

# 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 SOUTCOTE FARM LANE PLAYGROUND  
Parent Carer and Young Person .....

Date of assessment ... 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016.....

Time ..... 11.30..... Weather ..... Sunny.....

### Description of the site and its surroundings

Which aspects of the site are being assessed?

Accessibly 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?

- Off road parking but uneven ground and narrow gap making it difficult to access with a wheelchair. Only equipment suitable for a wheelchair user were the "phones". Nothing that it would be easy to lift a 5 year old onto.
- Site secure and away from main roads.
- Good range of equipment in good order and spongy ground cover.
- Apart from gates, nothing very visually distinctive for visually impaired children.
- Poor signposting, park is behind shops and 2 sets of garages with nothing advertising where it is. Had to ask passer-by.
- Site is quiet with just one other family there on a sunny day. Only noise was from temporary building works in nearby house.

### 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 litter free.

5	Excellent	2	Weaknesses, improvements needed
4	Good	1	Serious weaknesses, improvement needed
3	Average, needs some improvement		
<b>Involvement of children</b>			
Involvement of children		Score	Comments
Involvement of children		N/A	
<b>Location (Max score A=35, B=35, C=35)</b>			
Informal oversight		Score	Comments
Informal oversight		4	Well maintained
Well used by children		2	Very quiet but good for some children
Getting there		2	Difficult to find.
Personal safety, lighting and security		3	
Disability access		1	Not accessible for wheelchair users or the visually impaired.
Meeting other children		2	
Designed for the sight		4	
<b>TOTAL</b>		18	
<b>Final score: total as % of max</b>		51%	
<b>Play value (max score A=40, B=50, C=50)</b>			
Enticing to children to play		Score	Comments
Enticing to children to play		4	
Play opportunities for disabled children		1	
Play needs of different ages (Type B and C only)		3	Lots of different equipment
Movement		4	Some equipment challenging
Imaginative play ages (Type B and C only)		5	Good range of equipment to play cars/castles etc and area of grass
Ball games		4	Area to play but no markings
Loose parts		5	None seen
Access to the natural environment		4	Grass area and hedges.
Places for children to sit		4	
Added play value		3	
<b>TOTAL</b>		37/50	
<b>Final score: total as % of max</b>		74%	
<b>Care and maintenance (max score A=25, B=35, C=35)</b>			
Well maintained		Score	Comments
Well maintained		4	
Health and safety		4	
Seating for adults		4	
Litter bins		4	
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>		16/25	
<b>Final score: total as % of max</b>		64%	

