

Playground Design – Pavenhill, Purton

Great playgrounds do not happen by accident; they are carefully designed to inspire enjoyment, support childhood development, and foster stronger communities.

Whether creating a new neighbourhood play area or enhancing an existing park, thoughtful playground design is essential. A successful playground is far more than a collection of swings and slides – it is a safe, inclusive and imaginative environment where children can play, learn, explore and interact with others.

The key principles underpinning successful playground design include:

- Understanding the needs of the local community;
- Prioritising safety and accessibility;
- Integrating nature, creativity and imaginative play;
- Designing for inclusive and accessible play opportunities;
- Encouraging movement, physical activity and appropriate challenge;
- Planning for longevity, durability and sustainability; and
- Reflecting local character and identity.

The ongoing maintenance of all playground equipment is a fundamental requirement. The European Standard for Playground Safety, BS EN 1176, states that:

“Equipment and its components should be inspected and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions at a frequency not less than that given by the manufacturer.”

The standard further states:

“If serious defects that might put safety at risk are discovered during inspection, these should be corrected without delay.”

Regular inspections, servicing and the replacement of worn components are therefore essential to ensure that the play area remains safe, functional and compliant with the relevant standards.

Responsibility for the long-term management and maintenance of the play equipment will rest with the Resident Management Company, in accordance with the provisions set out within the Purton Management Scheme document, submitted in support of this Reserved Matters application.



In accordance with the above design principles, and following consultation with one of our approved play equipment suppliers and installers, the proposed Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP) has been designed to provide a nature-inspired play environment that encourages imaginative play, physical activity and social interaction.

The proposed equipment, or equivalent alternatives of similar quality and function, will be located within the LEAP area identified on the submitted planning layout plans and will comprise the following elements:

Play, Swing, Balance, Co-Ordination, Climb, Spatial Awareness, Social Interaction

The proposed play space has been carefully designed to complement its surroundings and provide an attractive, accessible and engaging recreational facility for future residents, contributing positively to the creation of a healthy and sustainable community.

In addition to the above, the play space will also be designed in line with Wiltshire Council's play equipment specification requirements in accordance with the National Playing Fields Associations standards and European Standards BS EN 1176 and BS EN 1177.