

Assessment sheet PALMER PARK

Type of play space or facility

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 Person

Date of assessment6th September 2016.....

Time4 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?

Park has off road parking, including disabled parking bays. Most of the park has wheelchair accessible paths. Near London Road, there is a wheelchair accessible roundabout and a climbing frame which would be accessible for light wheelchairs (there is some pushing required to get from one section to another). The netball pitch would be accessible with a lower net and replacing the short run up with paving instead of gravel.

Near Wokingham Road, there are several bucket swings for those that can transfer without a hoist, and a table tennis table. There is a wheelchair accessible café, with a toilet suitable for wheelchairs, and an accessible library.

The site is not suitable for children who might run off as there is no fencing round the play equipment near London Road and several unsecured swing gates at the Wokingham road end. The site is large with 2 busy main roads.

There is plenty of space and a wide variety of equipment for those without physical disabilities.

Parents report that children have loved playing in the park and although some autistic children have it a bit overwhelming. "One big draw for us has always been that Palmer Park library is so nearby. When the boys were little, we would go to the library and then on to the park and happily spend a few hours at a time there.

Even now, when my older son is too overwhelmed to play in the park, he is old enough to go over to the library for a bit of peace while I stay in the park with the younger one." Library staff are very helpful to families.

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.

Clean, well-used and in good repair.

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		5	
Personal safety, lighting and security		2	Not suitable for children who may run off as above.
Disability access		3	
Meeting other children		5	
Designed for the sight		4	
TOTAL		25	
Final score: total as % of max		71%	
Play value (max score A=40, B=50, C=50)		Score	Comments
Enticing to children to play		5	
Play opportunities for disabled children		3	
Play needs of different ages (Type B and C only)		4	
Movement		5	
Imaginative play ages (Type B and C only)		4	
Ball games		5	
Loose parts		4	
Access to the natural environment		5	
Places for children to sit		5	
Added play value		5	
TOTAL		46	
Final score: total as % of max		92%	
Care and maintenance (max score A=25, B=35, C=35)		Score	Comments
Well maintained		5	
Health and safety		3	
Seating for adults		5	
Litter bins		5	
Dog free zones		3	
Presence of supervisory adults (Type B & C only)			
Toilets/changing facilities (Type B & C only)		4	
Total		25	
Final score: total as % of max		83%	

