

## Committee: Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel

**Date: 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Wards: All Wards

### **Subject: Condition and Maintenance of Local Playgrounds**

**Lead officer:** Dan Jones, Executive Director of Environment, Civic Pride and Climate

**Lead member:** Councillor Natasha Irons, Cabinet Member for Local Environment, Greenspaces and Climate Change

**Contact officer:** Andrew Kauffman, Head of Parks Services

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#### **Recommendations:**

- A. Provide the Children and Young Peoples Overview and Scrutiny Panel with the current condition of playgrounds in Merton and the councils maintenance regimes and funding in place for the future maintenance of the borough's playgrounds
  - B. Provide the Children and Young Peoples Overview and Scrutiny Panel with an update on recent and future improvements for playgrounds in Merton 2023-27 through an extensive Capital Growth Playground Improvement Program approved by council in April 2023.
  - C. Provide the Children and Young Peoples Overview and Scrutiny Panel with a summary of specific playground improvements within Merton park playgrounds that have considered elements of Natural Play, Eco Friendly safety surface, more accessible equipment and incorporating playground equipment made from sustainable materials.
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## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1. The below report outlines the council's Greenspaces Teams responsibility in developing and managing a diverse range of play facilities across the borough of Merton's parks and open spaces.
- 1.2. Outlining the current condition and annual maintenance operations children's playgrounds within Merton's Parks and Open Spaces. See full park playground listing can be found on the council's website [All play areas | Merton Council](#).
- 1.3. Highlight councils commitment to the future of playgrounds in Merton and councils strategic improvement plan 2023-27 onwards.

## **2 DETAILS**



- 2.1. The council's Greenspace Team is at the forefront of developing and managing a diverse range of play facilities across the borough. With the responsibility of 44 formal play areas in Merton's Parks The team ensures that these spaces cater to different community needs, reflecting a deep understanding of the evolving landscape of recreational spaces in urban environments.
- 2.2. These play facilities, each with its unique history and purpose, range from long-standing areas like Joseph Hood to those introduced as part of broader initiatives such as housing developments and school expansions. The diversity in the origin

of these playgrounds illustrates the council's adaptability and responsiveness to community needs over time. For instance, Dundonald Rec was developed in response to school expansion, while Rowan Park's facilities were added to meet the needs arising from housing development.

- 2.3. The council's commitment to investing in these facilities has been consistent, as demonstrated by the significant Play Pathfinder funding received in 2010-12.
- 2.4. Merton Council was one of just 30 councils in the UK to successfully bid for pathfinder status – meaning it scooped a total of £2.5 million from the government's Children, Schools, and Families department (DCSF) to pay for new play equipment. The project saw significant upgrades to 8no Merton Park Playgrounds between

<b>PARK</b>	<b>UPRADE</b>	<b>Funding</b>	
Donnelly Green	2011	£100K	
Dundonald Recreation Ground	2011	£100K	
Edenvale Rec	2011	£100K	
Garfield Rec	2011	£100K	
Mostyn Gardens	2012	£100K	
Oakleigh Way	2012	£100K	
Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing Fields	2012	£100K	
Tamworth Farm Rec	2012	£100K	

**Table 1:** Merton Park Upgrades through DCSF Pathfinder Funding 2011-12

Park & Playground Category	Photographic Image
 <p>Dundonald Recreation Ground play area will be undergoing some improvement works over the next few months as part of a National scheme called Play pathfinder. This design is a product of consultation with local children and residents whose creativity and ideas have been brought to life.</p>	
<p><b>DCSF Pathfinder upgrade saw the playground increase from LEAP to NEAP and provide another destination facility for the East of Merton.</b> Addition of sand and stone features to the play spaces provided a great play experience for playground users and features like the GL Jones round-about provided great DDA accessibility to the current playground.</p>	

**Table 2:** Dundonald Recreation Ground Pathfinder Improvement 2011

### 3 CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1. Despite annual investment and notable funding above, it's noteworthy that some areas now require considerable investment for upgrades. But despite the aging infrastructure and changing safety standards, the playgrounds in Merton continue to offer valuable play experiences, validated by thrice-weekly inspections by Idverde and annual independent RoSPA inspections.
- 3.2. In 2023 the council Greenspace Team using the current ROSPA Annual Inspection Finding to build a more strategic picture of the Playground Infrastructure of Merton and prepare a Capital Growth Bid for future strategic investment to improve the Playground Infrastructure in Park between 2023-27 which lead to the council confirming this with a £1.75 million pound investment in play moving forward.
- 3.3. In terms of categorisation, playgrounds are identified as LAPs (Local Area for Play), LEAPs (Local Equipment Area for Play), and NEAPs (Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play). This classification system guides the planning and development of these areas to meet specific community requirements.
  - **LAPs** are designed for young children (up to age 6) and are ideally situated within a minute's walking distance along well-used pedestrian routes. They feature low-level equipment and have a minimum activity zone of 100m<sup>2</sup>, often with seating for parents and carers.
  - **LEAPs** cater to children who are beginning to play independently, located within 5 minutes' walking distance. They provide a variety of play experiences with at least three distinct play items and have a minimum activity zone of 400m<sup>2</sup>.
  - **NEAPs** are aimed at older children, located within 15 minutes' walking distance. They offer challenging play opportunities with at least five different play items, alongside an area for younger users. The minimum space for a NEAP is 1000m<sup>2</sup>, including provisions for activities like 5-a-side football.

LAP	LEAP	NEAP
Brenley Park	Abbey Rec	Colliers Wood
Pitt Crescent	All Saints Rec	Donnelly Green
Lavender Park 1	Armfield Rec	Dundonald
Wimbledon Park 1	Canons Rec	Joseph Hood Recreation Ground
	Colliers Wood Rec	Lavender Park 2
	Colliers Wood Rec Shared	Long Bolstead Recreation Ground
	Cottenham Park	London Road PF
	Durnsford	Colliers Wood
	Durnsford Rec Shared	Donnelly Green
	Edenvale	Dundonald
	Garfield	Joseph Hood Recreation Ground
	Haydons Road	Lavender Park 2
	Joseph Hood Recreation Ground	Long Bolstead Recreation Ground
	King Georges	
	Lewis Road	
	Miles Road	
	Morden Park	
	Moreton Green	
	Mostyn Gardens 2	
	Oakleigh Way	
	Pollards Hill	
	Rock Terrace 1	
	Ravensbury Park	
	Rowan Road Park	
	Rowan Road Rec	
	Sherwood	
	Stanford Road	
	Wandle Park	
	Wimbledon Park 2	

**Table 3:** Merton Council 44 Playgrounds designations

- 3.4. These playgrounds not only serve as play areas but also as vital community hubs, fostering social interaction and physical activity among children of various ages. While all playgrounds offer unique benefits, some, like Wimbledon Park and Dundonald Rec, have gained higher popularity due to additional features that engage families for extended periods.
- 3.5. The Greenspaces Team has been proactively engaged in maintaining and developing playgrounds across the borough. Most recently, this has been best

demonstrated by the investment in the Multi-use Sports Areas (MUSA) and the redesign and investment in our traditional paddling pools with a view to broaden accessibility and appeal during both the summer period and throughout the year.

- Haydons Road Recreation Ground MUSA Upgrade
- Morden Recreation Ground MUSA Upgrade
- Colliers Wood Recreation Ground MUSA Upgrade
- Colliers Wood Recreation Ground MUGA Upgrade

Refer **Appendix:** Borough wide Multi Use Sports Area (MUSA) Improvements 2023-24

- 3.6. Thematic upgrades to paddling pools at several locations. These enhancements not only improve the physical infrastructure of the playgrounds but also add unique attractions that appeal to a broader audience and the ramped access and path surface improvements ensured that DDA accessibility to the facility was improved.
- 3.7. The team have also worked with the London Tree Officer Association (LTOA) to ensure the waste water from the Paddling Pools can be used to irrigate the boroughs New and Replacement Tree planting seasonally to make the facilities more sustainable moving forward. Colliers Wood Recreation Ground Themed Paddling Pool
- King Georges Recreation Ground Themed Paddling Pool
  - Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing Fields Themed Paddling Pool
  - Rowan Recreation Ground 3D Themed Paddling Pool

Refer to **Appendix** Borough-Wide Themed Paddling Pool Improvements delivered between 2022-24

### **PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE**

- 3.8. Playgrounds within the borough are subject to rigorous maintenance schedules. Each playground receives thrice weekly inspections by service contractors from Idverde UK, who are trained in ROSPA Visual Inspection, this ensures that any immediate safety concerns are promptly addressed.
- 3.9. In addition to these daily inspections, the borough conducts independent, detailed assessments of playground safety annually through Independent Annual ROSPA to ensure the long-term safety of the site, equipment, and ancillary items. This will also meet legal and insurance responsibilities as well as complying with the requirements of the British and European Playground Safety Standards.
- 3.10. To support these ongoing maintenance efforts, the council has formulated a monthly playground maintenance plan in collaboration with service providers from Idverde. This plan is financially backed by two key funding source's set out in table below.

<b>Annual Playground Maintenance Program</b>	
<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Funding Value</b>
Idverde annual maintenance program contribution	£45K
Merton Parks Investment Fund contribution (1/3 of overall budget)	£90K

**Table 4:** Playground Maintenance Budget

- 3.11. This financial investment underscores the council's dedication to maintaining the boroughs important playground facilities.
- 3.12. Please also refer to Section 11 of the report that outlines the councils Financial Resources invested in the future of play for playgrounds in Merton.
- 3.13. From the ROSPA Annual Inspection a report is generated for each site listing all items within the play area (including supporting furniture such as benches and seating), each item's is given an appraisal and an associated risk score is given, based on a traffic light system.
- 3.14. Any items identified as **Red** are addressed with immediate effect and any remaining items are addressed in order of priority on a sliding scale. Please note that risk is inherent in any playground, because without it, it limits the child's development opportunities both in terms of motor and cognitive skills. Where a risk is identified because of a physical defect it will be remedied accordingly, however, the same risk score can be allocated to a more challenging item.

Refer to **Appendix** EXAMPLE ROSPA Annual Playground Inspection Report Durnsford Road Recreation Ground.

### PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

- 3.15. Understanding the importance of engagement, the council acknowledges that while playgrounds are being maintained to a high standard, there has been limited engagement activity specifically targeting these areas.
- 3.16. To address this, the council is actively working to develop more facilities in collaboration with Park Friends and Residents Associations, linked to the councils Civic Pride Investing in Neighbourhoods Fund.
- 3.17. Notable successes using the above co-design approach in the last few years have included the below co-designed community play spaces linked to the Merton Council Neighbourhood CIL

Merton Council Neighbourhood CIL Playground Community Co-designed Improvements			
Site	Groups Involved		Funding
Colliers Wood Shared Use Playground	Colliers Wood Residents Association, Friends of Colliers Wood Rec, Single Gate Primary School		£65,000.00
Garfield Recreation Ground MUGA Area Improvement.	Friends of Garfield Rec, Garfield Primary School, and Make Space for Girls.		£75,000.00
Morden Park Junior Playground and Adventure Trail	Friends of Morden Park, Kids First (Disablement Charity) Merton College		£65,000.00
Moreton Green Outdoor Gym	Friends of Moreton Green, GLL Better Leisure Partnership Team		£20,000.00

**Table 5:** Neighbourhood CIL Co-designed Playspace Improvement Projects

Refer to **Appendix** Design and Photographic Improvements of the above Neighbourhood CIL Improvements.

- 3.18. This collaborative approach aims to enhance the appeal of playgrounds and encourage more young people and wider community to get involved co-designing these spaces.

- 3.19. Another particularly innovative playground engagement project was the National Heritage Lottery-funded playground at Canons House and Grounds, where the design process involved local children working with Studio Hardey, fostering community involvement and ownership in the new Canons House Playground.
- 3.20. The playground designers, Studio Hardie, ran four workshops to engage with children and parents about what they would like to see in the playground and to teach the community about how innovative playground design works.
- 3.21. One set of workshops was delivered at Cranmer Primary School with students and parents from Cranmer Primary and St. Peter and St. Paul Primary, while the second set was delivered with the Peer Mentors at the SHINE programme.
- 3.22. Visit Studio Hardie Project Page The Canons Playground - Studio Hardie - Studio Hardie



Images School Workshop  
Engagement at Cranmer Primary and St Peter and St Pauls Primary



Images: Canons House Playground

Final Outcome from Childrens Imaginations

### **FUTURE PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT 2023-27**

- 3.23. After a successful Capital Growth Bid in 2023 for Playground Improvements linked to the most recent ROSPA Annual Inspection a £1.75 Million pound future investments in the Merton's park playground was secured in April 2023 and over the next 5 years the council will be investing £350K per year in some of the boroughs ailing playground infrastructure, including both complete playground overhauls as well as improvements to Priority 1 playground equipment replacements & improvements to accessible play .
- 3.24. Please visit the Merton Playground and Paddling Pool Upgrade page on the councils website to see the visuals and consultation findings from the first 3 Playground Improvement Consultations held between August-October 2023 which over 150 children and families attended.

## Playground and paddling pool upgrades | Merton Council

3.25. See table 6 below for the consultation dates and project commencement dates confirmed so far.

Year 1 Playground Upgrade Program		
Park	Consultation	Project Commencement
Rowan Recreation Ground	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Miles Road Recreation Ground	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023	22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2024
Lewis Road Recreation Ground	27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	TBC: Scheme is being updated based on Consultation feedback

**Table 6:** Year 1 Playground and Paddling Pool Upgrade community consultation events



**Image:** Playground community engagement events @ Rowan Rec / Miles Road and Lewis Road

Refer to **Appendix** Playground Designs and Consultation Feedback Boards for Rowan Rec, Miles Road Rec, and Lewis Road Rec

3.26. The popularity of playgrounds varies, with some locations like Wimbledon Park, Dundonald Rec, Canons House and Grounds, Cottenham Park, and Pollards Hill attracting more visitors.

3.27. This variation is primarily due to additional features that these playgrounds offer, which keep families engaged for longer periods. These key playgrounds have become focal points for community activity, reflecting the council's success in creating spaces that are not just play areas but also community hubs.



**Image:** Wimbledon Park Destination Park for west of Merton



**Image:** Tamworth Rec Splash Pad Canons Heritage Lottery Upgrade Destination Parks for East of Merton



## USE OF NATURAL MATERIALS

- 3.28. The Playground industry is very conscious of its affect on the environment and sustainability is now well represented in the numbers of product lines that utilise materials from sustainable sources, like the use of recycled car tyres in the production of the Play-Smart Jungle Mulch product that Merton Council now specify for its sustainable surface solutions in its playgrounds or the FSC Certified Timber that Merton have adopted in its Vince Adventure Trails.
- 3.29. The councils declaration of a Climate Emergency in July 2019 and the councils Climate Strategy and Action Plan adopted in 2020 and the Year 3 Climate Delivery Plan is listing how the councils Strategies including recently adopted Tree Strategy and Procurement Strategies ensures that sustainable practices and procurement is used to lessen the councils impact on the environment as well as ensuring the impact of climate change is mitigated against in councils developments.
- 3.30. Two good examples of these Climate Mitigation Strategies in Merton's Parks include the 2021-23 Wimbledon Park Lake Safety Project where the de-culverting of the Wimbledon Park Brook created an open channel in Wimbledon Park which was incorporated into the landscape of the park which was incorporated into the popular 18 hole Crazy Golf facility that now boasts an open stream with 2no recycled plastic bridges with swathes of conservation grass and meadows that have booth improved the landscape while protecting the surrounding properties from 1-150 year flood events



**Image:** Wimbledon Park Crazy Golf was integrated into the Wimbledon Park Lake Safety Projects

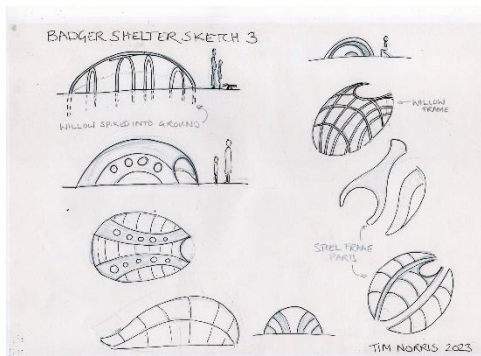
- 3.31. Secondly linked to the adoption of the boroughs first Tree Strategy in June 2023 the council were successful in a £15K external funding grant to the Mayor of London Cool Spaces Grant which saw the council plant 30 standard trees in the

boroughs Parks and Open Spaces to create Cool Spaces in the boroughs Parks and Street, which was part of a wider planted in 2022-23 as we seek to enhance the boroughs canopy cover.

3.32. Other Natural Features that the council has incorporated into its Parks Playground and Playscapes include Climbing Boulders like you will see at Ravensbury Park, Durnsford Rec and Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing Fields. Planting



**Image:** Trees for Streets and Cool Spaces In Parks



**Image:** Art in Merton Parks and Playscapes

#### 4 NEW SAFETY SURFACES FOR PLAYGROUNDS

- 4.1. Due to the shrinkable clay in Merton, much of the early wet pour surfacing used by the Greenspaces service historically using concrete kerb edging and infill with wet pour EPDM Rubber has suffered from the clayshrinking and rubber being pulled away from the concrete curbs and creating trip hazard.
- 4.2. In 2022 the Greenspaces Team have trialled the use of recycled Jungle Mulch trowel down safety surface that can be laid without concrete edging at Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing Fields and Mostyn Gardens playground and we have been very happy with the results so far (pictures below).
- 4.3. The council Greenspaces Team will continue to monitor the Play Smart Jungle Mulch product with the added advantage that the product is tis made from recycled car tyres making it an environmentally friendly surfacing solution for our playground in Merton



**Image:** Play-smart recycled jungle mulch at multiple Merton Parks Playgrounds

## 5 MORE ACCESSIBLE EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

- 5.1. Where possible the council will always aim to ensure accessibility in all new playground schemes. The main obstacle we find it physically being able to access equipment within play facilities. As with Morden Park we are ensuring that gate and supporting footpath infrastructure is sufficient to enable those with limited mobility to navigate the site.
- 5.2. There are certain items that we can and do consider for play facilities such as flush access roundabouts which we currently have at 8no park playground locations across Merton including Dundonald Rec, Durnsford Rec, Morden Park, Ravensbury Park and basket swings (which are easier for individuals to be transferred from their day chair to the apparatus) for which we have at 8no play locations across Merton including Canons House and Grounds, Garfield Park, Colliers Wood Rec shared use playground, Morden Park and Abbey Recreation Ground.



**Image:** Flush mounted DDA roundabout, Inclusive basket swing and swing seat, sound play

- 5.3. We have recently refurbished a number of the councils paddling pools; part of these developments involved creating new sloped access ramp to all Paddling Pools enabling wheelchair users and those with limited mobility the opportunity to both access and now enjoy the facility too.



**Images:** Ramps created in all paddling pools combining tactile wet pour paths and interactive graphics

## **6 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

6.1. Not applicable for this report

## **7 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED**

7.1. Not applicable for this report

## **8 TIMETABLE**

8.1. Not applicable for this report

## **9 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1. The Greenspaces Capital Investment Programme is focused on three key areas: enhancing civic pride, building a sustainable future, and developing a Borough of Sport. These initiatives contribute to improving the quality of life for residents. The programme outlines the ambitious investment plans for our valued parks, playgrounds, and greenspaces.

The programme outlines a total investment of £4,879,862 in various projects relating to the development of parks, playgrounds, and sports facilities for the benefit of children and young people. Key projects involve new water play features, park enhancements, sports drainage improvements, and multi-use sports areas. Investments also cover playground upgrades, green flag improvement programmes, and park security measures to help make sure these sites are protected. These planned investments reflect the Council's commitment to meeting current community needs while preparing for the future.

<b>Capital Investments</b>	<b>Budget 2023-24</b>	<b>Budget 2024-25</b>	<b>Budget 2025-26</b>	<b>Budget 2026-27</b>	<b>Budget 2027-28</b>	<b>Budget 2028-29</b>
Parks Investment	£273,530	£300,000	£300,000	£300,000	£300,000	£1,473,530
New water play feature Wimb Pk	£87,430	£-	£-	£-	£-	£87,430
Paddling Pool Borough Wide	£33,390	£-	£-	£-	£-	£33,390
Morley Park Enhancements	£19,370			£-	£-	£19,370
Sports Drainage	£66,970	£222,000	£-	£-	£-	£288,970
Multi Use Sports Areas	£140,690	£-	£-	£-	£-	£140,690
Green Spaces Bridges and Structures	£115,000	£81,000	£80,000	£-	£-	£276,000
Playground Priority Upgrades Prog	£350,000	£300,000	£300,000	£300,000	£300,000	£1,550,000
New Green Flag Improvement Prog	£76,430	£130,000	£100,000	£-	£-	£306,430
Existing Green Flag Impr Prog	£50,000	£75,000	£50,000	£-	£-	£175,000
Parks Security - Illegal incursions	£95,000	£30,000	£50,000	£-	£-	£175,000
Morden Park Playground	£75,530	£-	£-	£-	£-	£75,530
Durnsford Road Recreation Ground	£44,770	£-	£-	£-	£-	£44,770
Garfield Rec MUGA refurb	£120,000	£-	£-	£-	£-	£120,000
Green Gym for Moreton Green	£31,252	£-	£-	£-	£-	£31,252
Cannizaro Park Safety	£82,500	£-	£-	£-	£-	£82,500
						£4,879,862

## **10 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

10.1. Not applicable for this report

## **11 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**

11.1. Not applicable for this report

## **12 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

12.1. Not applicable for this report

## **13 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

13.1. Not applicable for this report

## **14 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT**

<b>Appendix Name</b>	<b>Appendix Details</b>
Borough wide multi use sports area improvements (MUSA) 2022-23	Improvements made to Haydons Road Rec, Colliers Wood Rec, and Morden Rec 2022-23
Borough wide themed Paddling Pool Improvements 2023-24	Improvements made to Colliers Wood, Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing Fields, King Georges Rec, Rowan Recreation Ground 2023-24
ROSPA Annual Inspection Report Example	Durnsford Road Recreation Ground January 2023.
Design and Photographic Improvements to Neighbourhood CIL Schemes 2023-24	Colliers Wood Rec Shared Use Playground Garfield Road Rec, Morden Park, Moreton Green Outdoor Gym
Playground Improvement Program 2023-27	Playground Design and Feedback Boards from consultation at Rowan Rec, Miles Road, and Lewis Road

## **15 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

15.1. Not applicable for this report

# Haydons Road Rec MUSA: Before and After



# Colliers Wood Rec MUGA: Before and After





# Morden Rec MUGA: Before and After

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# Colliers Wood Rec central MUGA Before and After





Colliers Wood Rec Paddling Pool



Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing Fields Paddling Pool



King George's Playing Fields Paddling Pool



Rowan Rec Paddling Pool



# Morden Park Paddling Pool



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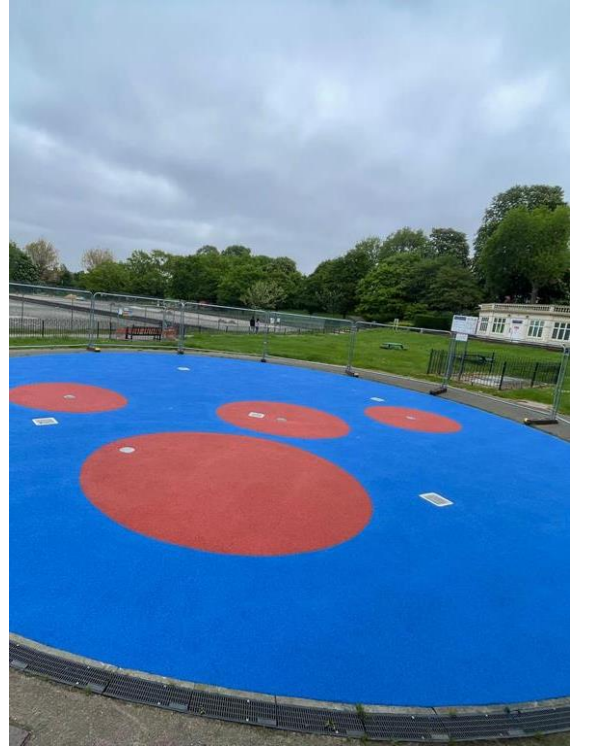


# Joseph Hood Rec Paddling Pool





Tamworth Rec Splash Pad



Wimbledon Park Splash Pad



# Colliers Wood Rec Shared-Use Playground



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# Colliers Wood Rec Shared-Use Playground

# GARFIELD RECREATION GROUND

London Borough of Merton



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## PROJECT DETAILS:

- A** Existing goal ends to be repositioned
- B** Existing foliage
- C** Existing pathways
- D** ACO Drainage & small soakaway
- E** Tarmac laid over MOT type 1 & defined with PCC edging laid to 1:100 fall to ACO Drain
- F** Bonded Rubber Mulch with stone bases laid to appropriate free fall heights
- G** Thermoplastic line markings for football & basketball
- H** Mounds up to 1m High to be formed from excavated spoil
- I** Tarmac pathway over MOT type 1 & defined with block edging
- J** 1.5m Mowing strip buffer for maintenance

Broxap  
Weyburn Curved Bench with  
3x Planters  
Code: BX14 BSP



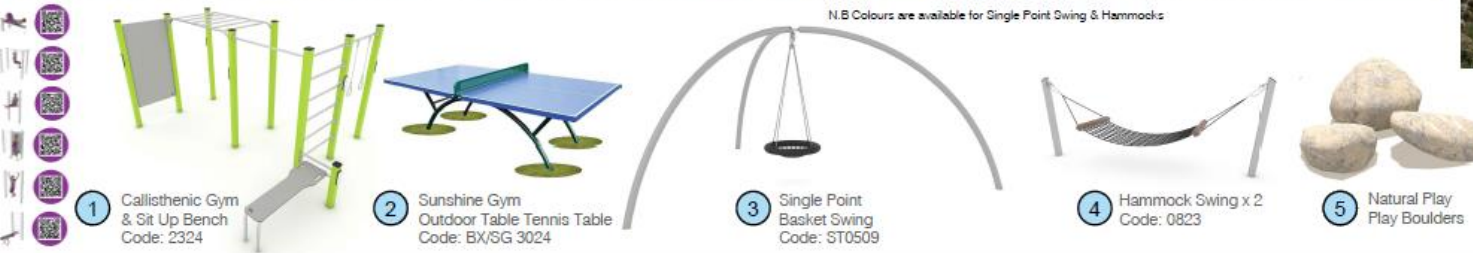
Proposed:  
Natural Play  
Fallen Log Tree Trunks



David Ogilvie  
KC Bench Seat  
Code: KC1180



Broxap  
Derby E Litter Bin with  
Seagull Flaps  
Code: BX45G 2550-E



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## GAREFIELD Recreation Ground NCIL Project

### Multi Use Play Area and Space for Girls

#### BEFORE



#### AFTER



# GAREFIELD Recreation Ground

Multi Use Play Area and Space for Girls





# Safety Inspection Report

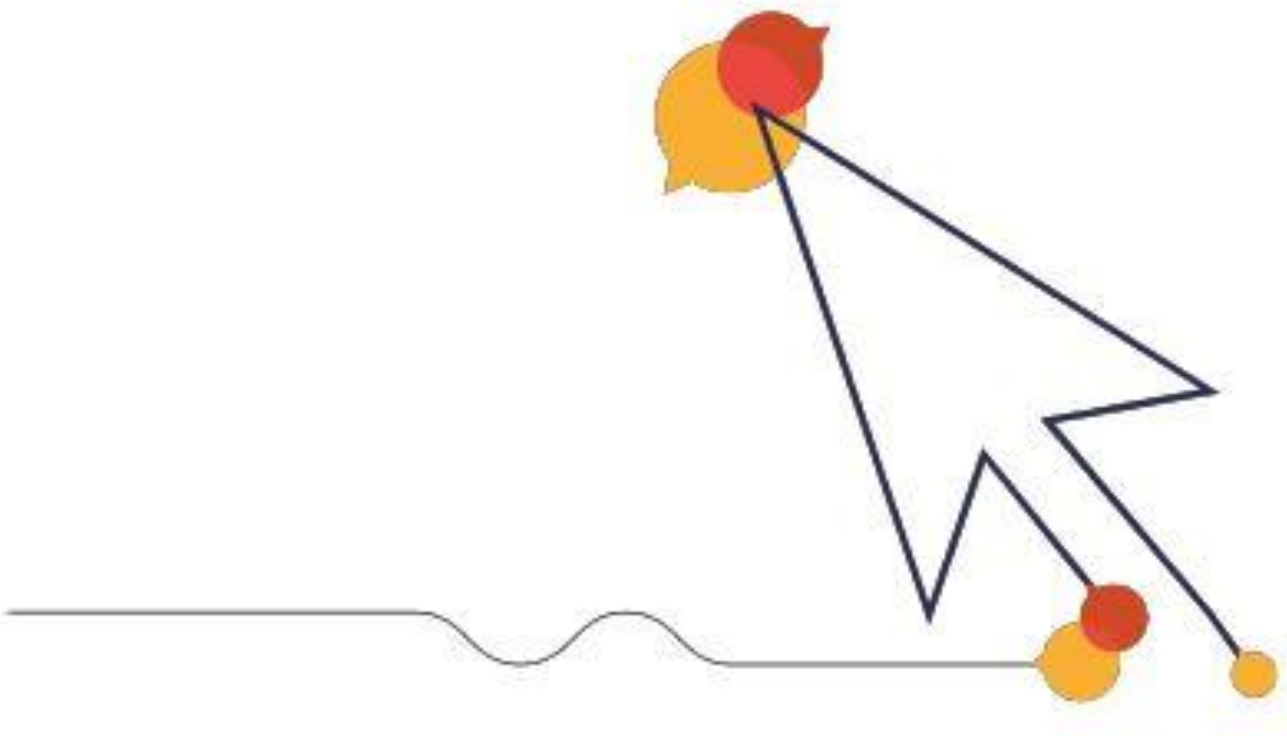
Annual Inspection

## Durnsford Road Rec. Play Area

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London Borough of Merton (Parks)

07 December 2023



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# Swing - Toddler - 1 Bay 2 Seat

Manufactured by (Unknown)



## Standards:

EN 1176-1:2017+A1:2023, EN 1176-2:2017

The item is not compliant with the requirements of the relevant standards. The surfacing meets with the requirements of the relevant standards.

## Maintenance Finding

### Description

Trip points on the surface.

### Tasks

Remove trip points.

Risk level:

Medium

Risk score:

8

## Finding Photos





# Play Train Station Area - Toddler

Manufactured by Kompan Ltd



## Standards:

EN 1176-1:2017+A1:2023

The item and its surfacing (where applicable) meet with the requirements of the relevant standards.

## Maintenance Finding

### Description

Delamination of wood.

### Tasks

Repair.

### Note

Throughout. Slide side in particular, needs attention.

Risk level:

Medium

Risk score:

9

### Finding Photos



# Multiplay - Junior

Manufactured by Wicksteed Leisure Ltd



Surface: Rubber - Mulch - Bonded

## Standards:



EN 1176-1:2017+A1:2023

The item is not compliant with the requirements of the relevant standards. The surfacing meets with the requirements of the relevant standards.

## Maintenance Finding

### Description

Chain link connectors notched.

### Tasks

Replace worn parts.

### Note

Eye bolts on clatter bridge.

Risk level:

Low

Risk score:

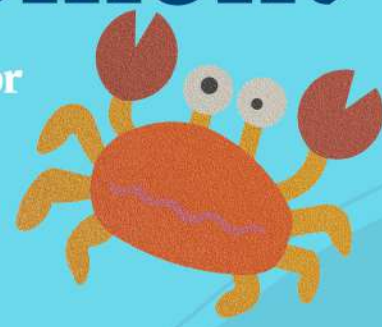
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### Finding Photos



# Rowan Road Recreation Ground Community Engagement

"3D Shapes are cool, love the tunnels" "Cannot wait!"  
 "Nice & bright, colourful & inviting"  
 "Keep the Paddling Pool – very popular during the warmer months, happy to see it remain"  
 "We love high ropes & climbing"  
 "Trampolines are always fun"  
 "Space on grass for Outdoor Gym?"  
 "Shade &/or Trees need to be considered"



There should be swings and things that should cover all the ages of children from toddler to active kids.

"As many swings as possible, lots of swings on show, that's great!"

"Zip Wire at the park down the road is broken but they're always a winner!"

"We love the theming"

"Lots of different swings"

"Existing benches looking tired & too low, please could these be replaced"

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"The benches should be little bit higher and benches need repairing"

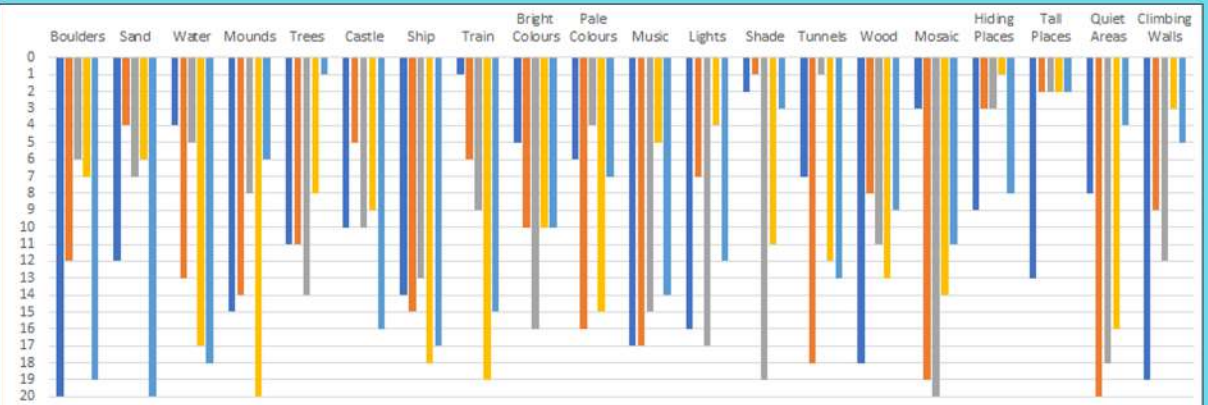
"Really happy with it all!"

"Amazing, looks great, just what we need, wouldn't change anything, just happy to see the investment in the park, long overdue and if this is completed in October time that would be extremely quick and it would make a huge difference".

"Big net is awesome!"

"Overhead bars would be great"

## Chart results of favourite Items



Rowan Road Community Engagement Results

## Responses from residents, parents & children who attend:

- Granton Primary School
- Woodmansterne School
- Liberty Primary School
- Others N/A
- Ages <1-15 yrs

# Lewis Road Recreation Ground

## Community Engagement

"Lewis road is too run down. New design looks really cool!"

"Nature area sounds fantastic place for some quieter time. The sports area is a good idea for teenagers & to keep them away from the play park."

"Lots for different age groups, seating for parents and a safe & separate dog area."

"Would like bright colours, zipwire, climbing and lots of swings."

"Really happy with how the designs look, look amazing!"

"Our ideal playground would have a zipline, roundabout and swings!"

"The main units look really great and exciting, love the huge slides and the rope play!"

"Lewis Road Playground is the worst place to play, I don't like the floor, slippery and uneven."

"An ideal playground would be well maintained, mixed ages/levels, safe, practical and long lasting."

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 Designs look very impressive, very much looking forward to the much-needed update, this part of Merton don't usually get this attention."

"The main units look really great and exciting, love the huge slides and the rope"

"We like Basket swing, things that spin, rope group swings, concerned the shelter gazebo would invite anti-social behaviour."

"Would be a good idea to include an inclusive swing seat if possible."

"Great it will all be on surface area so no trip areas."

"Inclusive roundabout is a really nice addition & basket swing is my favourite!"

"Would like plenty of seating."

"Once this is done will be the best place to play!"

"More bins & benches"



### Chart results of favourite Items



1. Tube Slides!

2. Tree Houses!

3. Bright Colours!

4. Trees 5. Tunnels

### Responses from residents, parents & children who attended:

- Haslemere Primary School
- Liberty Primary School
- Harris City Academy
- Ricards Lodge High School
- Merton Abbey Primary School
- Home Schooled
- Others N/A
- Ages <1-12 yrs
- Adults 36-59

"Don't think wood is a good idea here, splinters, no trip hazards."

"Think the additional phased areas would be a much-needed inclusion so as to entice older children away from the play area."

