

Assessment sheet

Type of play space or facility – CHRISTCHURCH MEADOWS

Type A: Doorstep Type B: Local x 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/sParent Carer and Young People.....

Date of assessment28th August 2016.....

Time2 pm..... WeatherCloudy

Description of the site and its surroundings

Which aspects of the site are being assessed?

Accessibility for 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?

Parking at Hills Meadow with blue badge parking, short gravel path from car park to tow path, otherwise very wheelchair accessible. Disabled toilet on site.

There are 2 swings, a bucket swing and a hammock accessible for younger wheelchair users who can transfer without hoists. There is one climbing frame which is partly wheelchair accessible with things to play with alongside.

Not suitable for children who might run off as a big site as had 5 unsecured gates, with access to the paddling pool, River Thames and a main road.

Some of the play equipment would be suitably for a partially visually impaired child, with brightly covered sections but this is a bit site with many sections which are less visually distinct.

Lots of different equipment to appeal to different age groups.

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.

Well maintained with plenty of seating and a complete fence around the site (with unsecured gates).

5	Excellent	2	Weaknesses, improvements needed
4	Good	1	Serious weaknesses, improvement needed
3	Average, needs some improvement		
Involvement of children		Score	Comments
Involvement of children		N/A	
Location (Max score A=35, B=35, C=35)		Score	Comments
Informal oversight		4	
Well used by children		5	
Getting there		4	
Personal safety, lighting and security		4	
Disability access		2	A few pieces equipment suitable for wheelchair users that can transfer without a hoist, much more needed.
Meeting other children		5	
Designed for the sight		4	
TOTAL		28	
Final score: total as % of max		80%	
Play value (max score A=40, B=50, C=50)		Score	Comments
Enticing to children to play		4	
Play opportunities for disabled children		2	
Play needs of different ages (Type B and C only)		5	
Movement		5	
Imaginative play ages (Type B and C only)		4	
Ball games		4	
Loose parts		5	
Access to the natural environment		4	
Places for children to sit		5	
Added play value		4	
TOTAL		42	
Final score: total as % of max		84%	
Care and maintenance (max score A=25, B=35, C=35)		Score	Comments
Well maintained		5	
Health and safety		4	
Seating for adults		5	
Litter bins		5	
Dog free zones		5	
Presence of supervisory adults (Type B & C only)			
Toilets/changing facilities (Type B & C only)		5	
Total		29	
Final score: total as % of max		97%	

