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Annual Inspection

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Risk Assessment Matrix

Probability>>	5	Very High	VL	L	M	H	VH
	4	High	VL	L	M	H	H
	3	Moderate	VL	L	L	M	M
	2	Low	VL	L	L	L	L
	1	Very Low	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL
			Very Low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High
			1	2	3	4	5

Severity>>

Probability Score	Probability of Occurrence
1 – Very Low	No significant probability; lightning Strike
2 – Low	Minimal probability of occurrence. Requires significant factor or combination of factors to take place. Significant increase in intensity of use.
3 – Moderate	Moderate probability. An added factor is needed to cause an accident. Designed use is unlikely to be problematic, additional factor is required. Covers or guards loose, removed or vandalised. Absent guard rail or barrier at high levels
4 – High	High probability. Accident is probable without any added factor. Glass contaminant in loose fill surface. Exposed sharp edges on equipment.
5 – Very High	Very High probability. If the situation is not addressed an accident is almost certain. Severely worn chains/shackles. Severely damaged surfacing within impact area

Severity Score	Severity of injury
1 – Very Low	No injury likely e.g. damaged or soiled clothing, minor bruising
2 – Low	Minor injury – Laceration or bruising requiring first aid only
3 – Moderate	Injury requiring medical intervention e.g. laceration requiring stitches, sprain, fracture of small bones of hand or foot.
4 – High	Serious injury including hospitalisation for observation e.g. concussion, fracture of long bones of leg/arm, back/neck injuries, fractured skull.
5 – Very High	Severe injury involving the potential for permanent disability e.g. amputation, loss of sight, spinal injury, fatality.

NB: When we inspect we only see a snapshot of the current condition of the equipment. It is the operator's responsibility to ensure that there is a continuing level of maintenance to keep the equipment in good working order and the site fit for use.

BS EN 1176:2008 Parts 1-11 (Playground equipment and surfacing)
BS EN 14974 (Facilities for users of roller sports equipment)
BS EN 15312 (Free access multi-sports equipment)
BS 10075 (Specification for Parkour Equipment)

Site Information

Inspection Ref: 582854

Site Ref: 41044

Customer Order No: None

Annual Inspection - 03 May 2018 at 15:50 Inspector: David Fagan (RPII Outdoor Annual Inspector)

Risk Assessment: **12 - Moderate Risk**



Location: The site is located in an area of public open space and is not directly overlooked by any properties in the local community.

Disabled Access: Some accessible features; an area that presents difficulties to the majority of people with disabilities but in favourable circumstances and certainly in partnership can be accessed.



2 - Very Low Risk

Item: Ancillary Items - Sign
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface Type: N/A
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

It is recommended that information signs with emergency contact details are installed at each entrance/exit point to the playground - Provide in accordance with the recommendations set out in BS EN 1176



4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Ancillary Items - Fence - Chainlink
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface Type: Grass
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required



8 - Low Risk

Item: Ancillary Items - Gate - Self Closing
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Grass
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 3



Finding 1

The opening between the gate and the post is less than 12mm and could trap users fingers - Adjust gate to ensure a 12mm opening all around

Finding 2

The area under the gate has eroded leaving uneven areas, or the concrete foundations exposed, resulting in trip hazards at the entrance/exit to the playground - Reinstate to level with surrounding surfaces

Finding 3

The gate is closing too quickly (less than 4 seconds) - Take corrective action to ensure that the gate closes in 4-8 seconds



4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Ancillary Items - Gate - Maintenance
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Grass
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required



8 - Low Risk

Item: Ancillary Items - Picnic Table
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface Type: Grass
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

There is algae or moss on the surface of the table - Clean and treat appropriately



6 - Low Risk

Item: Ancillary Items - Bench
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface Type: Grass
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

The adjacent foliage is overhanging - Cut back and maintain



8 - Low Risk

Item: Ancillary Items - Litter Bin
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface Type: Grass
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 2



Finding 1

The bin is not securely fixed to the surface and there is some possibility of the item tipping or rolling over - Secure the bin to the ground

Finding 2

The adjacent foliage is overhanging - Cut back and maintain



4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Ancillary Items - Site General
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface Type: N/A
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required



6 - Low Risk

Item: Multi Use Games Area - 5 a side Goals
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Grass
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting - Treat any rusting components and repaint



8 - Low Risk

Item: Activity Equipment - Stepping Stones
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Grass
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 2



Finding 1

The surface has eroded and the foundations are exposed - Reinstall surrounding surfaces to cover the foundations

Finding 2

The tree canopy overhangs the equipment and is less than 2.0m away - Lift tree canopy to ensure a minimum clearance of 2.0m from the equipment



8 - Low Risk

Item: Other - Sand Box
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface Type: Sand
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 2



Finding 1

The timber surround has rotted - Replace all affected timbers

Finding 2

There are weeds/vegetation growth between or around the edges of the surfacing - Remove weeds/vegetation growth



8 - Low Risk

Item: Other - Natural Play Feature
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Grass
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 5



Finding 1

There are areas or parts of the timber logs that have rotted - Replace all affected timbers

Finding 2

The timber has a number of splits (shakes) although these are not considered to be a problem at present - Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and cause any instability

Finding 3

Parts of the timber are rough or splintered - Remove all rough or sharp edges

Finding 4

The tree canopy overhangs the equipment and is less than 2.0m away - Lift tree canopy to ensure a minimum clearance of 2.0m from the equipment

Finding 5

The timber steps have rotted - Replace affected steps



12 - Moderate Risk

Item: Other - Embankment Slide
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Grass
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 6



Finding 1

There is a large amount of sand on the surface - Clean and maintain

Finding 2

The exposed foundations and steps form a hard object within the falling space of the equipment in contravention of the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 - Reinstate the surface to cover the foundations and monitor the use of the steps

Finding 3

There are areas or parts of the timber on the structure that have rotted - Replace all affected timbers

Finding 4

Parts of the steel on this item have corroded excessively and the metal has perforated in places - Ensure all affected areas are treated and repaired

Finding 5

The surface has eroded beside the slide - Reinstate the surface

Finding 6

The slide start section incline is not in the direction of travel; it should slope towards the direction of the sliding surface - Monitor use



6 - Low Risk

Item: Activity Equipment - Train
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Grass
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

The timber has a number of air cracks apparent, the splits will have penetrated the preservative applied to the timber and allow water ingress to the unprotected areas - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required



8 - Low Risk

Item: Rocking Equipment - See Saw
Manufacturer: GL Jones
Surface Type: Rubber Tiles
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 2



Finding 1

There are gaps opening in between the tiles - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

Finding 2

There is algae or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions - Clean and treat appropriately



8 - Low Risk

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)
Manufacturer: Playquip
Surface Type: Rubber Tiles
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: No
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 3



Finding 1

The surfacing width under each seat is less than 1.75 metres and fails the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 2 - Monitor use

Finding 2

There are gaps opening in between the tiles - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

Finding 3

There are cable ties present on the crossbar - Remove the cable ties



8 - Low Risk

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Playquip
Surface Type: Rubber Tiles
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: No
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 8



Finding 1

The chain openings are in excess of the 8.6mm as recommended by BS EN 1176 - Monitor use

Finding 2

The surfacing width under each seat is less than 1.75 metres and fails the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 2 - Monitor use

Finding 3

The seat has minor damage or wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

Finding 4

There is some notable evidence of chain wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

Finding 5

The bushes are showing signs of wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

Finding 6

There are cable ties present on the crossbar - Remove the cable ties

Finding 7

There are gaps opening in between the tiles - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

Finding 8

There is algae or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions - Clean and treat appropriately



6 - Low Risk

Item: Activity Equipment - Parallel Bars
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Surface Type: Grass
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes
Ref/Part Number:
Total Findings: 3



Finding 1

The surface has eroded in some areas - Reinstate the surface



Finding 2



There is some evidence of rot in the timber - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

Finding 3

There is some strimmer damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process - Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required

Findings Information

2 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)			
Item:	Ancillary Items - Sign	Risk Level:	V - Very Low Risk
Manufacturer:	Owner/Operator	Surface:	N/A
			
Finding:	It is recommended that information signs with emergency contact details are installed at each entrance/exit point to the playground		
Action:	Provide in accordance with the recommendations set out in BS EN 1176		

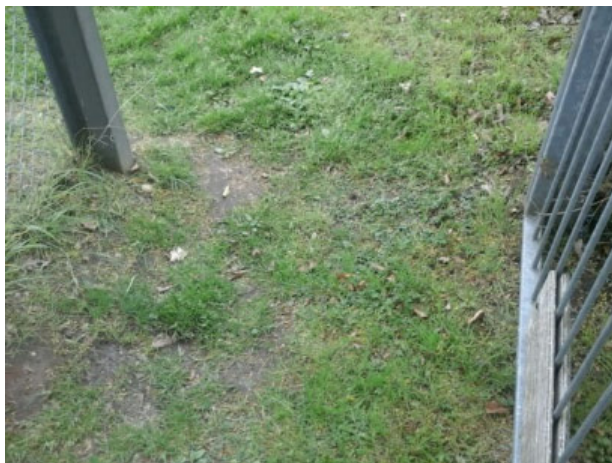
8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)			
Item:	Ancillary Items - Gate - Self Closing	Risk Level:	L - Low Risk
Manufacturer:	Not Identified	Surface:	Grass
			
Finding:	The opening between the gate and the post is less than 12mm and could trap users fingers		
Action:	Adjust gate to ensure a 12mm opening all around		



8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Ancillary Items - Gate - Self Closing
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The area under the gate has eroded leaving uneven areas, or the concrete foundations exposed, resulting in trip hazards at the entrance/exit to the playground

Action: Reinstate to level with surrounding surfaces



6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Ancillary Items - Gate - Self Closing
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The gate is closing too quickly (less than 4 seconds)

Action: Take corrective action to ensure that the gate closes in 4-8 seconds



8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Ancillary Items - Picnic Table
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: There is algae or moss on the surface of the table

Action: Clean and treat appropriately



6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Ancillary Items - Bench
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The adjacent foliage is overhanging

Action: Cut back and maintain



8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Ancillary Items - Litter Bin
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The bin is not securely fixed to the surface and there is some possibility of the item tipping or rolling over

Action: Secure the bin to the ground



6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Ancillary Items - Litter Bin
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The adjacent foliage is overhanging

Action: Cut back and maintain



6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Multi Use Games Area - 5 a side Goals
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting
Action: Treat any rusting components and repaint



8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Activity Equipment - Stepping Stones
Manufacturer: Not Identified
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The surface has eroded and the foundations are exposed
Action: Reinstate surrounding surfaces to cover the foundations



6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Activity Equipment - Stepping Stones
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The tree canopy overhangs the equipment and is less than 2.0m away

Action: Lift tree canopy to ensure a minimum clearance of 2.0m from the equipment



8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Other - Sand Box
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Sand



Finding: The timber surround has rotted

Action: Replace all affected timbers



6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Other - Sand Box
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Sand



Finding: There are weeds/vegetation growth between or around the edges of the surfacing

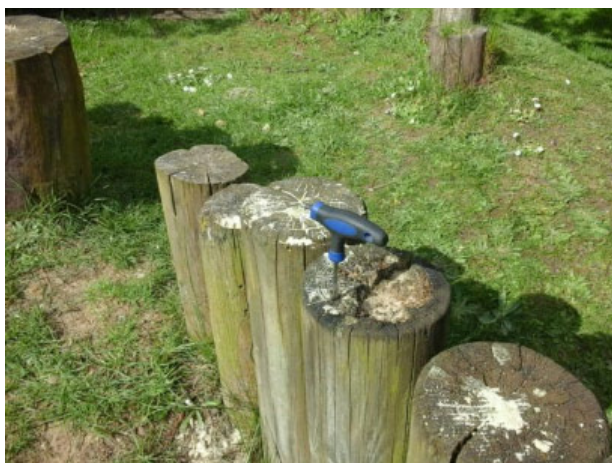
Action: Remove weeds/vegetation growth



8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Other - Natural Play Feature
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: There are areas or parts of the timber logs that have rotted

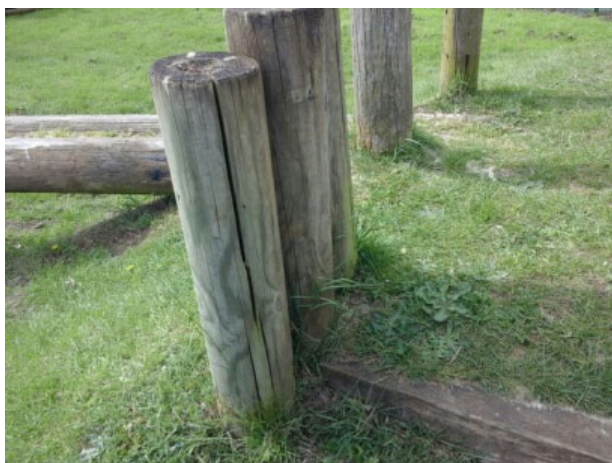
Action: Replace all affected timbers



6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Other - Natural Play Feature
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The timber has a number of splits (shakes) although these are not considered to be a problem at present

Action: Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and cause any instability



6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Other - Natural Play Feature
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: Parts of the timber are rough or splintered

Action: Remove all rough or sharp edges



6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Other - Natural Play Feature
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The tree canopy overhangs the equipment and is less than 2.0m away

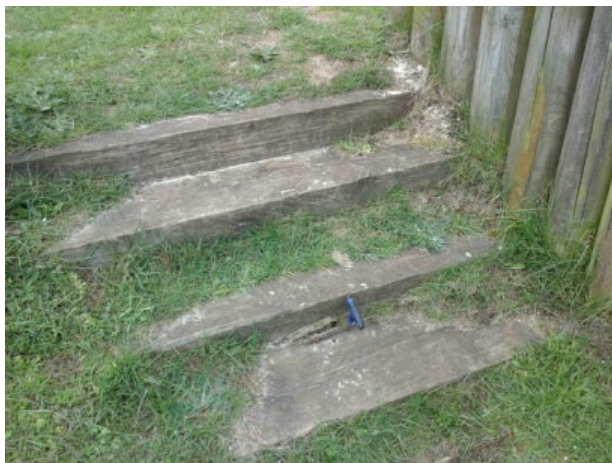
Action: Lift tree canopy to ensure a minimum clearance of 2.0m from the equipment



8 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

Item: Other - Natural Play Feature
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The timber steps have rotted

Action: Replace affected steps



8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Other - Embankment Slide
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: There is a large amount of sand on the surface

Action: Clean and maintain



12 - Moderate Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Other - Embankment Slide
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: M - Moderate Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The exposed foundations and steps form a hard object within the falling space of the equipment in contravention of the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1

Action: Reinstate the surface to cover the foundations and monitor the use of the steps



8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Other - Embankment Slide
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: There are areas or parts of the timber on the structure that have rotted

Action: Replace all affected timbers



12 - Moderate Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Other - Embankment Slide
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: M - Moderate Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: Parts of the steel on this item have corroded excessively and the metal has perforated in places

Action: Ensure all affected areas are treated and repaired



6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)

Item: Other - Embankment Slide
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The surface has eroded beside the slide

Action: Reinstate the surface



4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 6)

Item: Other - Embankment Slide
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The slide start section incline is not in the direction of travel; it should slope towards the direction of the sliding surface

Action: Monitor use



6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Activity Equipment - Train
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The timber has a number of air cracks apparent, the splits will have penetrated the preservative applied to the timber and allow water ingress to the unprotected areas

Action: Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required



6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Rocking Equipment - See Saw
Manufacturer: GL Jones

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Rubber Tiles



Finding: There are gaps opening in between the tiles

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required



8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Rocking Equipment - See Saw
Manufacturer: GL Jones

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Rubber Tiles



Finding: There is algae or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions
Action: Clean and treat appropriately



5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)
Manufacturer: Playquip

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Rubber Tiles



Finding: The surfacing width under each seat is less than 1.75 metres and fails the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 2
Action: Monitor use



6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)
Manufacturer: Playquip

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Rubber Tiles



Finding: There are gaps opening in between the tiles

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required



8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)
Manufacturer: Playquip

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Rubber Tiles



Finding: There are cable ties present on the crossbar

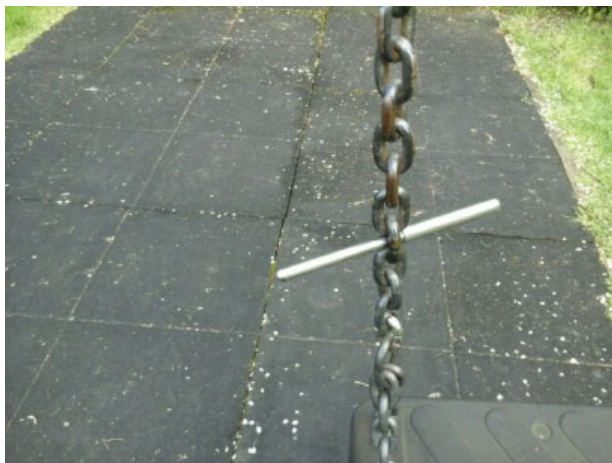
Action: Remove the cable ties



5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Playquip

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Rubber Tiles



Finding: The chain openings are in excess of the 8.6mm as recommended by BS EN 1176

Action: Monitor use



5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Playquip

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Rubber Tiles



Finding: The surfacing width under each seat is less than 1.75 metres and fails the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 2

Action: Monitor use



6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Playquip

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Rubber Tiles



Finding: The seat has minor damage or wear

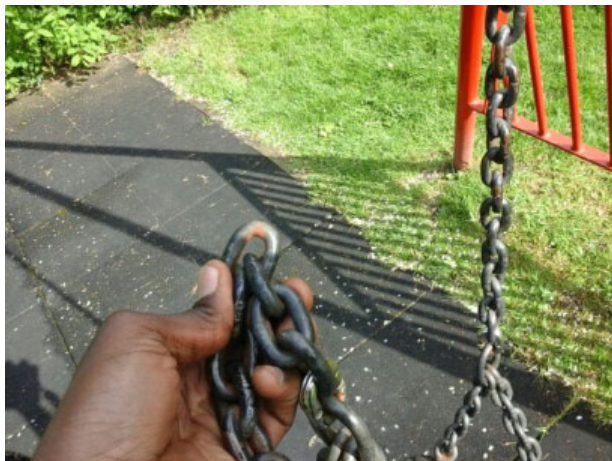
Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required



6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Playquip

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Rubber Tiles



Finding: There is some notable evidence of chain wear

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn



4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 5)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Playquip

Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Rubber Tiles



Finding: The bushes are showing signs of wear

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required



8 - Low Risk (Finding 6)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Playquip

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Rubber Tiles



Finding: There are cable ties present on the crossbar

Action: Remove the cable ties



6 - Low Risk (Finding 7)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Playquip

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Rubber Tiles



Finding: There are gaps opening in between the tiles

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required



8 - Low Risk (Finding 8)

Item: Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)
Manufacturer: Playquip

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Rubber Tiles



Finding: There is algae or moss growth on the surface resulting in slippery conditions

Action: Clean and treat appropriately



6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Activity Equipment - Parallel Bars
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: The surface has eroded in some areas

Action: Reinstate the surface



6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Activity Equipment - Parallel Bars
Manufacturer: Not Identified

Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Grass



Finding: There is some evidence of rot in the timber

Action: Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

<div>  6 - Low Risk (Finding 3) </div>			
Item:	Activity Equipment - Parallel Bars	Risk Level:	L - Low Risk
Manufacturer:	Not Identified	Surface:	Grass
			
Finding:	There is some strimmer damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process		Action: Monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required