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## Annual Inspection

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Sun Hill Recreation Ground (New Alresford)

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## Inspection Scope for RPII Inspection Methodology

This document outlines the RPII scope for inspections undertaken by the Inspectors listed as Annual Inspectors on the RPII Register of Inspectors when undertaking Indoor Annual, Outdoor Annual, Outdoor Operational and Outdoor Routine inspections.

Inspections are undertaken with reference to the standards listed in this preamble only; where no date for the standard is given it will be the standard that is current at the time of inspection except where overlap periods are granted by the standards committee when standards are updated. The information contained in reports is provided to assist the owner/operator in fulfilling their responsibilities as detailed in the relevant standard. Other standards referenced within the listed standards do not form part of the inspection, unless they are also explicitly listed here.

The following standards are relevant to all installations of equipment that are publicly accessible to users; this includes public parks, pay and play parks, schools, nurseries, public houses, holiday parks, indoor play centres, farm parks etc. All equipment used or employed in publicly accessible areas should meet with the requirements of the relevant standards (listed below):

**BS EN 1176** Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 & 11 Playground equipment intended for permanent installation outdoors & indoors.

**BS EN 1176** Part 7 - 'Guidance on Installation, Inspection, Maintenance and Operation' (this document gives guidance to the owners/operators of the facility on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of playground equipment, excluding ancillary items).

In the United Kingdom the National Foreword forms an important part to the understanding and implementation of the recommendations set out in this document. It clarifies the application of the document within the UK as best practice guidance, as the document has been used since its initial publication. Therefore, in the UK this standard (BS EN 1176 – Part 7) contains no requirements and needs to be read and implemented as guidance, with the use of the term 'shall' therefore becoming a recommendation, as in the term 'should'.

Domestic play equipment falls outside of the scope of BS EN 1176 and has its own standards (BS EN 71 series – Safety of Toys). Where domestic equipment can be identified this will be acknowledged in the report but any comments concerning compliance will follow the requirements and recommendations of BS EN 1176.

When water play items, including spray parks, are inspected any comments concerning compliance within the inspection will refer to BS EN 1176. We have not assessed these against the requirements of BS EN 17232 (Water play equipment and features).

Other equipment that is not clearly identified as unsupervised or domestic (natural play, self-build equipment etc.) will be assessed for compliance with the relevant standard listed below:

**BS EN 15312** Free access multi-sports equipment  
**BS EN 14974** Skateparks  
**BS EN 16630** Permanently installed outdoor fitness equipment  
**BS EN 16899** Parkour equipment (plus RPII/API guidance notes)

Annual and Post Installation inspections will take into consideration compliance with these current standards, and defects related to wear and vandalism. Items not listed in the report have not been included in the inspection. The inspection will cover the playground equipment and the active area (that area which is obviously part of the playground), nominally up to three metres around, the fence line if closer, or other areas as agreed.

Operational inspections only take into consideration defects related to cleanliness, equipment ground clearances, ground surface finishes, exposed foundations, sharp edges, missing parts, excessive wear (of moving parts) structural integrity, wear and vandalism.

Routine visual inspections relate only to the most obvious defects such as broken or missing parts, litter, vandalism and issues created by severe weather conditions (the intention is to identify hazards created by storm damage).

All inspections are non-dismantling, non-destructive and do not include any structural, toxicology or impact assessments defined in the standard; however, the inspector will undertake a manual test for stability and if equipment fails under manual load, or any other hazard is identified as an unacceptable risk, the owner/operator will be notified as soon as practicably possible.

The inspector will access all reasonably accessible equipment and will assess all reasonably accessible parts above the standing surface. Where it is not possible to access parts of the equipment without employing an alternative means of access the report will record the action required by the owner/operator to ensure the continued safe use of the equipment.

Ancillary equipment will be assessed using the inspector's knowledge and experience of the standards named in this document. (Note: Ancillary items are not included in the specific equipment-type parts of the EN 1176 series; hence they are not assessed for compliance with EN 1176 series and are subject to a general safety assessment).

The owner/operator is responsible for the overall safety of the equipment and area.

The inspector will not undertake any of the following works unless specifically agreed in writing at the time of order:

Checking the depth and underlying structural integrity of any surface areas and/or carrying out any testing of the impact attenuating properties of any surfaces; the identification of any corrosion, rot or other deterioration in any apparatus or equipment other than by an external inspection; the inspection of any equipment (or part thereof) that is beneath the playing surface (loose-fill materials may be moved to expose foundations); tightening any bolts, hinges or other fixing devices on any apparatus or equipment; assessing or inspecting any electrical installations contained on any site and/or apparatus and/or equipment; assessing or inspecting any water supplies and/or water features and/or any associated computerised systems (including carrying out any programming); where planting or trees are mentioned in the report no assessments of toxicity, suitability or condition are undertaken – the owner/operator should have suitable inspections provided by a competent person.

The owner/operator should have a 'design risk assessment' provided by the manufacturer/designer of the area for the equipment and location in which the facility is installed.

The operator is responsible for managing risks of their provision and is required by law to carry out a 'suitable and sufficient assessment' of the risks associated with a site or activity. This inspection shall be considered as contributing to the operator's discharge of this responsibility.

The details contained within the report are a snapshot of the condition at the time of inspection only and subsequent events may affect the condition of the facility. Suggested remedial actions are based on the knowledge and experience of the inspector and/or that of the inspection company. The owner/operator should always seek the advice of the manufacturer or a competent person when undertaking repairs and/or modifications to equipment.

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The operator is responsible for following the guidance of the relevant standards. The standards give guidance on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of the various types of facilities. The inspection guidance is listed in Table 1, with an indication of which parts will be included in an RPII Annual or Post-Installation Inspection. The relevant standards also contain additional parts which the operator should follow.

Inspection recommendations of relevant standards Refer to relevant standards for full text	Annual Main	RPII Annual/ Post Installation Inspection
6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of equipment (see note 1)	✓	✓ [1]
6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of foundations (see note 1)	✓	✓ [1]
6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of playing surfaces (see note 2)	✓	✓ [2]
6.1 d) Compliance with the relevant parts of the standard and or risk assessment (see note 3)	✓	✓ [3]
6.1 d) Effects of weather	✓	✓
6.1 d) Presence of rot, decay or corrosion (see note 1)	✓	✓ [1]
6.1 d) Assessment of repairs made or added or replaced components (see note 4)	✓	✓ [4]
6.1 d) Excavation or dismantling/additional measures	✓	✗
6.2.1 Assessment of glass reinforced plastics (see note 5)	✓	✓ [5]
6.2.1 Inspection of one post equipment (see note 1)	✓	✓ [1]
6.2.4 Undertaking the Operators inspection protocol	✓	✗

NB: The clause numbers in table 1 are taken from BS EN 1176 - Part 7:2020. The content is equally applicable to all other relevant standards listed herein. Playgrounds contain a range of equipment from different manufacturers and installed over a number of years; operators should implement any guidance provided by the manufacturer. Item specific detail is not readily available to RPII Playground Inspectors, whose report contributes to the operator's overall Annual Main Inspection as detailed in the relevant standards.

[1] A manual test only is undertaken for stability. Wear and instability are only detectable where readily apparent without dismantling or destruction and without the use of tools, excavation or specialist equipment. Rot and corrosion are tested or with a hammer and/or steel rod. Decay in timber may exist which can only be found with specialist equipment.

[2] Only the visible condition and dimensional compliance of surface extent is considered. Neither testing of impact attenuating properties nor measurement of the thickness of bound surfaces are undertaken on RPII annual inspections.

[3] The inspection assesses compliance where this can be tested on site using manual methods without dismantling, destruction and without the use of tools or specialist equipment.

[4] The operator should use manufacturer's recommended parts, or equivalent. We are unable to verify if such parts have been used, and any subsequent change in quality or performance.

[5] Visible glass fibres will be noted in reports. The operator is responsible for repairs or replacement.

# Risk Assessment Matrix

			Scores in the report are multiplication factors of Likelihood x Severity					
			Severity>>					
<b>Likelihood</b>	Very High probability, if the situation is not addressed an accident is almost certain.	5	Very High	VL (5)	L (10)	M (15)	H (20)	VH (25)
	High probability an accident is probable without any added factor.	4	High	VL (4)	L (8)	M (12)	H (16)	H (20)
	Moderate probability an incident is foreseeable.	3	Moderate	VL (3)	L (6)	L (9)	M (12)	M (15)
	Some probability, requires a combination of factors to take place.	2	Low	VL (2)	VL (4)	L (6)	L (8)	L (10)
	No significant probability; lightning strike, freak accident.	1	Very Low	VL (1)	VL (2)	VL (3)	VL (4)	VL (5)
			Very Low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	
			1	2	3	4	5	
			No injury likely e.g. damaged or soiled clothing, minor bruising, grazes	Minor injury, laceration or bruising requiring first aid only	Injury requiring medical intervention e.g. cuts requiring stitches	Serious injury including concussions or fracture of long bones	Severe injury involving a potential life changing injury or fatality	
			Severity>>					
<p>Note 1: The total risk scores included within our reports are a multiplication factor of the calculated Likelihood and Severity of each finding. Both Likelihood and Severity are given a number between 1 - 5 as shown on the matrix above and these two numbers are then multiplied together to give the total risk score that is shown against defects on the report. Total risk scores can be divided in both directions, i.e. a total risk score of 12 could be a Likelihood (3) x Severity (4) or Likelihood (4) x Severity (3).</p> <p>Note 2: When we inspect we only see a snapshot of the current condition of the equipment. It is the operators 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.</p>								

**Equipment has been assessed to the following standards where relevant:**

- BS EN 1176 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 EN 16899 (Parkour Equipment)
- BS EN 16630 (Outdoor Fitness Equipment).

## Sun Hill Recreation Ground (New Alresford)

Inspection Ref: 2652479

Site Ref: 48015

Inspected: 18-March-2025 - 09:27 by Leon Pope (RPII Annual Inspector)

Risk Assessment: 10 Low Risk



**Location:**

The site is partially overlooked by 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.

**8 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator  
**Surface Type:** N/A  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 2



**Finding 1**

The surface has eroded in some areas and may be slippery in wet conditions - Reinstate the surface

**Finding 2**

There is algae, silt or moss growth on the wet pour surfacing resulting in slippery conditions - Clean and treat appropriately

**2 - Very Low Risk**

**Item:** Sign  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** N/A  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A

**Total Findings:** 1



**Finding 1**

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

**6 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Kissing Gate  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint

**8 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Gate - Maintenance  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A



**Total Findings:** 4

**Finding 1**

There are openings that are less than 12mm that could trap or crush fingers - Provide a 12mm gap throughout full range of motion at both sides of gate

**Finding 2**

There is no padlock on the maintenance gate - Provide a padlock to secure the gate

**Finding 3**

The gate has no drop bolt sleeves and/or drop bolts fitted - Provide drop bolt sleeves and/or drop bolts

**Finding 4**

The paint is flaking off the metalwork - Rub down and re-paint

**6 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Fence - Bow Top  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A



**Total Findings:** 2

**Finding 1**

The paint is flaking off the metalwork - Rub down and re-paint

**Finding 2**

There is some damage to the fence sections - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**8 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Bench  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Mixed Surface  
**Item Quantity:** 2  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A



**Total Findings:** 4

**Finding 1**

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

**Finding 2**

There is/are inserts missing - Replace missing inserts

**Finding 3**

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

**Finding 4**

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

**3 - Very Low Risk**

**Item:** Litter Bin  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

**6 - Low Risk**

**Item:** 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

The Anti Wrap bearings are dry and not moving freely - Lubricate bearings in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations

**i** 4 - Very Low Risk

**Item:** Swing Barrier  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 3  
**Equipment Compliance:** N/A  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

**i** 6 - Low Risk

**Item:** 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Surface Type:** Carpet System  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 2

**Finding 1**

The safety surface is beginning to wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**Finding 2**

The anti wrap hanger bush / bushes is / are showing signs of wear - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**i** 8 - Low Risk

**Item:** Basket Swing - Type 1  
**Manufacturer:** Dylan Group Ltd  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 3

**Finding 1**

There are gaps opening between the surfacing and the edging surround or between the joints in the surfacing - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**Finding 2**

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

**Finding 3**

The connecting links are in excess of 8.6mm and less than 12mm and fail the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1; clause 4.2.13, Chains - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

**8 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Tyre Climber  
**Manufacturer:** Lappset UK Ltd  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** No



**Total Findings:** 6

**Finding 1**

This item of equipment relies on a single post, or a line of posts, for stability and extra care needs to be taken with equipment of this nature to avoid the potential for catastrophic failure; it has been checked at the time of inspection however its important that particular attention is applied on all interim inspections - Ensure that regular detailed inspections are undertaken to assess for rot, corrosion and general stability

**Finding 2**

The tyres are losing their integrity - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**Finding 3**

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

**Finding 4**

The timber stain is in poor condition - Prepare all affected parts and re-stain with an appropriate preservative

**Finding 5**

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

**Finding 6**

The surfacing dimensions are short and do not meet with the requirements of the current applicable standard - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

**i 8 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Net Climber  
**Manufacturer:** Dylan Group Ltd  
**Surface Type:** Artificial Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 2

**Finding 1**

This item of equipment relies on a single post, or a line of posts, for stability and extra care needs to be taken with equipment of this nature to avoid the potential for catastrophic failure; it has been checked at the time of inspection however its important that particular attention is applied on all interim inspections - Ensure that regular detailed inspections are undertaken to assess for rot, corrosion and general stability

**Finding 2**

There is some evidence of fire damage to the surfacing - Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**i 8 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Train  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 2

**Finding 1**

The grass has eroded within the impact area of the equipment and may not provide the necessary impact attenuating properties for the equipment fall height; the surface may also be slippery in wet weather - Reinstate the grass or provide an all weather surface

**Finding 2**

The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process - Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability

**i** 10 - Low Risk

**Item:** Climbing Post  
**Manufacturer:** Lappset UK Ltd  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 6

**Finding 1**

This item of equipment relies on a single post, or a line of posts, for stability and extra care needs to be taken with equipment of this nature to avoid the potential for catastrophic failure; it has been checked at the time of inspection however its important that particular attention is applied on all interim inspections - Ensure that regular detailed inspections are undertaken to assess for rot, corrosion and general stability

**Finding 2**

The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process - Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability

**Finding 3**

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

**Finding 4**

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

**Finding 5**

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint

**Finding 6**

The anchor bar forms a projecting obstacle / hard object within the falling space of the equipment, in contravention of the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 - Provide an appropriate impact attenuating surface to cover bar

**5 - Very Low Risk**

**Item:** Playhouse  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 2

**Finding 1**

The item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.2 for head and neck entrapment in the playhouse - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

**Finding 2**

There is some graffiti present - Remove the graffiti

**6 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Dylan Group Ltd  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 4

**Finding 1**

There is some graffiti present on the surface - Remove the graffiti

**Finding 2**

There is some graffiti present - Remove the graffiti

**Finding 3**

There is/are finger entrapment/s in the framework and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.6 Entrapment of fingers - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

**Finding 4**

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

**8 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Rocking Horse  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Surface Type:** Wet Pour  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 6

**Finding 1**

There is some graffiti present on the surface - Remove the graffiti

**Finding 2**

There is no gaiter protection for accessible moving parts (possible shear trap) as recommended in BS EN 1176 Part 1; 4.2.6 Moving Parts - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

**Finding 3**

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

**Finding 4**

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

**Finding 5**

The paint is flaking off the metalwork - Rub down and re-paint

**Finding 6**

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

**6 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Balance Beam  
**Manufacturer:** Lappset UK Ltd  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 4

**Finding 1**

There is some strimmer / machinery 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

**Finding 2**

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

**Finding 3**

There is some damage to the posts - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**Finding 4**

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

**6 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Ball Shoot  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Surface Type:** Grass  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** Yes  
**Surface Area Compliance:** N/A



**Total Findings:** 1

**Finding 1**

The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding - Treat affected areas and repaint

**8 - Low Risk**

**Item:** Cable Runway  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Surface Type:** Grass Matrix Tiles  
**Item Quantity:** 1  
**Equipment Compliance:** No  
**Surface Area Compliance:** Yes



**Total Findings:** 10

**Finding 1**

We have completed a visual inspection of the suspension links, cable and fixing points from ground level, however it is not possible to fully inspect these areas without either hiring equipment to gain access or removing the cable and suspension and inspecting at ground level. We recommend that the main cable and fixing security is thoroughly inspected at least in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations to check for wear, damage, security or internal rusting; this will help to ensure the continued safe use of the equipment - Inspect in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations

**Finding 2**

The dampening spring or tyre is damaged or broken on the item - Replace spring or tyre

**Finding 3**

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

**Finding 4**

There is some wear to the chain bars - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

**Finding 5**

The cableway seat has been damaged - Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**Finding 6**

The swing seat connectors have some wear present - Monitor for further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

**Finding 7**

The chain openings are in excess of the 8.6mm as recommended by BS EN 1176 - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

**Finding 8**

The start platform is easily accessible and should have the appropriate barriers installed to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 as the height of the unit exceeds 600mm - Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

**Finding 9**

The grass mats are silted up and the soil is compacted; this may have an effect on the impact absorbing properties of the surface. Consideration should be given to HIC testing the surface to verify impact attenuating properties ( <https://playinspections.co.uk/inspection-services/safety-surface-testing/> ) - Contact our office for a quotation for this service

**Finding 10**

There are gaps opening between the grass mat tiles - Provide additional ties or secure / reinstate surface

## Findings information

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)**

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Site General  
**Manufacturer:** Owner/Operator

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** N/A



**Finding:** The surface has eroded in some areas and may be slippery in wet conditions  
**Action:** Reinstate the surface

**8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)**

<b>Item:</b>	Ancillary Items - Site General	<b>Risk Level:</b>	L - Low Risk
<b>Manufacturer:</b>	Owner/Operator	<b>Surface:</b>	N/A




**Finding:** There is algae, silt or moss growth on the wet pour surfacing resulting in slippery conditions

**Action:** Clean and treat appropriately

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)**

<b>Item:</b>	Gates - Kissing Gate	<b>Risk Level:</b>	L - Low Risk
<b>Manufacturer:</b>	Not Identified	<b>Surface:</b>	Grass Matrix Tiles




**Finding:** The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding

**Action:** Treat affected areas and repaint

**8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)**

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Maintenance  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There are openings that are less than 12mm that could trap or crush fingers

**Action:** Provide a 12mm gap throughout full range of motion at both sides of gate

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)**

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Maintenance  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There is no padlock on the maintenance gate

**Action:** Provide a padlock to secure the gate

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)**

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Maintenance  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The gate has no drop bolt sleeves and/or drop bolts fitted

**Action:** Provide drop bolt sleeves and/or drop bolts

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)**

**Item:** Gates - Gate - Maintenance  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The paint is flaking off the metalwork

**Action:** Rub down and re-paint

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)**

**Item:** Fences - Fence - Bow Top  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The paint is flaking off the metalwork

**Action:** Rub down and re-paint

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)**

**Item:** Fences - Fence - Bow Top  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There is some damage to the fence sections

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)**

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Bench  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Mixed Surface



**Finding:** There are gaps opening in between the tiles

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 2)**

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Bench  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Mixed Surface



**Finding:** There is/are inserts missing

**Action:** Replace missing inserts

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)**

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Bench  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Mixed Surface



**Finding:** There is some evidence of rot in the timber

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**8 - Low Risk (Finding 4)**

**Item:** Ancillary Items - Bench  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Mixed Surface



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

**Action:** Replace all affected timbers

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)**

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Cradle)  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The Anti Wrap bearings are dry and not moving freely

**Action:** Lubricate bearings in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)**

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Carpet System



**Finding:** The safety surface is beginning to wear

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)**

**Item:** Swings - 1 Bay 2 Seat (Flat)  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Carpet System



**Finding:** The anti wrap hanger bush / bushes is / are showing signs of wear

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)**

**Item:** Swings - Basket Swing - Type 1  
**Manufacturer:** Dylan Group Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There are gaps opening between the surfacing and the edging surround or between the joints in the surfacing

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)**

**Item:** Swings - Basket Swing - Type 1  
**Manufacturer:** Dylan Group Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is some notable evidence of chain wear

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

**8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)**

**Item:** Swings - Basket Swing - Type 1  
**Manufacturer:** Dylan Group Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The connecting links are in excess of 8.6mm and less than 12mm and fail the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1; clause 4.2.13, Chains

**Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

**i** 0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 1)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Tyre Climber  
**Manufacturer:** Lappset UK Ltd

**Risk Level:** N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** This item of equipment relies on a single post, or a line of posts, for stability and extra care needs to be taken with equipment of this nature to avoid the potential for catastrophic failure; it has been checked at the time of inspection however its important that particular attention is applied on all interim inspections

**Action:** Ensure that regular detailed inspections are undertaken to assess for rot, corrosion and general stability

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Tyre Climber  
**Manufacturer:** Lappset UK Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The tyres are losing their integrity

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)**

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Tyre Climber  
**Manufacturer:** Lappset UK Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** Parts of the timber are rough or splintered

**Action:** Remove all rough or sharp edges

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)**

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Tyre Climber  
**Manufacturer:** Lappset UK Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The timber stain is in poor condition

**Action:** Prepare all affected parts and re-stain with an appropriate preservative

**8 - Low Risk (Finding 5)**

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Tyre Climber  
**Manufacturer:** Lappset UK Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



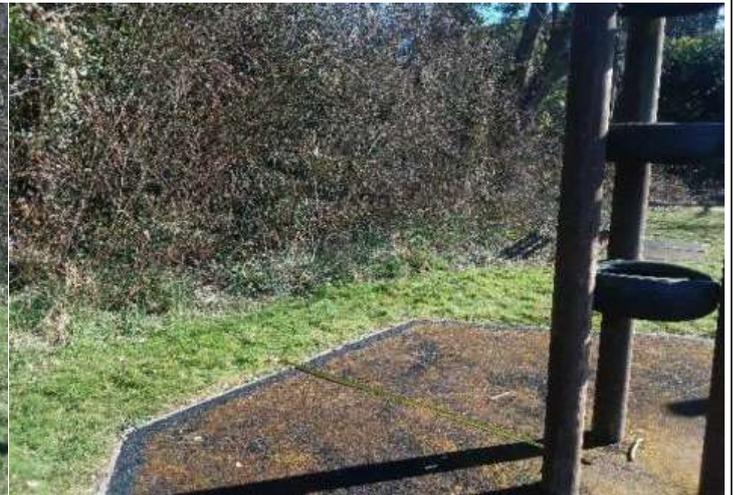
**Finding:** There is some evidence of rot in the posts

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 6)**

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Tyre Climber  
**Manufacturer:** Lappset UK Ltd

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The surfacing dimensions are short and do not meet with the requirements of the current applicable standard

**Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

**i** 0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 1)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Net Climber  
**Manufacturer:** Dylan Group Ltd

**Risk Level:** N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken  
**Surface:** Artificial Grass



**Finding:** This item of equipment relies on a single post, or a line of posts, for stability and extra care needs to be taken with equipment of this nature to avoid the potential for catastrophic failure; it has been checked at the time of inspection however its important that particular attention is applied on all interim inspections

**Action:** Ensure that regular detailed inspections are undertaken to assess for rot, corrosion and general stability

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Net Climber  
**Manufacturer:** Dylan Group Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Artificial Grass



**Finding:** There is some evidence of fire damage to the surfacing

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and repair as required

**8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)**

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Train  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The grass has eroded within the impact area of the equipment and may not provide the necessary impact attenuating properties for the equipment fall height; the surface may also be slippery in wet weather  
**Action:** Reinstate the grass or provide an all weather surface

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)**

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Train  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process  
**Action:** Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability

**i** 0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 1)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Climbing Post  
**Manufacturer:** Lappset UK Ltd

**Risk Level:** N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** This item of equipment relies on a single post, or a line of posts, for stability and extra care needs to be taken with equipment of this nature to avoid the potential for catastrophic failure; it has been checked at the time of inspection however its important that particular attention is applied on all interim inspections

**Action:** Ensure that regular detailed inspections are undertaken to assess for rot, corrosion and general stability

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)**

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Climbing Post  
**Manufacturer:** Lappset UK Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The timber has a number of splits/shakes or air cracks and this may affect the stability or allow water ingress which will accelerate the rotting process  
**Action:** Monitor to ensure the splits do not cross through fixing points of the structure and/or cause any instability

**8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)**

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Climbing Post  
**Manufacturer:** Lappset UK Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is some evidence of rot in the posts  
**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)**

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Climbing Post  
**Manufacturer:** Lappset UK Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** Parts of the timber are rough or splintered

**Action:** Remove all rough or sharp edges

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)**

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Climbing Post  
**Manufacturer:** Lappset UK Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The paintwork on this item has been damaged or worn exposing the metal underneath which is rusting / corroding

**Action:** Treat affected areas and repaint

**10 - Low Risk (Finding 6)**

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Climbing Post  
**Manufacturer:** Lappset UK Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



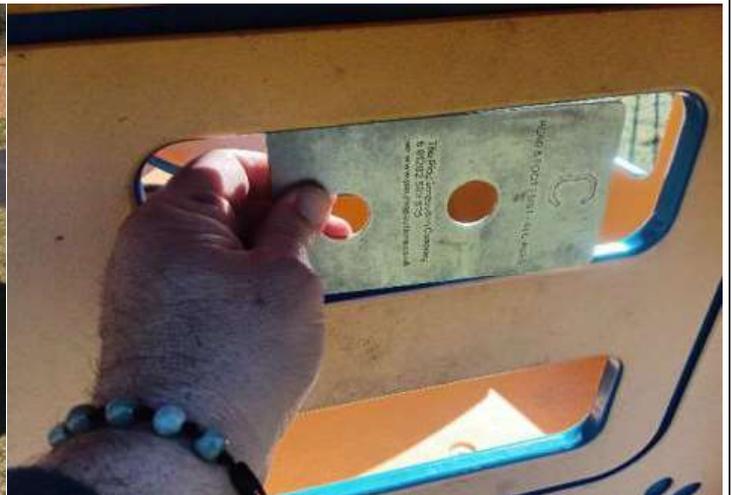
**Finding:** The anchor bar forms a projecting obstacle / hard object within the falling space of the equipment, in contravention of the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1

**Action:** Provide an appropriate impact attenuating surface to cover bar

**5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)**

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Playhouse  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** The item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.2 for head and neck entrapment in the playhouse

**Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

**i** 0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 2)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Playhouse  
**Manufacturer:** Not Identified

**Risk Level:** N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There is some graffiti present

**Action:** Remove the graffiti

**i** 0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 1)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Dylan Group Ltd

**Risk Level:** N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is some graffiti present on the surface

**Action:** Remove the graffiti

**i** 0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 2)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Dylan Group Ltd

**Risk Level:** N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is some graffiti present

**Action:** Remove the graffiti

**i** 5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Dylan Group Ltd

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is/are finger entrapment/s in the framework and the item fails to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 4.2.7.6 Entrapment of fingers

**Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)**

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior)  
**Manufacturer:** Dylan Group Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** Parts of the timber are rough or splintered

**Action:** Remove all rough or sharp edges

**0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 1)**

**Item:** Rocking Equipment - Rocking Horse  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is some graffiti present on the surface

**Action:** Remove the graffiti

**5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 2)**

**Item:** Rocking Equipment - Rocking Horse  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is no gaiter protection for accessible moving parts (possible shear trap) as recommended in BS EN 1176 Part 1; 4.2.6 Moving Parts

**Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)**

**Item:** Rocking Equipment - Rocking Horse  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** Parts of the timber are rough or splintered

**Action:** Remove all rough or sharp edges

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)**

**Item:** Rocking Equipment - Rocking Horse  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The seat has minor damage or wear

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)**

**Item:** Rocking Equipment - Rocking Horse  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** The paint is flaking off the metalwork

**Action:** Rub down and re-paint

**8 - Low Risk (Finding 6)**

**Item:** Rocking Equipment - Rocking Horse  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Wet Pour



**Finding:** There is some evidence of rot in the timber

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)**

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Balance Beam  
**Manufacturer:** Lappset UK Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There is some strimmer / machinery 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

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Balance Beam  
**Manufacturer:** Lappset UK Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** Parts of the timber are rough or splintered

**Action:** Remove all rough or sharp edges

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Balance Beam  
**Manufacturer:** Lappset UK Ltd

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass



**Finding:** There is some damage to the posts

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)**

**Item:** Activity Equipment - Balance Beam  
**Manufacturer:** Lappset UK Ltd

**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

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)**

**Item:** Other - Ball Shoot  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**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 / corroding

**Action:** Treat affected areas and repaint

**i** 0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 1)

**Item:** Other - Cable Runway  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** We have completed a visual inspection of the suspension links, cable and fixing points from ground level, however it is not possible to fully inspect these areas without either hiring equipment to gain access or removing the cable and suspension and inspecting at ground level. We recommend that the main cable and fixing security is thoroughly inspected at least in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations to check for wear, damage, security or internal rusting; this will help to ensure the continued safe use of the equipment

**Action:** Inspect in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations

**i** 8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

**Item:** Other - Cable Runway  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



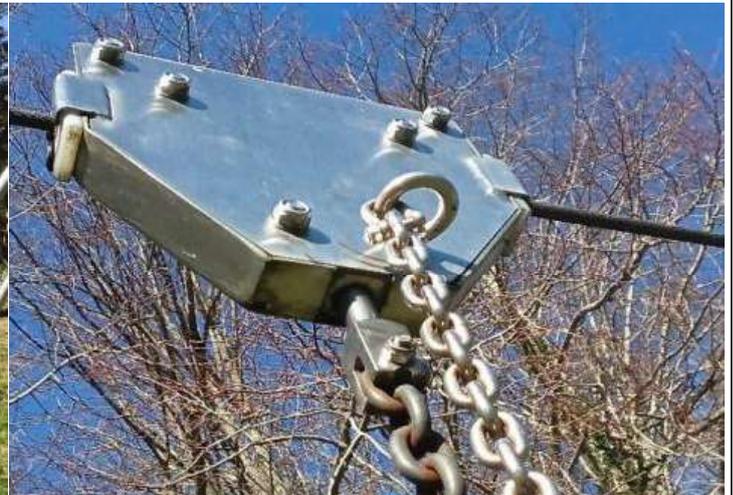
**Finding:** The dampening spring or tyre is damaged or broken on the item

**Action:** Replace spring or tyre

**i** 6 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

**Item:** Other - Cable Runway  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is some notable evidence of chain wear

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

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 4)**

**Item:** Other - Cable Runway  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There is some wear to the chain bars

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

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 5)**

**Item:** Other - Cable Runway  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The cableway seat has been damaged

**Action:** Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 6)**

**Item:** Other - Cable Runway  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The swing seat connectors have some wear present  
**Action:** Monitor for further deterioration and replace when 40% worn

**5 - Very Low Risk (Finding 7)**

**Item:** Other - Cable Runway  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds  
**Risk Level:** V - Very Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The chain openings are in excess of the 8.6mm as recommended by BS EN 1176  
**Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

**8 - Low Risk (Finding 8)**

**Item:** Other - Cable Runway  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The start platform is easily accessible and should have the appropriate barriers installed to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 as the height of the unit exceeds 600mm

**Action:** Monitor - No action given the risk assessment

**8 - Low Risk (Finding 9)**

**Item:** Other - Cable Runway  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** The grass mats are silted up and the soil is compacted; this may have an effect on the impact absorbing properties of the surface. Consideration should be given to HIC testing the surface to verify impact attenuating properties ( <https://playinspections.co.uk/inspection-services/safety-surface-testing/> )

**Action:** Contact our office for a quotation for this service

**6 - Low Risk (Finding 10)**

**Item:** Other - Cable Runway  
**Manufacturer:** Wicksteed Playgrounds

**Risk Level:** L - Low Risk  
**Surface:** Grass Matrix Tiles



**Finding:** There are gaps opening between the grass mat tiles

**Action:** Provide additional ties or secure / reinstate surface tiles