of leg/arm, back/neck injuries, fractured skull.
5 – Very High	Severe injury involving the potential for permanent disability e.g. amputation, loss of sight, spinal injury, fatality.

NB: When we inspect we only see a snapshot of the current condition of the equipment. It is the operator's 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.

BS EN 1176:2008 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 10075 (Specification for Parkour Equipment)

Site Information

Inspection Ref: 613982

Site Ref: 40451

Customer Order No: None

Annual Inspection - 02 July 2018 at 13:27 Inspector: Matt Hall RPII Annual Inspector (Outdoor)

Risk Assessment: **8 - 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: Severely limited access – an area that presents serious barriers to disabled people, even when skilled help is at hand.



4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Ancillary Items - Sign
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface Type: N/A
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required



6 - Low Risk

Item: Ancillary Items - Litter Bin
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface Type: N/A
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 2



Finding 1

There is some graffiti present - Remove the graffiti

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: Ancillary Items - Bench
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface Type: Grass
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

There are trip hazards present - Reinstate surrounding surfaces to level to remove the trip points



8 - Low Risk

Item: Activity Equipment - Climbing Frame
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 2



Finding 1

There are falls in excess of 600mm between adjacent components on the structure, in contravention of the recommendations set out in BS EN 1176 Part 1; 4.2.8.4 - Monitor use

Finding 2

The surface has subsided in some areas - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required



8 - Low Risk

Item: Other - Free Standing Slide
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Grass
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 4



Finding 1

This item has no slide bar fitted as required by BS EN 1176 Part 3 - Monitor use

Finding 2

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

Finding 3

The item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176:2008 Part 1 4.2.7.2 head and neck entrapment in the barriers and/or steps - Monitor use

Finding 4

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



6 - Low Risk

Item: Other - Embankment Slide
Manufacturer: Hags SMP
Surface Type: Wet Pour
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 4



Finding 1

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

Finding 2

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

Finding 3

There is or are fixings missing on the item - Replace all missing fixings

Finding 4

The surface has eroded in some areas - Reinstatement the surface



4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Ancillary Items - Steps
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface Type: All Weather Surface
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required



8 - Low Risk

Item: Multi Use Games Area - Goal End
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface Type: All Weather Surface
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 3



Finding 1

The surface has eroded in some areas - Reinstate the surface

Finding 2

The edges of the grass mat surface have not been installed in accordance with the API Code of Practice - Tuck in edges of grass mat to remove trip hazards

Finding 3

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



8 - Low Risk

Item: Other - Embankment Slide
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

The surface has eroded and the foundations are exposed - Reinstate surrounding surfaces to cover the foundations



8 - Low Risk

Item: Activity Equipment - Activity Trail
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Grass
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 3



Finding 1

The surface has eroded in some areas - Reinstate the surface

Finding 2

There are trip hazards present - Reinstate surrounding surfaces to level to remove the trip points

Finding 3

The projecting foundations forms a hard object within the falling space of the equipment in contravention of the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 - Reinstate surface



5 - Very Low Risk

Item: Rotor Play - Cone Climber
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

Fixing Pins have been installed in the impact areas of the grass mats - Remove pins from impact areas



5 - Very Low Risk

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat Swing
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

Fixing Pins have been installed in the impact areas of the grass mats - Remove pins from impact areas



8 - Low Risk

Item: Swings - 2 Bay 2 Cradle 1 Basket
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Grass Matrix Tiles
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 3



Finding 1

Fixing Pins have been installed in the impact areas of the grass mats - Remove pins from impact areas

Finding 3

The bushes are worn or missing - Replace worn or missing bushes

Finding 2

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



4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Other - Play Panel
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds
Surface Type: Bitmac
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required



8 - Low Risk

Item: Other - Surface Graphics
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface Type: Bitmac
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

There are trip hazards at the edges of the surface - Reinstate surrounding surface levels to remove the trip points

Findings Information

 2 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)			
Item:	Ancillary Items - Litter Bin	Risk Level:	V - Very Low Risk
Manufacturer:	Owner/Operator	Surface:	N/A
			
Finding:	There is some graffiti present		Action: Remove the graffiti

 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)			
Item:	Ancillary Items - Litter Bin	Risk Level:	L - Low Risk
Manufacturer:	Owner/Operator	Surface:	N/A
			
Finding:	The lid or door of the litter bin is not secured		Action: Ensure the lid or door is kept locked



8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Ancillary Items - Bench
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: There are trip hazards present

Action: Reinstate surrounding surfaces to level to remove the trip points



8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Activity Equipment - Climbing Frame
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: There are falls in excess of 600mm between adjacent components on the structure, in contravention of the recommendations set out in BS EN 1176 Part 1; 4.2.8.4

Action: Monitor use



6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Activity Equipment - Climbing Frame
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 1)

Item: Other - Free Standing Slide
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: This item has no slide bar fitted as required by BS EN 1176 Part 3

Action: Monitor use



6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Other - Free Standing Slide
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



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

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required



5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Other - Free Standing Slide
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176:2008 Part 1 4.2.7.2 head and neck entrapment in the barriers and/or steps

Action: Monitor use



6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Other - Free Standing Slide
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

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



6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Other - Embankment Slide
Manufacturer: Hags SMP

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: The safety surface around the area is beginning to wear

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required



6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Other - Embankment Slide
Manufacturer: Hags SMP

Risk Level: L - 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 3)

Item: Other - Embankment Slide
Manufacturer: Hags SMP

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: There is or are fixings missing on the item

Action: Replace all missing fixings



6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Other - Embankment Slide
Manufacturer: Hags SMP

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Wet Pour



Finding: The surface has eroded in some areas

Action: Reinstate the surface



6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Multi Use Games Area - Goal End
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: All Weather Surface



Finding: The surface has eroded in some areas

Action: Reinstate the surface



8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Multi Use Games Area - Goal End
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: All Weather Surface



Finding: The edges of the grass mat surface have not been installed in accordance with the API Code of Practice

Action: Tuck in edges of grass mat to remove trip hazards



6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Multi Use Games Area - Goal End
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: All Weather Surface



Finding: The item is slightly loose in its foundations

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required



8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Other - Embankment Slide
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The surface has eroded and the foundations are exposed

Action: Reinstate surrounding surfaces to cover the foundations



6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Activity Equipment - Activity Trail
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The surface has eroded in some areas

Action: Reinstate the surface



8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Activity Equipment - Activity Trail
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: There are trip hazards present

Action: Reinstate surrounding surfaces to level to remove the trip points



8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Activity Equipment - Activity Trail
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The projecting foundations forms a hard object within the falling space of the equipment in contravention of the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1

Action: Reinstate surface



5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Rotor Play - Cone Climber
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: Fixing Pins have been installed in the impact areas of the grass mats

Action: Remove pins from impact areas



5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat Swing
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: Fixing Pins have been installed in the impact areas of the grass mats

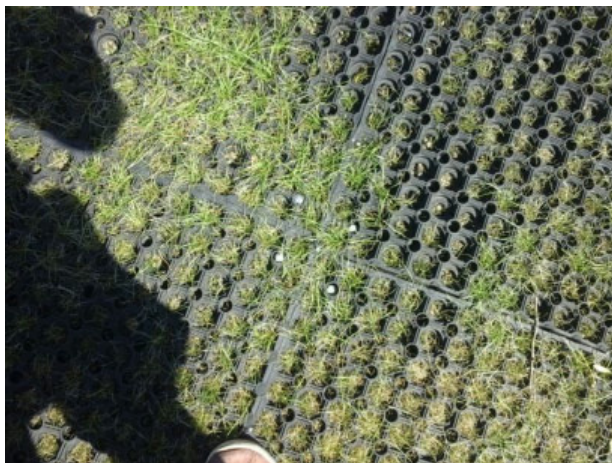
Action: Remove pins from impact areas



5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Swings - 2 Bay 2 Cradle 1 Basket
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: Fixing Pins have been installed in the impact areas of the grass mats

Action: Remove pins from impact areas



4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Swings - 2 Bay 2 Cradle 1 Basket
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The seats are too close to the frame as defined in BS EN 1176 Part 2; this is a low risk failure and no remedial action is required

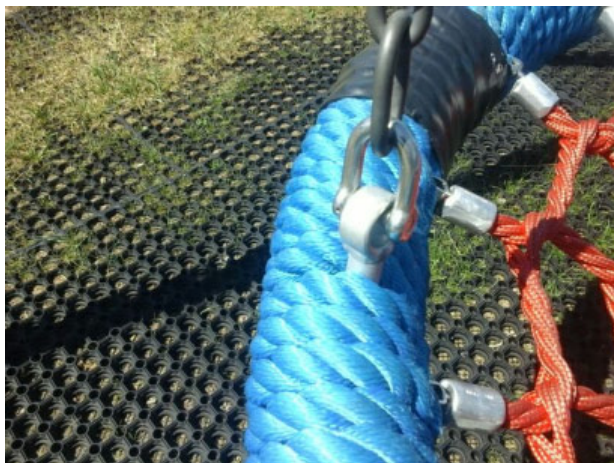
Action: Monitor use



8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Swings - 2 Bay 2 Cradle 1 Basket
Manufacturer: Wicksteed Playgrounds

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass Matrix Tiles



Finding: The bushes are worn or missing

Action: Replace worn or missing bushes



8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Other - Surface Graphics
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Bitmac



Finding: There are trip hazards at the edges of the surface

Action: Reinstate surrounding surface levels to remove the trip points