Parks & Green Spaces Strategy Typology Quality Assessment Advisory Note Typology: - Children & Young Peoples Space

Date Assessed by

Version 6

Name of Park/Green Space _

A children and young people's space is typically an area that has been provisioned to provide a challenging and stimulating yet relatively safe space for young people to use for play. As well as traditional equipped play areas with equipment including swings, slides and climbing frames of varying designs, this typology includes Multi-Use Games Areas (MUGAs) and Wheels Parks designed for informal use, and may also include less formal areas for natural play. MUGAs that are bookable for formal sport are included in the Active Sports Space (Fixed) typology. Generally these areas are fenced to ensure that they are free from dogs and fouling, and have seating to enable parents and carers to site and socialise while their children are using the area.

Do not score individual questions. Simply tick each as poor, fair, good etc. Then enter a maximum of 10 points for each of provision, condition and maintenance based on the following: -

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		Very Poor		Poor		Fa	air	Good	Very good	Excellent	Exceptional	
Issues	s to consider when making the assessment: -											
	Provision (the user experience & quality of facilit	ies)										
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	I Is the setting of the children's playground/Multi-Use Games Area (CPG/MUGA) appropriate i.e. at least 25m away from houses, of sufficient size (800 sq m +) and in an open well-lit area with											
:	² and well-landscaped in terms of a clearly visible and welcoming entrance and layout which gives a stimulating environment for children to play and for parents/carers to want to visit and stay for long periods, or does it have a bleak, dingy, unappealing feel											

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incluc gates vehic draina entrai	e CPG/MUGA of a good design, ding dog proof fencing with escape s of a different colour from the fence, le access for maintenance, signage, age, lighting, and safety barriers outside nces leading onto roads?				
CPG/ equip	e landscaping used to "break-up" the /MUGA into separate areas or is the oment 'crammed in' with little separation ndscaping?				
suitat aesth	y planting (ie shrubs, trees, hedges) ole for the location in terms of netics, not thorny or poisonous and not size or in a location that compromises lity?				
other paren	ere adequate seating, litter bins and appropriate furniture on site for hts/carers, including shelter/shade from me weather?				

7 Is there a large amount and range of play equipment of a design and layout that provides a varied and challenging experience for all age groups (within the age range it is designed for), is stimulating to children's imagination, conducive to social interaction including 'natural' elements, and is wheeled sports provision (eg bmx/skateboarding) integrated?									
8 Is the equipment and safer surfacing of a design that is economic to maintain and resistant to damage and wear and tear?									
9 Is there a sense of inclusiveness to all sectors of the community, with a welcoming, safe 'community' feel, paths and gates of a suitable design for wheelchair users and buggies, and appropriate signage/information for users?									
10 Does safer surfacing and play equipment comply with the relevant safety standards?									
Overall Score for Provision (1-10)	1 Voru Boor	2	-	4	5 6 Fair	7 Good	8 Very good	9 Excellent	
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Condition (cyclical maintenance) ie the standard	of repairs									
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¹ managed? Are shrubs, hedges and any										
other planting healthy or dead/dying or										
gappy, is there mud/puddles in entrances or										
under equipment and benches etc?										
2 Are trees regularly inspected and any cyclical										
maintenance carried out?										
3 Are the fencing and gates in good condition										
and fit for purpose with good paintwork and										
no rotten or missing pales/timbers or gates?										
4 Are paths and hard surfaces in a good										
condition, free of potholes, puddles and trip										
hazards?										
5 Is any external lighting in good working order										
and free from defects and vandalism?										
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Is safer surfacing well managed without										
holes, gaps, missing tiles or areas of wear?										
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Does the play equipment look in good order,										
regularly painted and in a usable condition or										
does it look dated, 'tired' and uncared for?										
8 Is all equipment in situ and in a safe										
condition or are there items										
missing/removed or temporarily isolated for										
⁹ Are all notice boards and other user										
information clearly readable?										
10 Are all benches, litter bins and other site										
furniture safe, secure and in a good and										
usable condition, or are there slats missing										
from benches, graffiti present or bins in a										
poor condition?										
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