

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL
FIXED PLAY AREA SPECIFICATION
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NATIONAL PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION DEFINITIONS

Designated play areas are areas for children and young people containing a range of facilities and an environment that has been designed to provide focused opportunities for outdoor play comprising casual or informal playing space within housing areas. These play areas comprise LAPs, LEAPs and NEAPs

LAP (Local Area for Play):

A small area of open space specifically designated and primarily laid out for very young children to play close to where they live i.e. within one minute's walking time. LAPs are designed to allow for ease of informal observation and supervision and primarily function to encourage informal play and social interaction for toddlers. The LAP requires no play equipment as such, relying more on demonstrative features indicating that play is positively encouraged.

LEAP (Locally Equipped Area for Play):

An area of open space specifically designed and laid out with features including equipment for children who are beginning to play independently. The number and nature of equipment and structures is a matter for local decision, though provision for a minimum number of six play experiences is recommended.

Play features including equipment are an integral part of the LEAP and the attractiveness of such spaces, though it is also important that the space can be used for physical activity and games.

NEAP (Neighbourhood Equipped Area of Play):

This is an area of open space specifically designated, laid out and equipped mainly for older children but potentially with play opportunities for younger children as well. It can provide play equipment and a hard surface area for ball games or wheeled activities such as roller skating or cycling. It may provide other facilities such as a ramp for skateboarding, a rebound wall, and a shelter for meeting and socialising. NEAPs can often be combined with LEAP provision.

NOTE:

As Wiltshire Council see little play value in a LAP it will look at options to enlarge other play areas on the development or substitute a Trim Trail for the LAP. As there is no NPFA standard for a Trim Trail (there is the EN16630 quality spec) discussions on the design will be on a case by case basis, with the expectation that the developer would not need to spend more than the cost of the LAP on the Trim Trail.

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL FIXED PLAY AREA CHARACTERISTICS

LAP (LOCAL AREA FOR PLAY)

Please note that due to the general lack of play value and relatively high maintenance costs Wiltshire Council would prefer not to have equipped LAP's on residential developments, if appropriate, consideration will be given to Trim Trails instead.

- Has a minimum activity zone area of 100 m².
- Caters for children up to 6 years of age.
- Is within 10 minute's walking time from home.
- Has a buffer zone of not less than 5m in depth between the activity zone and the boundary of the nearest dwelling. This should include planting to enable children to experience natural scent, colour and texture.
- Is overlooked by nearby houses.
- Gable ends or other exposed walls should be protected from use for ball games by, for example, providing a strip of dense planting of 1 m minimum depth.
- Is positioned beside a pedestrian pathway on a well-used route.
- Occupies a reasonably flat, well-drained site with grass or a hard surface.
- Contains features that enable children to identify the space as their own domain, e.g. low key games such as hopscotch, a footprint trail, mushroom style seating etc.
- Any playground equipment provided must conform to EN 1176.
- Contains adequate seating for parents and/or carers.
- Provides one litter bin
- Has black powder coated metal bow top fencing of at least 1m in height around the perimeter, with contrasting coloured outward opening self-closing pedestrian gate (red / yellow) to prevent access by dogs.
- Has a barrier to limit the speed of a child entering or leaving the facility. (Required when opening onto Highway only).
- Has a sign indicating:
 - The area is solely for use by children up to 6 years.
 - Adults are not allowed unless accompanied by children;
 - Dogs are excluded.
 - Smoking is prohibited

LEAP (LOCAL EQUIPPED AREA FOR PLAY)

- Has a minimum activity zone area of 400 m².
- Caters for children from 4 to 8 years of age.
- Is within 10 minutes' walking time from home.
- Has a buffer zone of not less than 10m in depth between the activity zone and the boundary of the nearest dwelling. This zone should include planting to enable children to experience natural scent, colour and texture.
- Should not have play equipment overlooking nearby gardens.
- Is positioned by a pedestrian pathway on a well-used route.
- Occupies a well-drained site with a grass or hard surface and features an appropriate impact absorbing surface beneath and around the play equipment conforming to EN 1177.
- Contains at least 5 types of play equipment, of which at least two are individual pieces, rather than part of a combination multi-play unit. Inclusivity should be seen as key and therefore at least one inclusive item should be included. Each type of play equipment should be designed to stimulate one of the following activities:
 - Balancing
 - Rocking
 - Climbing/Agility
 - Sliding
 - Social playAdditional items may focus upon rotating, swinging, jumping, crawling, viewing, counting or touching.
- The playground equipment must conform to EN 1176.
- Contains adequate seating for parents and/or carers.
- Contains two litterbins.
- Has adequate space around the equipment to enable children to express their general exuberance and play games of 'tag' or 'chase'.
- Has black powder coated metal bow top fencing of at least 1m in height around the perimeter of the activity zone, with two outward opening, self closing gates of contrasting colour to the fencing (yellow / red), on opposite sides of the play area, to deter entry by dogs and to restrict opportunities of bullying.
- Has a barrier to limit the speed of a child entering or leaving the facility. (Required when opening onto Highway only).
- Has a sign indicating:

- The area is solely for use by children up to 8 years.
- Adults are not allowed unless accompanied by children;
- Dogs are excluded.
- Location of nearest public telephone.
- Name and telephone number of the operator of the facility to report any incident or damage to the play equipment.
- Smoking is prohibited

NEAP (NEIGHBOURHOOD EQUIPPED AREA FOR PLAY)

- Has a minimum activity zone area of 1000 m² that is divided into two parts; one containing a range of playground equipment and the other having a hard surface of at least 465 m² (the minimum area needed to play five-a-side football).
- Caters predominantly for older children.
- Is within 12-13 minutes' walking time from home.
- Has a buffer zone of not less than 30m in depth between the activity zone and the boundary of the nearest dwelling. A greater distance maybe needed where purpose built skateboarding facilities are provided. This zone should include planting to enable children to experience natural scent, colour and texture.
- Positioned beside a pedestrian pathway on a well-used route.
- Occupies a well drained site with both grass and hard surfaced areas and featuring an appropriate impact absorbing surface beneath and around the play equipment conforming to EN 1176.
- Contains at least 8 types of play equipment comprising:
 - At least 1 item to stimulate rocking, tough, social or development play among younger children;
 - At least 2 items to facilitate sliding, swinging or moderate climbing;
 - At least 5 items to encourage either more adventurous climbing, single point swinging, balancing, rotating or gliding (e.g. cableway). At least 3 of these items should be individual play items rather than part of a combination multi-play unit.
 - At least one of the above needs to be an inclusive item.
- The playground equipment must conform to EN 1176.
- Contains adequate seating for parents and/or carers in the vicinity of the play equipment and other seating within the hard surfaced games area.
- Contains litterbins at each access point and in the proximity of each group of seats.
- Has a convenient and secure parking facility for bicycles.

- Has adequate space around the equipment to enable children to express their general exuberance and play and play games of 'tag' or 'chase'.
- Has black powder coated metal bow top fencing of at least 1m in height around the perimeter of the activity zone, with two outward opening, self closing gates of contrasting colour to the fencing (yellow / red), on opposite sides of the space, to deter entry by dogs and to restrict opportunities for bullying.
- Has a barrier to limit the speed of a child entering or leaving the facility. (Required when opening onto Highway only).
- Has a sign to indicate:
 - The area is solely for use by children up to 14 years.
 - Adults are not allowed in the equipped space unless accompanied by children;
 - Dogs are excluded;
 - Name and telephone number of the operator of the facility to report any incident or damage to the play equipment;
 - Location of nearest public telephone.
 - Smoking is prohibited.

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL STANDARD SPECIFICATION EXAMPLES

(2020 prices)

Below are examples of equipment that meets the WC specification provided and has been identified as such by providers recently used by Wiltshire Council.

LAP (LOCAL AREA FOR PLAY) - Only accepted under exceptional circumstances

Low Key Games/Equipment Examples:

Multi-Play Unit:

Proludic Tema Multi Play: Supply £3,846

Playdale Little City Toulouse £2,739

Eibe Ecorino Slide Ascent 145 £1,833

HAGS Unimini Jarro £3,880

Wicksteed Cloud £3,000

AVERAGE £3,060

Small Swing:

Proludic Primo Cradles: Supply £1,526,

Playdale City Cradle Swing £2,241

Eibe Luna Double Swing £1,994

HAGS 1.8 Olympic Cradle £1,250

Wicksteed Single Bay Viking Swing £1,800

AVERAGE £1,762

Small See-Saw:

Proludic 4 Person See-Saw: Supply £1,325

Playdale Twin Rider £2,347

Eibe Double Swing Rocker Bumble Bee £699

HAGS Zingo Roko £815

Wicksteed Glow Worm £1,600

AVERAGE £1,357

Safety Surfacing (Estimates will be shown as a total for each provider linked to their equipment choices.

Proludic Rubber Mulch £4,949 Grassmat £1,092

Playdale Rubber Mulch £4,104, Grassmat £3,410

Eibe Rubber Mulch £2,941 Grassmat £1,663
HAGS Rubber Mulch £4,275 Grassmat £1,835
Wicksteed Rubber Mulch £4,000 Grassmat £1,500
AVERAGE Rubber Mulch £4054, Grassmat £1,900

Seating and Bins:

Seating e.g. Proludic Chaumont Bench £581, Playdale City Seat £748, Eibe Monica Bench £329, HAGS Essentials Seat £205, Wicksteed Keyston Seat £580

AVERAGE £489

Bin: e.g. Proludic Bin £322, Playdale Closed Top Litter Bin £721, Eibe Wooden Bin £310, HAGS Ellipse Bin £555, Wicksteed Keyston Metal Litter Bin £300

AVERAGE £442

Bowtop Fencing and Self Closing Gates

Install approximately 42 linear meters of 1m high Black Powder Coated Bowtop Fencing

Approximate Cost: £2,100

Install 1 No 1.2m wide red self-closing gates with vertical bar infill. Gates are supplied flat top with hydraulic self closing. **Approximate Cost: £789**

Install 1 No 2.8m wide red double leaf lockable maintenance gate with drop bolts. 1 m high.

Approximate Cost £532.

Sign:

Indicating: The area is solely for use by children, adults are not allowed in the equipped space unless accompanied by children, dogs are excluded, smoking is prohibited, name and telephone number of the operator of the facility to report any incident or damage to the play equipment, location of nearest public telephone. Please see rear of the document for example sign. **Approximate Cost £250**

Delivery and Installation

Approximate Cost (using Rubber Mulch safety Surfacing) £14835 + 13% = **£16,764**

Independent Post Installation Inspection - £450

Total Approximate Cost of a Wiltshire Council LAP: £16,764 + £450 = £17,214

Please note - due to site topography and safety surfacing requirements the approximate cost may be subject to change.

LEAP (LOCAL EQUIPPED AREA FOR PLAY)

Equipment Examples:

Multi-Play Unit: e.g. Proludic Diabolo Multi Play £13,389

Playdale Big City Salt Lake City Plus £6,736

Eibe Kibo £8,706

HAGS Nexus Altitude 5 with bannister rails £8,665

Wicksteed XS Cyclone Meso £11,900

AVERAGE £9,879

Balancing: e.g. Proludic Slack Line £1,677,

Playdale City Wobble Board £1,341

Eibe Wobbly Bridge £2,067

HAGS NRG Klondike £1,425

Wicksteed Longboard £1,332

AVERAGE £1,568

Rocking: e.g. Proludic 4 Person See Saw £1,325,

Playdale Quad Rider £1,999

Eibe Four seater Beetle Spring Rocker £1,331

HAGS Turtle 4 Way Springer £645

Wicksteed Cockeral 4 Way £1,600

AVERAGE £1380

Climbing/Agility: e.g. Proludic Climbing Wall £2,579,

Playdale City Swing Steps £1,763

HAGS NRG Kakum Canopy Walk £2,220

Wicksteed Clatter Bridge £2,300

AVERAGE £2215

Social Play: e.g. Proludic Hip Hop £3,655,

Playdale Inclusive Orbit £5,099

Eibe Satellite Carousel £2,671

HAGS Roty £1,860

Wicksteed Solar Spinner £3,520

AVERAGE £3,361

Swinging: e.g. Proludic POD Swing £2,914,
Playdale City Team Swing (2 Bay) £4,695
HAGS Essentials 2.4m High Steel Flat Seat Swing £1,640
Wicksteed Swing (1 Bay, 2seats) £3,000

AVERAGE £3062

Jumping: e.g. Proludic Trampoline £3,408,
Playdale 5 x Rubber Steps £605
HAGS NRG Ross Ice Shelf £500
Wicksteed Step Link £2,500

AVERAGE £1753

Viewing Counting or touching: e.g. Proludic Maze Play Panel £1,600,
Playdale Ball Maze Play Panel £1,133
HAGS 3 in a Row Play Panel 2 Steel Posts £895
Wicksteed Crazy Mirrors £1,203

AVERAGE £1208

Safety Surfacing (Estimates will be shown as a total for each provider linked to their equipment choices).

Proludic Rubber Mulch £15,060, Grassmat £4,256
Playdale Rubber Mulch £14,725, Grassmat £3,410
Eibe Rubber Mulch £5,283 Grassmat £3,217
HAGS Rubber Mulch £20,535 Grassmat £12,359
Wicksteed Rubber Mulch £15,000 Grassmat £4,000

AVERAGE Rubber Mulch £14,120 Grassmat £5,448

Seating and Bins:

- Seating e.g. Proludic Chaumont Bench £581 x 2 = £1162, Playdale City Seat £748 x 2 = £1496, Eibe Monica Bench £329 x 2 = £658, HAGS Essentials Seat £205 x 2 = £410, Wicksteed Keyston Seat £580 x 2 = £1,160

AVERAGE £978

- Bin: e.g. Proludic Bin £322 x 2 = £644, Playdale Closed Top Litter Bin £721 x 2 = £1442, Eibe Wooden Bin £310 x 2 = £620, HAGS Ellipse Bin £555 x 2 = £1,110, Wicksteed Keyston Metal Litter Bin £300 x 2 = £600

AVERAGE £884

Bowtop Fencing and Self Closing Gates

Supply approximately 72 linear meters of 1m high Black Powder Coated Bowtop Fencing

Approximate Cost: £3,600

Supply 1 No 1.2m wide red self closing gates with vertical bar infill. Gates are supplied flat top with hydraulic self closing. **Approximate Cost: £789**

Supply 1 No 2.8m wide red double leaf lockable maintenance gate with drop bolts. 1 m high.

Approximate Cost £532.

Sign:

Indicating: The area is solely for use by children, adults are not allowed in the equipped space unless accompanied by children, dogs are excluded, smoking is prohibited, name and telephone number of the operator of the facility to report any incident or damage to the play equipment, location of nearest public telephone. Please see rear of the document for example sign. **Approximate Cost £250**

Delivery and Installation

Approximate Cost (using Rubber Mulch safety Surfacing) £45,579+ 13% = **£51,504**

Independent Post Installation Inspection - £450

Total Approximate Cost of a Wiltshire Council LEAP: £51,504 + £450 = £51,954

Please note - due to site topography and safety surfacing requirements the approximate cost may be subject to change.

NEAP (NEIGHBOURHOOD EQUIPPED AREA OF PLAY)

Equipment Examples:

Multi-Play Unit: e.g. Proludic Ixo Multi Play £13,612,

Playdale Big City Atlanta Plus £15,500,

Eibe Ecorino Kilimandscharo £13,963

HAGS Nexus Altitude 13B £12,415

Wicksteed Tree Tops Tower Copa £14,000

AVERAGE £13,898

Rocking: e.g. Proludic Hip Hop £3,655,

Playdale Rota Bounce £3,249

Eibe Stand up Spring Rocker £1,185

HAGS Swingo £2,140

Wicksteed 4 Saw £1,500

AVERAGE £2,345

Swinging: e.g. Proludic POD Swing £2,914,

Playdale City Team Swing (2 Bay) £4,695

HAGS Essentials 2.4m High Steel Basket Swing with 2 Flat Seats £3,620

Wicksteed Traditional Swing (2 Bay, 4 Seats) £3,500

AVERAGE £3,682

Moderate / Adventurous Climbing: e.g. Proludic Vertical World £8,826,

Playdale Big City Stockholm Plus £19,037

Eibe Alvier Solo £9,988

HAGS Essential Core £7,550

Wicksteed Trojan Ant Hill Climber £7,000

AVERAGE £10,480

Single Point Swinging: e.g. Proludic Hurricane £5,845,

Playdale Mega Swing £4,399

Eibe Circular Swing £7,590

HAGS Cyclops £4,290

Wicksteed Pendulum Swing with Basket £6,000

AVERAGE £5,625

Balancing: e.g. Proludic Slack Line £1,677,

Proludic City Wobble Board £1,341

Eibe Disco Fox £807

HAGS Freeride £1,550

Wicksteed Longboard £1,000

AVERAGE £1,275

Rotating: e.g. Proludic Roll Up £1,798,

Playdale Inclusive Orbit £5,099

Eibe Satellite Carousel £2,671

HAGS Tornado £2,275

Wicksteed G Force £3,500

AVERAGE £3,069

Gliding: e.g. Proludic Aerospeed £6,740,

Playdale 26m City Aerial Runway £7,835

Eibe Ariel Cableway Sierra £4,703

HAGS 30m Mantis £6,435

Wicksteed 30m Combat Cableway £6,000

AVERAGE £6,343

Tarmac Area:

465m2 Tarmac (including subbase & PCC edging) installed. Approximate Cost £33,945

Accessories: e.g. 2 no Proludic Goal Ends £11,624, HAGS Indiana Goal End £3,845

Wicksteed Squeare Closed Goal £10,000

AVERAGE £42,435

Safety Surfacing (Estimates will be shown as a total for each provider linked to their equipment choices).

Proludic Rubber Mulch £27,357, Grassmat £10,304

Playdale Rubber Mulch £50,700, Grassmat £8,580

Eibe Rubber Mulch £12,314 Grassmat £7,195

HAGS Rubber Mulch £30,750 Grassmat £13,107

AVERAGE Rubber Mulch £30,280 Grassmat £9,797

Seating and Bins:

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AVERAGE £978

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AVERAGE £884

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Approximate Cost £532.

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Delivery and Installation

Approximate Cost £129,465 + 13% = **£146,295**

Independent Post Installation Inspection - £450

Total Approximate Cost of a Wiltshire Council NEAP: £146,295 + £450 = £146,745

Please note - due to site topography and safety surfacing requirements the approximate cost may be subject to change.

MAINTENANCE COSTS

LAP REPLACEMENT (Average)

MULTI-PLAYUNIT - £3,060

SMALL SWING - £1,762

SMALL SEE-SAW - £1,357

SURFACE - £4054

TOTAL REPLACEMENT COSTS - £10,233

INSPECTION COSTS

£ 1,218 (ANNUAL) X 20 years = £24,360

MAINTENANCE COST OF A LAP

The maintenance costs are broken down over four five year periods and a percentage of the total cost per period, based upon wear and tear, replacement of equipment and surfacing (rubber mulch).

Years 1 – 5 (20%) = £2047

Years 5 – 10 (25%) = £2558

Years 10 – 15 (40%) = £4093

Years 15 – 20 (15%) = £1535

Maintenance Cost of a LAP: £10,233

Total Inspection Cost and Maintenance of a LAP: £34,593

LEAP REPLACEMENT

MULTI-PLAY UNIT - £9,879

BALANCING - £1,568

ROCKING - £1,380

CLIMBING / AGILITY - £2,215

SOCIAL PLAY - £3,361

SWINGING - £3,062

JUMPING - £1,753

VIEWING,COUNTING or TOUCHING - £1,208

SURFACE - £14,120

TOTAL REPLACEMENT COSTS - £38,546

INSPECTION COSTS

£ 1,218 (ANNUAL) X 20 years = £24,360

Maintenance Cost of a LEAP:

The maintenance costs are broken down over four five year periods and a percentage of the total cost per period, based upon wear and tear, replacement of equipment and surfacing (rubber mulch).

Years 1 – 5 (20%) = £7,709

Years 5 – 10 (25%) = £9,637

Years 10 – 15 (40%) = £15,418

Years 15 – 20 (15%) = £5,782

Maintenance Cost of a LEAP = £38,546

Total Inspection Cost and Maintenance of a LAP: £62,906

NEAP REPLACEMENT

MULTIPLAY UNIT - £13,898

ROCKING - £2,345

SWINGING - £3,682

MODERATE / ADVENTUROUS CLIMBING - £10,480

SINGLE POINT SWINGING - £5,625

BALANCING - £1,275

ROTATING - £3,069

GLIDING - £6,343

SURFACE - £30,280

TOTAL REPLACEMENT COSTS - £76,997

INSPECTION COSTS

£ 1,218 (ANNUAL) X 20YEARS = £24,360

Maintenance Cost of a NEAP:

The maintenance costs are broken down over four five year periods and a percentage of the total cost per period, based upon wear and tear, replacement of equipment and surfacing (rubber mulch) this does not include the tarmac replacement / repair.

Years 1 – 5 (20%) = £15,399

Years 5 – 10 (25%) = £19,249

Years 10 – 15 (40%) = £30,799

Years 15 – 20 (15%) = £11,550

Maintenance Cost of a NEAP = £76,997

Total Inspection Cost and Maintenance of a NEAP: £101,357

RECOMMENDED PLAY EQUIPMENT PROVIDERS

The Play Equipment providers below have provided equipment on many Wiltshire Council Play Areas throughout the County. This list is not exclusive other providers will be accepted in liaison with Council officers:

- HAGS www.hags.co.uk
- Wicksteed www.wicksteed.co.uk
- Kompan www.kompan.co.uk
- Playdale www.playdale.co.uk
- Proludic www.proludic.co.uk
- Russell Play www.russell-play.com
- Sutcliffe Play www.sutcliffeplay.co.uk
- Eibe www.eibe.co.uk
- The Children's Playground Company www.thechildrensplayground.com

PLAY AREA SIGN

Below is an example of a Wiltshire Council Play Area sign we would ask that the No Smoking symbol be added.

