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## Annual Inspection

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## RPII Inspection Methodology

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

Inspections are undertaken with reference to the standards listed in this preamble only; where no date for the standard is given it the date of the standard will be that current at the time of inspection with the exception of 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.

The following standards are relevant to all installations of equipment that are publicly accessible to users; this would include 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, including ancillary items).

Domestic play equipment falls outside of the scope of BS EN 1176 and has its own standard (BS EN 71 – Safety of Toys). Where domestic equipment can be identified this will be acknowledged in the report but any comments concerning compliance within the inspection will still refer to BS EN 1176.

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 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 up to 3.0 metres around, or the fence line if closer.

Operational inspections only take into consideration defects related to wear and vandalism. Routine visual inspections (if undertaken) relate only to the most obvious defects such as broken or missing parts, vandalism and issues created by severe weather conditions (the intention is to identify hazards created by storm damage).

The inspection is non-dismantling, non-destructive and does not include for 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 standing surfaces as necessary on the equipment and assess all parts up to 2.5m 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 to ensure as far as is reasonably practicable the continued safe use of the items concerned. The owner/operator is responsible for the overall safety of the equipment and area. Inspectors who are trained to use ladders may use them where it is safe to do so, but if members of the public are present on-site ladders may not be used to access the equipment.

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 impact absorbing properties of any surfaces. The identification of any corrosion, rot or other deterioration in any apparatus or equipment other than by an external inspection or the inspection of any equipment (or part thereof) that is underground. 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 aboricultural or horticultural 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 and 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 seek the advice of the manufacturer or a competent person at all times when undertaking repairs and/or modifications to equipment.

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**Table 1**

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 Outdoor/ Fully enclosed 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.

# Risk Assessment Matrix

			Scores in the report are multiplication factors of Likelihood x Severity					
			Severity>>					
<b>Likelihood</b>	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	
			<b>Severity&gt;&gt;</b>					
<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).



## Townfield Lane

Inspection Ref: 1409106

Site Ref: 40451

Inspected: 5-July-2021 - 10:48 by Matt Hall RPII Annual Inspector

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:**

Generally accessible; an area accessible to most.



**i** 5 - Very Low Risk

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



**Total Findings:** 1

**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

**i** 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** Litter Bin  
**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 lid or door of the litter bin is not secured - Ensure the lid or door is kept locked



**i** 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Bench  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Part Number:**  
**Item Quantity:** 2  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A  
**Total Findings:** 3



**Finding 1**

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

**Finding 2**

There are post / end caps missing from the item - Replace missing post caps

**Finding 3**

The tube(s) on this item have corroded from the inside and split the steel - Replace all affected parts

**i** 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Climbing Frame  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes  
**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 - No remedial work recommended

**Finding 2**

The surface has eroded in some areas - Reinstate the surface



**i** 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Free Standing Slide  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 5



**Finding 1**

The item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.2 for head and neck entrapment in the framework - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

**Finding 3**

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

**Finding 5**

Parts of the steel on this item have corroded excessively and the metal has perforated in places - Ensure all affected areas are treated and repaired

**Finding 2**

There is surface corrosion present on the item - Consider treating the item

**Finding 4**

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



**i 8 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Embankment Slide  
**Manufacturer:** Hags  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 5



- Finding 1**  
There are a number of dents in the slide surface - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required
- Finding 2**  
The surface has eroded in some areas - Reinststate the surface
- Finding 3**  
There is some minor damage to the surface - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required
- Finding 4**  
There is grass on the surface making for slippery conditions - Clean and maintain
- Finding 5**  
There is or are fixings missing on the item - Replace all missing fixings

**i 8 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Steps  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator  
**Surface Type:** All Weather Surface  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 1



- Finding 1**  
The grass mat is a potential trip hazard - cut back grass mat away from the steps and tuck in edge



**i** 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Goal End  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator  
**Surface Type:** All Weather Surface  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A



**Total Findings:** 4

**Finding 1**

The grass mats are silted up, the soil is compacted and the area will become very slippery when the soil is wet. - Reinstate as required

**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 surface has eroded in some areas - Reinstate the surface

**Finding 4**

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

**i** 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Embankment Slide  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 3

**Finding 1**

The surface has eroded in some areas - Reinstate the surface

**Finding 2**

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

**Finding 3**

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



**i** 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Activity Trail  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**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 2**

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

**Finding 3**

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

**i** 4 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Cone Climber  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

This item is satisfactory - no work required -



**i** 5 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** 1 Bay 2 Seat Swing  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 2



**Finding 1**

The chain openings are in excess of the 8.6mm as recommended by BS EN 1176 - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

**Finding 2**

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



**i 8 - Low Risk**

**Item:** 2 Bay 2 Cradle 1 Basket  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes

**Total Findings:** 9



**Finding 1**

There are excessive chain tails - Cut back excessive chain links

**Finding 3**

The chain openings are in excess of the 8.6mm as recommended by BS EN 1176 - Monitor - No remedial work recommended

**Finding 5**

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

**Finding 7**

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

**Finding 9**

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

**Finding 2**

The split pins are missing from the shackles - Insert split pins to secure the shackles

**Finding 4**

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

**Finding 6**

The shackles have been overtightened or seized transferring wear to the chain links below - Loosen shackles to ensure free movement at the pivot

**Finding 8**

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 - No remedial work recommended



**i** 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Play Panel  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Surface Type:** Bitmac  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

The item is loose in its foundations - Reinstall item to secure

**i** 4 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Surface Graphics  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator  
**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 -



**i** 6 - 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**

The site is accessible to the public during the COVID 19 pandemic. The government have released guidelines for safely re-opening these types of facilities which is available on the government website. - Ensure there is an appropriate risk assessment in place and review regularly

**Finding 2**

There sharp projecting ties on the equipment - Remove ties from equipment

**i** 4 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Gate - Maintenance  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

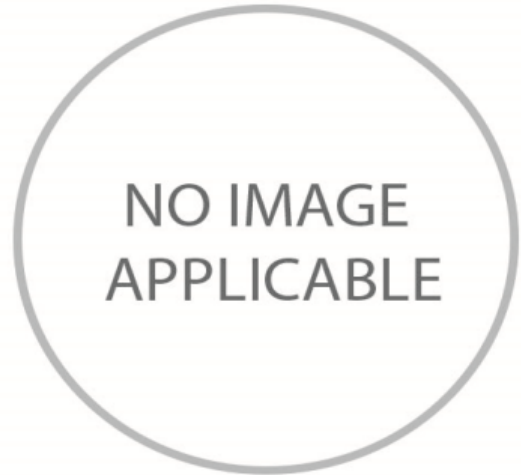


## Findings information

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

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Sign  
**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:** Provide in accordance with the recommendations

### 6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Litter Bin  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

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



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

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



**i** 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

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

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Bench  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

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



**Finding:** There are post / end caps missing from the item

**Action:** Replace missing post caps



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

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Bench  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

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



**Finding:** The tube(s) on this item have corroded from the inside and split the steel

**Action:** Replace all affected parts

**i** 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 - No remedial work recommended



**i** 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 eroded in some areas

**Action:** Reinststate the surface



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

**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 Part 1 4.2.7.2 for head and neck entrapment in the framework

**Action:** Monitor - No remedial work recommended



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

**Item:** Other - Free Standing Slide  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

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



**Finding:** There is surface corrosion present on the item

**Action:** Consider treating the item

**i** 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Other - Free Standing Slide  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** V - Very 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



**i** 8 - 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

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

**Item:** Other - Free Standing Slide  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

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



**Finding:** Parts of the steel on this item have corroded excessively and the metal has perforated in places

**Action:** Ensure all affected areas are treated and repaired



**i** 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

**Item:** Other - Embankment Slide  
**Manufacturer:** Hags

**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:** Other - Embankment Slide  
**Manufacturer:** Hags

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



**Finding:** The surface has eroded in some areas

**Action:** Reinstate the surface



**i** 4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Other - Embankment Slide  
**Manufacturer:** Hags

**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

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

**Item:** Other - Embankment Slide  
**Manufacturer:** Hags

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



**Finding:** There is grass on the surface making for slippery conditions

**Action:** Clean and maintain



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

**Item:** Other - Embankment Slide  
**Manufacturer:** Hags

**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 1)

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Steps  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

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



**Finding:** The grass mat is a potential trip hazard

**Action:** cut back grass mat away from the steps and tuck in edge



**i** 8 - 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 grass mats are silted up, the soil is compacted and the area will become very slippery when the soil is wet. **Action:** Reinstate as required

**i** 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



**i** 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 surface has eroded in some areas

**Action:** Reinststate the surface

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

**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



**i** 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 in some areas

**Action:** Reinststate the surface

**i** 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Other - Embankment Slide  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

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



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

**Action:** Reinststate a grass surface



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

**Item:** Other - Embankment Slide  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

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



**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

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

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Activity Trail  
**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** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Activity Trail  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

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



**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 - Activity Trail  
**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



**i** 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:** The chain openings are in excess of the 8.6mm as recommended by BS EN 1176 **Action:** Monitor - No remedial work recommended

**i** 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 2)

**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



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

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

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



**Finding:** There are excessive chain tails

**Action:** Cut back excessive chain links

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

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

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



**Finding:** The split pins are missing from the shackles

**Action:** Insert split pins to secure the shackles



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

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

**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 remedial work recommended

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

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

**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** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

**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

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

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

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



**Finding:** The shackles have been overtightened or seized transferring wear to the chain links below

**Action:** Loosen shackles to ensure free movement at the pivot



**6 - Low Risk (Finding 7)**

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

**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

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

**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 - No remedial work recommended



**i** 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 9)

**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 **Action:** Remove pins from impact areas of the grass mats

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

**Item:** Other - Play Panel  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

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



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

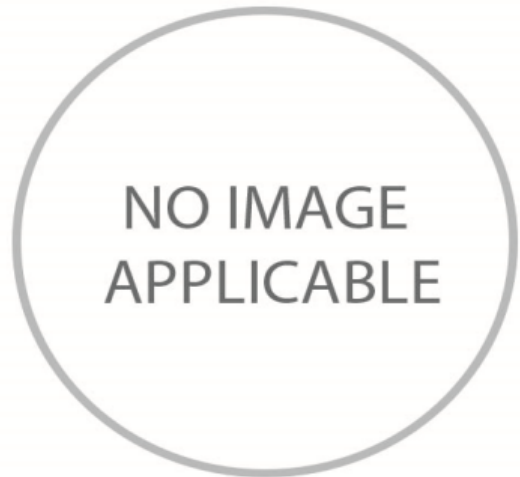
**Action:** Reinstall item to secure



**i** 0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 1)

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

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



**Finding:** The site is accessible to the public during the COVID 19 pandemic. The government have released guidelines for safely re-opening these types of facilities which is available on the government website.

**Action:** Ensure there is an appropriate risk assessment in place and review regularly

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

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

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



**Finding:** There sharp projecting ties on the equipment

**Action:** Remove ties from equipment