

Report and recommendations to address issues identified in the ROSPA inspection report dated 12th June 2012. Site subsequently inspected by R Blakeman and J Foster, and again with Helen Sephton-Pike, Area Sales Manager Wickstead Playscapes on 4th March 2013.

1. Ancillary Items:- Side Entry Gate is currently in a poor state of repair, and also presents a trap hazard.

Recommendation:- That quotes be obtained for the replacement of the side gate and fencing.

2. Equipment:- Top bar of scramble net to be removed to alleviate risk of falls at high level.

3. Equipment:- Agility Trail soft surface has potential trip hazards from raised wooden edging and from shrinkage of the wet pour soft surface. 3 potential solutions.

- A) Remove timber edging and replace with haunched concrete cill, cut away approximately 150mm of existing soft surface and fill with new wet pour. Likely cost for agility trail £1500 to £2000.
- B) Remove soft surface totally and replace with grass, with rubber mesh mats over high wear zones. New legislation no longer requires soft surfaces under this trail. Soft surface has to be disposed of as contaminated waste like car tyres.
- C) Remove existing timber edge, scrape material from under the raised edge of soft surface, and replace with 50x50mm treated edging tight up to soft surface edge. Make good earth/grass levels to avoid any edge trip hazard.

Recommendation:- Option C – possibly DIY or obtain quotations

4. Equipment:- Multiplay Junior:- Lack of guard rails as per Rospa report, and trip hazard from soft surface edging as in 3 above.

Recommendation:- As this equipment is as originally supplied and we have no record of any incident, risk to be monitored on a routine basis in the light of any incidents or deterioration in the equipment. Consider option C above.

5. Equipment:- Junior Swing. Repainting and overall of bearings, new chains and shackle bushes. Trip hazard at edge.

Recommendation:- accept quotation from Wickstead Playscapes - £230+vat (no painting included)

6. Equipment:- Toddler Swing needs repainting but no longer meets current standards. Again potential trip hazard at soft surface edges.

Recommendation:- Repaint and consider option 3C above

7. Picnic Tables to be kept clear of play equipment so no risk of falls from equipment onto sharp edges.

Recommendation:- Consider replacing at least 1 table and fix away from play equipment.

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