

# Assessment sheet

## Type of play space or facility

Type A: Doorstep  Type B: Local  Type C: Neighbourhood

**Type A:** Door-step space or facility: A small space, within sight of home, where children, especially young children can play within view of known adults

**Type B:** Local spaces and facilities: A larger space which can be reached safely by children beginning to travel independently and with friends, without accompanying adults and for adults with young children to walk to with ease.

**Type C:** Neighbourhood spaces and facilities: A larger space or facility for informal recreation which children and young people, used to travelling longer distances independently, can get to safely and spend time in play and informal recreation with their peers and have a wider range of play

Name of site and assessor/s ...AMBROOK ROAD PLAY AREA, WHITLEY  
Parent Carer and Young Person .....

Date of assessment ..... 15<sup>th</sup> May 2106.....

Time ..... 12.15..... Weather ..... Sunny.....

## Description of the site and its surroundings

Which aspects of the site are being assessed?

Accessibility for families of disabled children.

## First impressions of the site

Include first impressions about the site, including location, hazards, overall look and feel, for example: does it look and feel friendly?

- Situated on the corner of two roads. On road parking only, no disabled parking.
- Short but steep path up to play area with heavy swing gate, difficult to negotiate with a wheelchair,
- Different textured surfaces make it more difficult to navigate in wheelchair.
- "Phones" are the only wheelchair accessible equipment. Low rotating chair that could lift a 5 year old into, nothing else.
- Lots of space and different equipment but challenging for a child with poor motor control.
- Bright coloured gate, different textures and markings on ground making it easier to navigate for a visually impaired child
- Not suitable for children who run off, as the gate opens on to a corner of two roads and there are lots of shrubs that children could get into on the edges of the park but that adults would struggle to get them free from.

## Overall observations of the site after the assessment

This may include issues that will need to be taken into account for any future work, such as H&S.

- Generally clean and relatively quiet.
- Shrubs and fencing would cause a hazard for children running off from parents.

5	Excellent	2	Weaknesses, improvements needed
4	Good	1	Serious weaknesses, improvement needed
3	Average, needs some improvement		
<b>Involvement of children</b>		<b>Score</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Involvement of children		N/A	
<b>Location (Max score A=35, B=35, C=35)</b>		<b>Score</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Informal oversight		3	Shrubs and fences poor.
Well used by children		4	
Getting there		3	No disabled parking
Personal safety, lighting and security		4	
Disability access		2	Phones are only wheelchair accessible equipment and access difficult. Not suitable for children who may run off. Better for visually impaired children and those needing a quieter play area.
Meeting other children		3	
Designed for the sight		3	
<b>TOTAL</b>		24/35	
<b>Final score: total as % of max</b>		69%	
<b>Play value (max score A=40, B=50, C=50)</b>		<b>Score</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Enticing to children to play		3	
Play opportunities for disabled children		2	
Play needs of different ages (Type B and C only)		3	
Movement		4	
Imaginative play ages (Type B and C only)		4	
Ball games		4	
Loose parts		4	
Access to the natural environment		2	
Places for children to sit		4	
Added play value		3	
<b>TOTAL</b>		32	
<b>Final score: total as % of max</b>		64%	
<b>Care and maintenance (max score A=25, B=35, C=35)</b>		<b>Score</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Well maintained		4	Clean
Health and safety		3	Shrubs and fencing need work. See-saw bounces up if a child with poor motor control takes too long to get off.
Seating for adults		5	
Litter bins		5	
Dog free zones		n/k	
Presence of supervisory adults (Type B & C only)		n/a	
Toilets/changing facilities (Type B & C only)		none	
<b>Total</b>		17/25	

