

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 experiences.

Name of site and assessor/s3 Members of Forum who are Parent Carers
Date of assessment23rd May 2016.....

Time 12 noon..... Weather Sunny

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?

- Well maintained and clean.
- Car parking on narrow streets only with dropped pavement at corner only.
- Difficult to navigate heavy metal swing gate with wheelchair and no wheelchair accessible equipment. Could lift an under 5 onto the low rotating seat.
- Level play area and lots of different pieces of equipment to challenge able bodied children.
- It's a lovely large green space for playing in but it isn't very secure, with gaps in hedges for children to run out of.
- The park itself has a railed area around it with entrance through 2 gates, neither of these gates have a latch on them, they just push open, which makes it very easy for a toddler or escaping child with SEN to exit far too easily. The main gate is situated on the path next to the road and parents have been seen frantically running to the gate to stop their child from leaving and going into the road.
- The equipment has been replaced in the last few years, which is good, but one of the pieces of equipment looks quite dangerous, it's a zig zag elevated walk way between equipment, there is a rail to hold on to but we would like to see it have some lower level safety protection; if a child lost their balance on there it is quite a height to fall.
- Play areas are not visually distinctive for a child with visually impairments.
- A large field to run in or play ball games but edges of field have gaps onto the road so not a suitable site for children who run off.

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 and clean. Good number of seats for parents.

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		2	
Well used by children		4	
Getting there		2	
Personal safety, lighting and security		4	
Disability access		2	
Meeting other children		4	
Designed for the sight		3	
TOTAL		21	
Final score: total as % of max		60%	
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)		4	
Movement		4	
Imaginative play ages (Type B and C only)		4	
Ball games		4	
Loose parts		4	
Access to the natural environment		4	
Places for children to sit		5	
Added play value		3	
TOTAL		38	
Final score: total as % of max		76%	
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		4	
Presence of supervisory adults (Type B & C only)		n/a	
Toilets/changing facilities (Type B & C only)		2	
Total		25	
Final score: total as % of max		83%	

