

Name of Play Area: Stoak

Date: 01/09/2015

Inspector: MPS



General Comments

The play area is a doorstep facility, sited on an enclosed recreational field. There have been no real changes to the site since last year's annual inspection.

Weather: Overcast

Time of Inspection: 09:52

Design

The play area has been designed for children aged 2+.

The following have been inspected and found to be in good order: Orientation
Minimum Space Design Age
Traffic (Movement) Clashes

Ancillary Items

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

Litter Bin Cleanliness Picnic
Table Fencing
Access/Maintenance Gate Ownership/Information Signs
Access/Pathways
General Surfacing – Grass

Equipment

(1) Junior Multi-Play Unit

Unknown The item fails to meet the requirements of BSEN 1176 in the following respect:

THIS ITEM IS TO BE REPLACED WITHIN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

Barrier spacing width is between 89-230mm.

Means of access failure – ramp (no handrails from lowest point – accessible 3's and under).

Slide access bar is higher than 900mm.

The gap to the slide is not the same as the width of the slide. There are no guard rails at the starting section.

Split timber – fill in, rub down and re-stain.

Ramp timbers are decaying and covered in weeds/moss – remove weeds and moss and monitor decay for next 12 months.

Support legs are decayed/rotten at and below ground level - Additional support legs have been installed to support the item.

Surfacing

Grass

The surfacing fails to meet the requirements of BSEN 1176 in the following respect:

Insufficient surfacing for free height of fall. The area is overgrown.

Install grass mats as a temporary measure, as discussed on site. These can then be re-used for the new multi-play unit

(2) Swings, 2.4m High, 2 Bay/4 Seat (Mixed)

Play and Leisure

The item meets the requirements of BSEN 1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

The item is in good condition and no work is required at this time.

Surfacing

Grass Mats

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of BSEN 1176.

(3) Goalposts x 2

Unknown

The posts are showing signs of rust – Rub down and re-paint.

Surfacing

Grass

(4) Spring Seesaw

Ledon

The item meets the requirements of BSEN 1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

The item is in good condition and no work is required at this time.

Surfacing

Grass

The surfacing meets the requirements of BSEN 1176.

Risk Assessment

Ancillary Items and Environment /Other Hazards

Ancillary Item	Risk Score (Severity x Probability)	Comment	Action or Control
Picnic Table	1 x 2 = 2		See Report
Litter Bins	1 x 2 = 2		See Report
Fencing	2 x 2 = 4		See Report
Access/Maintenance Gates	1 x 2 = 2		See Report
Access/Pathways	1 x 2 = 2		See Report
Ownership/Information Sign	1 x 2 = 2		See Report

Environmental/ Other Hazards	Risk Score (Severity x Probability)	Comment	Action or Control
Minimum Space	1 x 2 = 2		See Report
Traffic (Movement) Clashes	1 x 2 = 2		See Report
Design Defects	1 x 2 = 2		See Report
Adjacent Roads	5 x 1 = 5		See Report
Adjacent Water Hazards	5 x 1 = 5		See Report
Informal Supervision	1 x 2 = 2		See Report
General Surfacing	1 x 2 = 2		See Report

Equipment

No.	Equipment Item	Surfacing	Risk Score (Severity x Probability)	Action, Control or Comment
1	Junior Multi-Play Unit	Woodchip	4 x 2 = 8	See Report
2	Swing (Mixed)	Grass Mats	3 x 2 = 6	See Report
3	Goal Posts x 2	Grass	2 x 2 = 4	See Report
4	Spring Seesaw	Grass	2 x 2 = 4	See Report

THE ASSESSED LEVEL OF RISK FOR THE PLAYGROUND AT THE TIME OF THE INSPECTION IS – MEDIUM.

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Initial Views

The play area is a doorstep facility, sited on an enclosed recreational field. It provides basic play activity and value.

Long Term Proposals

Monitor, maintain and inspect.

Ensure any future development of the site in terms of equipment, ancillaries and access embraces the ethos of the DDA and allows accessibility for all.

Cost Implications (Ballpark Figures)

Low to medium.

Parish Council Comments: