



**Annual Inspection carried out at
Wealstone Lane, Upton
on 07th September 2020
on behalf of Upton-by-Chester PC**

by

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Name of Play Area: Wealstone Lane

Date: 07/09/2020

Inspector: AD



General Comments

The play area is a local sized facility, sited on a recreation field. There have been no real changes to the site since last year's annual inspection.

Weather: Overcast

Time of Inspection: 08:51

Design

The play area has been designed for children aged 2+.

The following have been inspected and found to be in good order:

Orientation
Design Age
Traffic (Movement) Clashes

Failure:

Minimum Space – free/fall spaces overlap between one spring rocker and the dish – monitor.

Ancillary Items

The following have been inspected and found to be in good order:

Access/Pathways
General Surfacing - Grass
Planting
Cleanliness
Ownership/Information Signs
Maintenance Gate
Picnic Table
Litter Bins
Teen Shelter

Work required:

Access Gate – Moving gap of less than 12mm – hinge side – crushing/shearing point – *low risk* - monitor. Trip hazards to the side of the paving slabs – *low risk* - top up soil levels, compact and re-seed.

Seats - One has damage to a slat on the backrest – *low risk* - repair/replace.

Bow Top Fencing - Protruding fixing bolts evident – *low risk* - crop off and file down to nut level. Fence support post is loose in the ground – *low risk* - secure. Panels are loose – *low risk* - one fixing bolt is missing, another is loose – replace and secure fixing bolts.

Maintenance Gate – support post loose in ground – *low risk* - secure.

Equipment

(Wetpour bays – protruding edges, shrinkage gaps, seam separation and damage evident – cut back 30cm from the edge of affected bays and fill in. General repairs to damaged areas required).

(1) Spring Rockers x 2



Kompan

The items meet the requirements of BSEN 1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

1 x handgrip is loose – low risk - secure.

Surfacing

Wetpour

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of BSEN 1176.

Indentation marks evident – low risk - repair.

(2) Spring Seesaw



Kompan

The item meets the requirements of BSEN 1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

Hand grip damaged – *low risk* - monitor.

Surfacing

Wetpour

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of BSEN 1176.

(3) Toddler Multi-Play Unit



Kompan

The item fails to meet the requirements of BSEN 1176 in the following respect:

Finger entrapment evident – top of support post – *low risk* - missing cap – replace.

Rope damaged on climbing net – *low risk* – missing blue climbing platform – monitor.

Rope wear evident/plastic covering damaged – *low risk* - tape up.

Surfacing

Wetpour

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of BSEN 1176.

Surface base collapse evident – *low risk* - repair.

(4) Swing, 2.0m High, 1 Bay/2 Seat (Cradle)



Kompan The item meets the requirements of BSEN 1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

The item is in good condition and no work is required at this time.

Surfacing Wetpour

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of BSEN 1176.

Base collapse evident – *low risk* - monitor and repair if it worsens.

Damaged in areas – *low risk* - repair.

(5) Roundabout



Park Leisure The item meets the requirements of BSEN 1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

Fixing bolts missing on platform – *low risk* - replace.

Item not rotating correctly – possible bearing wear/damage - *low risk* - internal investigation required.

Surfacing Wetpour

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of BSEN 1176.

Seam separation evident – *low risk* - repairs required.

(6) Swing 2.4m High, 2 Bay/4 Seat (Flat/Special Seat)



Wicksteed The item fails to meet the requirements of BSEN 1176 in the following respect:

Chain link opening greater than 8.6mm – *low risk* - monitor.

Surfacing Wetpour

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of BSEN 1176.

Surface damage evident – *low risk* - repair.

(7) Galaxy Junior Multi-Play Unit



Kompan

The item meets the requirements of BSEN 1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

Item not rotating correctly - possible bearing wear/damage – *low risk* - internal investigation required.

Surfacing

Wetpour

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of BSEN 1176.

Surface cracks evident – *low risk* - repair.

(8) Supernova



Kompan

The item meets the requirements of BSEN 1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

The item is in good condition and no work is required at this time.

Surfacing

Wetpour

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of BSEN 1176.

Surface damage evident – *low risk* - repair.

(9) Rotating Disc



Kompan

The item meets the requirements of BSEN 1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

The item is in good condition and no work is required at this time.

Surfacing

Wetpour

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of BSEN 1176.

(10) Slide



Wicksteed

The item meets the requirements of BSEN 1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

Chute damaged/pitted in places – low risk - monitor.

Surfacing

Wetpour

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of BSEN 1176.

Base collapse adjacent to chute – low risk - monitor.

Moss growth evident under slide chute – low risk - remove and clean.

(11) Goal Ends x 2



Play and Leisure

The item fails to meet the requirements of EN 15312 in the following respect:

No EN 15312 warning signs.

Fixing bolts missing on fence – finger entrapment evident – *low risk* - replace.

Protruding fixing bolts evident – *low risk* - crop off and file down to nut level.

Rust evident on mesh fencing – rub down, treat and re-paint.

Surfacing

Bitmac

The surfacing meets the requirements of BSEN 15312.

(12) Outdoor Gym Equipment



Great Outdoor Gym

The item fails to meet the requirements of EN 16630 in the following respect:

Chest Press - Bolt missing creating a finger entrapment – *low risk* replace.

One Leg Press Seat missing – *low risk* - replace. The remaining seat is loose on its fixing point – *low risk* – secure.

Rust/corrosion evident – *low risk* - rub down, treat and re-paint affected areas.

Rubber handgrips missing – *low risk* - replace.

Several items are loose in the ground – *low risk* - secure.

An EN 16630 sign is required for the gym area stating/with the following information:

Fitness Equipment Facilities

Equipment use for youth and adults or having an overall height greater than 1.4m only

Read and follow the exercise instructions on the equipment

Get assurance about your own medical safety before use

Avoid over-exertion when using the equipment

A general emergency telephone number

Telephone number and internet URL to contact maintenance personnel

Address of the facility.

Surfacing

Grass Mats

The surfacing meets the requirements of BSEN 16630.

(13) Dish



Sutcliffe

The item meets the requirements of BSEN 1176 where this may be tested on site without dismantling or destruction.

The item is in good condition and no work is required at this time.

Surfacing

Wetpour

The surfacing meets the dimensional requirements of BSEN 1176.

Seam separation evident – *low risk* - fill in.

Surface damage evident – *low risk* - repair.

Risk Assessment

Ancillary Items and Environmental/Other Hazards

<u>Ancillary Item</u>	<u>Risk Score (Severity x Probability)</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Action or Control</u>
Seats	3 x 2 = 6 (Low)		See Report
Picnic Table	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report
Litter Bins	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report
Fencing	3 x 2 = 6 (Low)		See Report
Access/Maintenance Gates	3 x 2 = 6 (Low)		See Report
Ownership/Information Signs	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report
Planting	2 x 2 = 4 (Low)		See Report
Access/Pathways	2 x 2 = 4 (Low)		See Report
Teen Shelter	3 x 2 = 6 (Low)		See Report
General Surfacing - Grass	2 x 2 = 4 (Low)		See Report

<u>Environmental/ Other Hazards</u>	<u>Risk Score (Severity x Probability)</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Action or Control</u>
Minimum Space	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report
Traffic (Movement) Clashes	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report
Design Defects	1 x 2 = 2 (Very Low)		See Report
Adjacent Roads	5 x 1 = 5 (Low)		See Report

Informal Supervision	3 x 2 = 6 (Low)		See Report
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Equipment

<u>No.</u>	<u>Equipment Item</u>	<u>Surfacing</u>	<u>Risk Score (Severity x Probability)</u>	<u>Action, Control or Comment</u>
1	Spring Rockers x 2	Wetpour	2 x 2 = 4 (Low)	See Report
2	Spring Seesaw	Wetpour	2 x 2 = 4 (Low)	See Report
3	Toddler Multi-Play Unit	Wetpour	3 x 2 = 6 (Low)	See Report
4	Swing (Cradle)	Wetpour	2 x 2 = 4 (Low)	See Report
5	Roundabout	Wetpour	2 x 2 = 4 (Low)	See Report
6	Swing (Flat/Special Seat)	Wetpour	3 x 2 = 6 (Low)	See Report
7	Junior Multi-Play Unit	Wetpour	3 x 2 = 6 (Low)	See Report
8	Supernova	Wetpour	2 x 2 = 4 (Low)	See Report
9	Rotating Disc	Wetpour	2 x 2 = 4 (Low)	See Report
10	Slide	Wetpour	2 x 2 = 4 (Low)	See Report
11	Goal Ends x 2	Bitmac	3 x 2 = 6 (Low)	See Report
12	Gym Equipment	Grass Mats	3 x 2 = 6 (Low)	See Report
13	Dish	Wetpour	2 x 2 = 4 (Low)	See Report

THE ASSESSED LEVEL OF RISK FOR THE FACILITY AT THE TIME OF THE INSPECTION IS – LOW.

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Initial Views

The play area is a local sized facility, sited on a recreation field. It provides good play value and activity.

Long Term Proposals

Monitor, maintain and inspect.

Ensure any future development of the site in terms of equipment, ancillaries and access embraces the ethos of the DDA and allows accessibility for all.

Cost Implications (Ballpark Figures)

Low to medium

Upton-by-Chester Parish Council Comments: